

Balboa Tennis Club Board of Directors Meeting – August 18, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Attendees: Dwight Van Slyke, Richard Barndt, Linda Stadelli, Ruth Nutt, Peter Conneely, Barbara Gregorio, Spike Lowndes, Colleen Clery Ferrell and Geoff Griffin were present. Robin Rodger, Roxanne Drees, Melinda Murray, and Karen Houston were absent, but had called to notify us of their pending absences. The board voted unanimously to approve the July minutes and the absences of the board members.

Member Presentations: John Rodriguez addressed the board. He has captained a BTC-sponsored 4.5 WTT team for several years, but due to more teams than available spaces, was not able to get sponsored by BTC for the Fall Season. He requested reconsideration.

Background: Until the summer 2009 WTT season, sponsorship for 4.5 WTT was not an issue, because there were at most only four teams wanting to play WTT on Thursday evenings, 6-9 PM. Not a problem, each team takes two courts, and the WTT coordinator makes the schedule so there are only two home matches at one time. 4 courts max. This summer, six teams applied for sponsorship. All were accommodated because during the summer it is still light enough to play without court lights during the peak hours 5-7:30 PM, and other club members were not inconvenienced. Now that fall WTT is starting, the decision was made to limit WTT 4.5 to four teams because it gets dark earlier and taking six lighted courts (three home matches/week) does impact other members by reducing the number of available courts. All six WTT teams were interested in playing. Two combined, so that left one team out. It turned out to be John's. Colleen explained the problem with the limited number of lighted courts. (If/when we get lights for the lower courts, the problem should go away.) She also said Carol Jory, the WTT coordinator is trying to re-work the schedule to accommodate John's team by having only two home BTC teams on any given Thursday. If that can be done, then John's team will receive sponsorship.

A second presentation was given by C T Martin. Last Thursday there was a non-member in the men's locker room who is suspected of stealing clothes and money. After the theft was discovered, he was spotted several blocks away. When confronted by CT Martin, a former policeman, he ran. He was seen at the club over the weekend. Additionally, another member reported his locker had been forced open, twice. The Board recommended changing the combination to the locker room, posting signs addressing theft possibilities and the stating club house and locker rooms are for members only and ensuring the doors close and lock properly as members leave the locker rooms.

Member Request: Peter asked if the club would continue its support for the Federation's Cal Cup and requested \$300 for uniforms for the upcoming Vancouver tournament. Approval was unanimous.

President's Comment's: There have been several instances of human waste found on the courts, specifically courts 11-18. The bottom courts are locked nightly and have been unaffected. Unfortunately, the City won't let us fence in the tennis compound, so we are now

going to lock the upper courts as well and looking how best to secure the courts, compensating for the low fence on court 18 and the unrestricted access to courts 8 and 9.

Treasurer's Report:

1) Karen was absent, but Colleen did a quick trip through the numbers. Everything looks good. The major difference between this year's and last year's figures is in Tournament income. The reporting procedures have changed, but it will balance out in the next couple months. Facilities were higher due to painting the locker room, new planters, exhaust fan for the Tennis Cafe, and the new table in front of the Reservations Desk.

2) Budget. Robin and Roxanne reviewed the budget. Our windscreens have held up better than planned, so by diverting those funds, there is enough money to water blast and resurface courts 7-10 this year. The water blasting is in the \$3K range per court and resurfacing is approximately \$3500. \$26,000 is the unofficial estimate. Colleen will put out for bids.

3) Friends of Balboa Tennis Club has \$3193 which our CPA Joe Campell said needs to be diverted into a fund. Robin sent a note reminding us the money in this account is to be used for all members equally. A short discussion resulted in a decision to move money into a fund for lights or possibly a new ice machine.

Tennis Director's Report:

1) Numbers are in from the Junior Tournament. As Geoff said last month, there were fewer entries than last year. The tournament was missing the foreign contingent due to the economy.

2) Geoff is in the planning stages for an upcoming tournament. He is interested in using courts for 4 days (two weekends) instead of the originally planned two. Geoff is willing to pay an increased fee of \$6 per hour next year for court time.

Club Director's Report: Several items:

1) At the end of the Treasurer's report, Colleen said our accountant wanted to increase his monthly fee from \$250/mo to \$350/mo. He has been our accountant for close to 20 years and has not asked for a single raise during that time. He is available at a moment's notice and spends as much time as necessary with Colleen to make sure our books are accurate. Board approval was unanimous.

2) The NBA (National Bar Association) tournament went well. This tournament was great exposure for the club with minimal impact on the club. Catalin ran the event very smoothly.

3) Ice machine lid broke. Long term fix is to buy/lease ice machine where ice is dispensed by pushing a button and the ice bin is inaccessible. Estimated cost \$4K+. Colleen will investigate prices/lease options.

3) Court washing. The City has said courts can't be washed unless there was potential harm to the players, such as the human waste on the courts (sanitation).

Tennis Café:

- 1) Great spread for the NBA tournament. Cost was \$10/person. Previous cost was \$7/person. Based on improved menu selections, Board voted to charge \$10/person for club socials.
- 2) Request to do away with phone. Board approved as long as it can be done without interfering with the burglar alarm.
- 3) Table tops in front of Cafe are stained. Colleen will investigate power washing.

Committee Reports:

- A. **Facilities** - Richard addressed the lighting issue. In a nutshell, technology is evolving. Great potential, but no proven track record and reliability is suspect. No vote, but consensus was to shelve for the time being. The P- trap in the men's shower needs to be replaced. In process of finding out who is responsible/pays.
- B. **Constitution and By-laws** – None
- C. **Contract and Lease** – No permit issued from the city yet.
- D. **Employment and Personnel** – None
- E. **Newsletter Deadline** – September 18, 2009. Five board members and the President's terms are expiring. Robin requested a delay in publishing the next newsletter in case it is necessary to have an election for the board members.
- F. **Ethics** – None
- G. **Youth Program** – None
- H. **Activities** – None
- I. **Special Projects:** Peter addressed the sponsorship plaques. After discussion, the game plan is: 2 plaques per court; \$250/plaque per year; plaques to read either "Court Sponsor" or "Friends of whomever." Originally, the plaques were going to be on the nets of each court. Dwight suggested placing them on the not yet installed sun shades over the court benches. When the shades are installed a decision will be made as far as plaque placement. Meanwhile, Colleen will advertize the sponsorship plaques in the next newsletter. The \$250 can be given directly to the club for light donations. Those interested in tax receipts, donations can be made to GSDCTC.
- J. **Web Site Updating** – Robin was absent so the website update was tabled until next meeting.
- K. **Unfinished Business:**

The table between the benches by Reservations has been installed. The issue of dedications/inscriptions e.g. "Got Balls?" and "Love Hurts" was tabled until meeting.

New Business: A suggestion had been made to install a water filter in the sinks in the locker rooms. The "goose neck" faucet on the public drinking fountain (which was connected to a water filter) was vandalized several times and was not replaced. Cost for installing/adapting for both locker rooms will be investigated.

Adjournment: 8:30 p.m.