

Balboa Tennis Club

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2011

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

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

Member/Guest Presentations:

Ken gave a brief up-date on the status of Paume Cafe, including holiday hours and future menu changes, and solicited Board feedback. Outside of extremely positive reviews for the Cafe's food and working with BTC's hours and tournaments, the only suggestions was to consider staying open the week after Christmas and during the Thanksgiving weekend, as historically it has been a busy time around the club. Colleen also suggested the Café and Pro Shop, as vendors of the club, should coincide their opening hours with that of the tournament's first matches of the day.

President's Comments:

Dwight briefed the Board on the landscape game plan. Incoming Board Member Dan Hays provided a comprehensive outline of the landscaping plan which he, Dwight and the City are working together on to beautify the surroundings of the club.

Treasurer's Report:

Budget is on track. As anticipated, some costs are increasing, notably utilities (lower court lights) and janitorial expenses (expanded scope/contract), but expenses are within budget. Reserves are intact and available. Since the courts scheduled for re-surfacing are in decent shape, a motion was made/carried to defer resurfacing and instead re-line courts (\$200-\$400/court) where there are blisters/bubbles forming on the painted lines. Additionally, a motion was made/carried to install shade barriers for the middle court benches on the lower courts, the stadium and the viewing steps adjacent to court 22. With the lower courts being increasingly used in the afternoon (tournaments, school/club leagues, challenge courts during tournaments) and with the ITF Tournament approaching, the idea was favorably received. For the lower courts, screens will be attached solely to the center light posts and will not have support legs, eliminating possible trip hazards to those playing. For the viewing area, the goal is to have a second shaded area identical to that adjacent to court 19. Estimated cost \$1500 each for the benches: \$10K total for both projects.

An area of concern is our rising utility bill due to the lower court lights. The lights are great, but our bill went up \$1K last month. Dwight will contact SDG&E for an energy audit to see how much each court costs to light. As an FYI, our lower court light project came in at \$125K, \$10K less than estimated. Great job Jerry/Dwight!

One last budget item: Do we want to continue printing hard copy club directories? Past policy had been to do so every two years, at a cost of \$4K. Last printing was two years ago. After discussion, it was decided to wait another year and revisit the issue then.

Tennis Directors Report:

Junior Satellite Update: 140 kids for a two weekend tournament. If the club is interested in hosting other junior tournaments, the opportunities exist. Geoff will investigate and then the club will have to consider impact on club members.

The question of Pro Shop hours during tournaments came up. The shop is normally open early on tournament days from 8-6 on Saturday and 9-6 on Sunday, but an injury to a staff member caused a one-time delay.

Each year at Christmas, Geoff/BTC raise funds for charitable groups. The groups this year are the same as last year San Diego Rescue Committee, Storefront and Stand Up For Kids. Fliers will be coming out later next month.

Lastly, a \$15K grant was received for our "Wounded Warriors" Tennis Program. We have been selected as a model program and will host two camps a year for U.S.-wide participation. First Camp will be in May 2012.

Club Directors Report:

The Metro Tournament is the club's last tournament of the season and historically has a low turnout. This year was no exception, but we still managed to turn a profit of \$964.69.

BTC Tournaments overall - 2011 expenses and income were extremely close to last year with club netting \$13,526 from tournament income.

Motion made/carried to increase outside court rentals from \$10 court/hour to \$15 court/hour to match Barnes Tennis Center.

Centennial Celebration of Balboa Park in 2015: The committee chairman called asking how BTC can contribute to the yearlong celebration. One thought: a "woodie" tournament. To be discussed more at next meeting.

Inside Tennis magazine ad: Motion made/carried to increase size from 1/6 page to 1/4 page. Ad will run in January/May/August issues at a cost of \$695/issue. This allocation is within the advertising budget of \$3000. Only other expenses are \$400 for District and \$100 for Barnes.

Peter Renz pleaded guilty 10/14/11 to a case involving a BTC member. He will receive continued Stay Order and has consented to Mental Health Counseling.

New employee Rob Abbott requested to bring his dog to work when he works the office. Board rejected request.

League rules: Motion made/carried to require team captains to provide cleared rosters (all team members paid BTC members) prior to getting assigned league courts.

Lights on court 9 and 10 periodically don't come on due to contact switch. The Board was advised about this ongoing problem.

A complaint about Andre St. Dennis was received. Colleen interviewed witnesses and Andre. Motion made/carried for Colleen to consult with club attorney regarding written letter of warning. A complaint was also received about Arturo Flores. This is the second written complaint in recent history. Colleen will also consult attorney to prepare written letter of warning as a second notice.

Last item: motion made/carried to allow Ron Seno to use the club house for a musical "Jam Session" on 11/2/11 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Club members welcome to listen.

Committee Reports

- A. **Facilities:** None.
- B. **Constitution and By-laws:** None.
- C. **Contract and Lease:** None.
- D. **Employment and Personnel:** None
- E. **Newsletter Deadline:** Due out beginning of November
- F. **Ethics:** None
- G. **Youth Program:** None.
- H. **Activities:** None.
- I. **Special Projects:** None

J. Web Site Updating: The idea of having a live feed video of the club available on our website had been mentioned. Investigation reveals it is feasible, however, we would need to get a wireless router and service would cost us \$200/month, which was agreed to be too expensive. No further action planned at this time.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- 1) Club Christmas party Wednesday, 12/14/11. Board members will provide food, with augmentation from Paume Cafe. Jane and Pat will coordinate.
- 2) Next BTC meeting 11/29/11.
- 3) Jim Winters requested 15 court dates for three schools to play this upcoming spring tennis season at Balboa. Colleen mentioned that of the ten dates requested for the fall 2011 season, four resulted in no show/no call from the schools. One call was made from Jim to cancel. Jane mentioned that she didn't think it was a good idea to add the extra schools again due to their lack of response and the impact on the two schools which already play at Balboa. Jim decided to find other places for his schools to play.

Adjournment: 8:31 p.m.