

Balboa Tennis Club

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2011

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

Attendees: Dwight Van Slyke, Colleen Clery Ferrell, Peter Conneely, Geoff Griffin, Melinda Murray, Mary Gunset, Spike Lowndes, Jim Winters, Jane Pulliam, Kevin Barton, Brad Hasper and Jerry Bischoff were present. Pat Mason was absent. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from May's meeting and the absence.

Member/Guest Presentation: Steve Kappes gave a presentation on USTA's new (6 months) "Adopt-a-Military Unit" program, designed to guide tennis organizations and players to 'adopt' a military unit of anywhere between 25-100 service members deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan by sending care packages of necessities. In turn, "USTA Serves," the National Charitable Foundation of the USTA, will send portable tennis equipment to the adopted unit on your behalf with instructions and educational information on tennis. The effort allows the tennis community to show support and to introduce soldiers to a recreational means for reintegrating with family, friends and community upon their return from conflict. Here's a link for more info:
<http://www.usta.com/About-USTA/Community-Tennis-Associations/adoptaunit/>

The presentation was well received. Geoff volunteered to chair the program.

President's Comments:

Update on Lower Court Lighting Project: Trenching completed and lights should be operational in a week.

Next project: Upper court lights or backboard? Once the bills are paid for the lower court lights, we will be in a position to look ahead to our next project. Currently there is interest in upper court lighting, however, when the club voted last year on projects, improving/renovating the backboard was next on the list. Dwight and Jerry have looked at backboard renovation ideas and recommended a repair job instead of new construction. This would be easier and less expensive. The best method would be to repair one side first, smooth, extend concrete and see how it turns out before investing extra money to repair the other side. Again the backboard renovation is on hold until bills from lower court light project paid.

Member request to revisit club shirt policy: After discussion, Board declined to address.

Video camera security system: Scheduled to be installed 6/28/11.

Paume contract: Contract calls for club to review annually Cafe's financials. None of our business since we do not charge them based on sales/profit. Motion made/carried to eliminate provision from contract.

Potted plants: All pots will be moved to grass areas for now.

Treasurer's Report:

As stated last month, the lower court light project is underway. Expenses are as anticipated and bills are being paid in a timely manner. Cash reserves, separate from light project, are \$60K. Financial position is solid. No problems, but the major increase in membership dollars (many people took advantage of extending their memberships before the price increase) does not give an accurate representation of our financial picture. The club will begin depreciating fixed assets, which will help lower taxes. Accordingly, our accounting practices need to be reviewed and revised. Jane will meet with Joe Campbell, the Club CPA, to discuss the best way to account for the substantial increase in membership income for one month so it doesn't skew the financial projections.

Tennis Director's Report:

Tennis Pro Catalin Chira is moving to Arizona in July.

Ascent Real Estate, owned by BTC member Ken Pecus, will continue to sponsor Balboa tournaments by providing free tennis balls with his company logo on them.

Club Director's Report:

Court fees for Corporations/schools/non-profits - Current hourly rates are \$10 for Corporations; \$8 discount rate; \$4 for non-profits. Possible price changes to be discussed at next Board meeting.

Emailing for court reservations - A suggestion was made by a member. After discussion, Board declined to pursue.

Plumbing Report - Mark Hanley from city will clean out roots from trees growing into pipes. The Club is responsible for three buildings and concrete areas (courts).

Club house sign – A trial sign will be made up for the clubhouse stating, “The Clubhouse is for members, guests, and patrons of Paume Café and Grille.” The goal is to discourage unauthorized visitors.

Leagues – A question was asked by a member whether or not there should be a cap on the amount of leagues allowed at the club. After discussion, the Board believes Colleen is doing an excellent job of monitoring court usage and limiting the number of teams Balboa will support,

depending on which day and time the teams are playing. Additionally the Board decided that once the lower court lights are operational, night leagues will continue to use upper courts.

A group called Developmentally Disabled Athletes requested usage of five courts on Sunday 9/11/11 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. There are no additional court bookings scheduled for that day, so motion made/carried.

Retirement - Don Green is planning on retiring 5/8/2012.

Daily Log overview - At the end of last month, a woman fell, breaking her wrist. She was taken to the hospital. No major problems. But further discussion revolved around "what if." What if it had been more serious, the AED was needed, and the Reservation Desk Staff was doing rounds? Defibrillators are expensive so it can't be left outside Reservations unlocked for fear of theft and presently the AED is in the office when the attendants make their rounds. Colleen will investigate possible solutions.

Committee Reports

A. **Facilities:** Covered in President's comments.

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

C. **Contract and Lease:** None.

D. **Employment and Personnel:** None

E. **Newsletter Deadline:** September 16, 2011

F. **Ethics:** None

G. **Youth Program:** None.

H. **Activities:** None.

I. **Special Projects:** None

J. **Web Site Updating:** None.

Unfinished Business: Presently Our Lady of Peace and St. Augustine play their high school matches and practice at BTC. Other local schools, specifically High Tech High and King Chavez are looking for courts to play matches. There are a limited number of courts available in San Diego for high school tennis. Last meeting several schools addressed the Board and stated their cases for using BTC facilities. Jim Winters agreed to contact schools and put together a proposal for this month's meeting. After discussion motion made/carried (Jane opposed) for the following schedule, matches only:

King Chavez: 3:30 - 5:00 on September 9; and October 7, 12, 21.

Health Sciences: 3:30 - 5:00 on September 21, 26, 28; and October 5, 14, 18.

New Business: Peter is working with Urbana Preservation to see if it is possible and what the benefits would be (Federal/State grant money) if BTC was declared a Historical Landmark.

Adjournment: 8:44