

Balboa Tennis Club Board of Directors Meeting – March 16, 2010

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

Attendees: Ruth Nutt, Robin Rodger, Richard Barndt, Peter Conneely, Geoff Griffin, Jim Winters, Gerry Bischoff, Karen Houston, Colleen Clery Ferrell, Melinda Murray, and Spike Lowndes were present. Dwight Van Slyke and Roxanee Drees were absent. The board voted unanimously to approve Dwight's and Roxanee's absences and the minutes from February's meeting.

Member/Guest Presentations:

None.

President's Comment's:

None. Dwight was absent.

Treasurer's Report:

Roxanne was absent, but Colleen led us through the numbers. We're tracking closely to last year (which was a good year, so not a problem). Daily permits were down slightly due to rain. Payroll expenses are up a little and will continue to be up because of the extended weekend hours. Buskey Tournament income not yet reflected. Bottom line will be very close to last February's.

Club Director's Report:

- 1) Change to later weekend hours is going well so far. Courts are busy and no problem reported.
- 2) There was unanimous support for the Wounded Warrior program. Email votes were unanimous in support of the program. There was a question about email voting, and while there is no written policy, the general consensus is that email votes are for items of a time critical nature which can't wait until the next meeting, and/or are related to subjects discussed at previous board meetings and a quick decision would be helpful.
- 3) A complaint had been registered about an individual using 4 balls during warm up. Club rules state only three balls in use on any court other than the stadium court. It was noted tennis balls now are available four to a can (e.g. Dunlop). The board decided not to revise the three ball policy, but will monitor the situation and see if having four balls on a court is really a problem.
- 4) Court lights - G-Force adjusted the lighting system so the Reservations Desk now controls when lights go on and off. This will save electricity.
- 5) Derek and Dotty are still working on grants. Derek met with a city official 3/15 about solar upgrades.
- 6) The Busky Tournament went well with 90 entries. Tournament net income was \$308.
- 7) A club member wants to donate a 44" flat screen TV to the club house. Will provide brackets and help with installation. Vote carried with Robin and Ruth opposed, Richard abstaining. The old TV and cabinet will be removed and the new TV will be mounted on the wall where the old TV is located.

8) Movie Filming at the Club - is it worth it? The movie company is looking to use the stadium for three days during time period of May 23 - June 30. The movie crew will require 4 trucks, 50 crew, and 120 extras for "the big shoot." Additionally, they would like access to our bathrooms. No hard money numbers were mentioned. Our windows are June 15-17 and June 22-24. Concerns were raised about the impact on parking and general interference in daily club activities. Also, will Balboa Tennis Club be mentioned in the movie, or will be just be "the club?" No consensus was reached as to how much the disruption should be worth to the club. Colleen will discuss more with the movie company and see how much they are willing to offer.

Tennis Director's Report:

1) Geoff briefly discussed the Wounded Warriors project and how he, other USPTA pros, and club volunteers are supporting the program. Next sessions are March 18 and March 26. Board members Jerry, Ruth, Peter, and Spike will be helping.

2) Club tournament will be mid-April and Tennis Fest is Sunday, May 2nd. Geoff is trying to get sponsors from the North Park area. The question was asked, "What does it take to be a sponsor?" The price range for sponsorship is \$250 - \$1000.

Committee Reports

A. **Facilities** - The graffiti in the stadium was covered over with "city brown" paint. Not a big hit. The prevailing thought was to try to match the existing color of the bricks.

B. **Constitution and By-laws** – None

C. **Contract and Lease** – Waiting for signed copy.

D. **Employment and Personnel** – None

E. **Newsletter Deadline** – May 3, 2010.

F. **Ethics** – None

G. **Youth Program** – None.

H. **Activities** – Deanna Duncan has volunteered to help as needed, but her schedule makes attending board meetings too hard.

I. **Special Projects** - None

J. **Web Site Updating** - There was an idea about having the weather and court conditions available on the website. All input to website is now done by Don Goyette. With present system, only Don can add to the website.

Unfinished Business:

Location for Bill Stack's Plaque - Two primary choices: inside the club house; or out on the courts, most likely on an umpire's chair. The umpire chair is the preferred option, but there was concern about theft/vandalism. With the courts now locked when the club is closed, vandalism and theft aren't quite as big a problem. Geoff talked with Bill's son and the family is ok with the risk. Related discussion occurred about umpire chairs and the weather taking it's toll on them. The chairs run \$600 +/- new, and

it looks like sanding/repainting are just part of the cost of having them. Although before purchasing any other chairs, we will investigate if any are made out of more "weather friendly" materials.

New Business:

- 1) League practice - A question had been raised about giving leagues preferential treatment when reserving courts for team practices. Good idea, but with over 30 leagues, too hard. Nothing stopping teams from calling in and reserving courts, but they need to take their chances just as other members do.

- 2) Balboa tennis ladder - A long time ago, Balboa did have a tennis ladder. But for various reasons it died and there was either not enough interest or not enough expertise to make it work. Jim Winters suggested we try again. Jim belongs to the San Diego Tennis Federation (SDTF) and it has successfully implemented a ladder. Jim provided copies of ladder rules and gave us the link www.sdtf.org. The key to making the ladder work is to have a dedicated "Ladder Chair" to manage the program. There was discussion about if/how to incorporate the ladder program into the BTC website. Months ago Robin, Karen, and Richard had discussed a similar concept with the web designer, but the board was concerned about privacy rights/violations. Colleen will contact the SDTF web master (who happens to be a BTC member) for thoughts/ideas. She will also include an article about the ladder in the Newsletter to see if there is interest in pursuing the idea. Geoff suggested checking out Google.forms to see if there were forms we could adapt to our ladder rather than having to re-invent the wheel.

- 3) Lights - Jerry has done considerable research on lights and suggests we investigate MPower's new lights at Point Loma Nazarene College. Geoff knows the coach, Rich Hill, and will call to see how the lights are working out. If we get positive feedback, it was suggested four members test drive the lights one night, and on another night to compare them with new lights at a club in Carlsbad. Discussion shifted to the subject of a backboard for Balboa Tennis Club. Around a year ago, a survey was sent to club members asking them their priorities for club improvements. The backboard, estimated at \$80K, was behind the lights for the lower courts. (Part of the cost for the backboard is to be ADA compliant, including access ramps for wheelchairs.) The backboard does not fall under the club's permit. Presently, there is a cracked slab with potential for an accident. Since it is not our responsibility, we are not liable should there be an accident.

Adjournment: 8:21 p.m.