

Balboa Tennis Club Board of Directors Meeting – August 19, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:04 a.m.

Attendees: Dwight Van Slyke, Richard Barndt, Don Goyette, Robin Rodger, Linda Stadelli, John Rodriguez, Peter Conneely, John Carstensen, Geoff Griffin, Al and Parvin Nejatfard. Barbara Gregorio, Ruth Nutt and Roxanne Drees were excused absences. The board voted to approve the July minutes and the absences.

Member Presentation: None

President's Comment's: Dwight said there has been resistance to the Hard Tru courts idea. People don't want to give up the hard courts. There are many issues to overcome. He said the club could still put out a survey and see if the members overall want the Hard Tru courts. Don made a motion to drop the Hard Tru idea for a year and Robin seconded the vote. John and Peter opposed the vote. Don said we need to focus on more important projects, like the backboard. Peter said the lights and Hard Tru courts have potential to bring in revenue. Dwight would like \$400,000 for a new backboard, lighting and fencing. His intent is to package the projects. Robin spoke with Ed Collins about the Hard Tru courts. Ed said Hard Tru is expensive to maintain and the upkeep is intensive. Dwight questioned whether the members will maintain the courts because they need to be rolled after each use. In summary Dwight concluded, "We're not ready."

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Roxanne Drees, Colleen gave the financial report. The bank accounts have been straightened out so there's not over \$100,000 in any one bank to protect the club's assets. The difference between July 08 and July 07 is that the National Open income was realized in June this year and July last year. YTD, memberships and court rental are very close. Last year's income reflected the club bench project so the numbers are higher. Bank charges are still showing up and Wells Fargo has promised the club will see a credit in the September statement and a change in the overall account to minimize these charges. According to budget, permits, interest income, membership, court rental and lockers are all up. Facility spending is over \$3000, thus the bottom line that the club is budgeted to lose \$5500 by this month and we're already at \$9800. Nonetheless, additional income will occur in August as the Balboa Open and Balboa Junior tournaments will be accounted for in the books.

Tennis Director's Report: Geoff is attending the USPTA National Convention during the next board meeting so Colleen will report on the Balboa Open and Balboa Junior Tournaments. The SCTA is considering hosting a two day weekend junior event at Balboa. Geoff suggested combining facilities because none of the local clubs want to give up their entire facility for a full weekend. The SD Tennis Federation has requested Balboa Tennis shirts for their upcoming Cal Cup Tournament in Los Angeles. Richard made a motion to sponsor the team shirt with a \$250 donation. Don seconded the motion and the board decision was unanimous. Dwight agreed to add another \$150 to get his company name and logo on the shirts.

The board also voted at this time on sponsorship money for the National and Intersectional teams. Each club member participating on these teams will receive \$50. Richard made a motion and Don seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously. All team players need to have membership checks and verification. A list will be compiled.

Tennis Café: Parvin started out speaking to the board, telling them that she and Al are trying their best to succeed. They have no complaints about the summer business, yet they are very aware of what the upcoming fall and winter months will be like without regular tournaments and weekend traffic. They were wondering if the club could get more tournaments for the winter. Robin explained how the members don't like having tournaments because tournament matches cut into their playing time. Al asked if there was any way the club could help them during the winter months. Al mentioned that the Café isn't built in the right location of the club. Al feels like he's in charge of the bathrooms. Geoff suggested having discounts on the back of the court slips. Richard concluded the discussion by saying, "We understand your problems. You were, however, thoroughly appraised by Robin, Ron and John about the highs and lows of the Tennis Café prior to the purchase."

Director's Report: The City ADA Upgrade Project is scheduled to start this month. No word yet on when they will begin. Barnes Tennis Center reported two "Smash and Grabs" this month. The Pepsi machine was removed from BTC. The club doesn't have any vending machines at this time. Bridge players complained about a person speaking loudly on cell phone in the clubhouse. The board feels this is more of a one-time occurrence and doesn't warrant a sign. Robin brought up the fact that many people are sleeping on the couches in the clubhouse. Colleen is now supposed to make sure this doesn't happen and inform those individuals who have been sleeping on the couches that this is no longer acceptable at Balboa Tennis Club. Dead oleanders around club are to be removed soon. The city is noticing this problem all over Balboa Park. Tournament players this year have requested the Tennis Café open prior to the 8:00 a.m. matches. Fred Mitchell called and asked the board to revisit his case with Tom Daugherty. A committee will meet to discuss the next step in this case. The newsletter was delayed due to computer problems at Minuteman Press. It should be in the mail on Wednesday. Linda and Robin didn't like the look of additional memorial benches in front of courts 6 and 7. They suggested, along with Dwight, adding three benches to the area in front of the Reservation Desk where there is shade. They will then relocate the round circular bench to the area above courts 19-21. Additional memorial sites will be discussed in the future. Colleen reported verbally that there was only one charge on the club credit card for under \$40, which Dwight signed off on. Richard would like to see a copy of the credit card each month as requested by the board. Geoff requested the annual \$1200 donation from the club to the Junior Fund be transferred into the account. Robin commented that we budgeted for the money and to go ahead and deposit the check.

Committee Reports:

- A. Facilities – none
- B. Constitution and By-laws – none

- C. **Contract and Lease** – none
- D. **Employment and Personnel** – none
- E. **Newsletter Deadline** – October 24, 2008
- F. **Ethics** – none
- G. **Youth Program** – none
- H. **Activities** – none
- I. **Special Projects** – none
- J. **Web Site Updating** – Don has posted map and directions on front page of website

Unfinished Business: Discussion of Hard Tru courts covered earlier in the meeting

New Business: Don has volunteered to be the chair of the Elections Committee. Robin and Linda will also be on that committee. Five spots are open for 2009. Dwight and Colleen will review past notes and put together a list of which spots are available. Don also brought up the Challenge Court Rules for a player who shows up without a partner. This player may select only players with tickets. Don will draft a revision.

Adjournment: 8:28 p.m.