

Balboa Tennis Club

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2012

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

Attendees: Dwight Van Slyke, Colleen Clery Ferrell, Peter Conneely, Jane Pulliam, Gregg Ward, Spike Lowndes, Pat Mason, Mary Gunset, Ruben Carriedo, Dan Hays, Kevin Barton, and Geoff Griffin were present. Brad Hasper and Jim Winters were absent. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the November 2012 meeting as well as Brad's and Jim's absences.

President's Comments:

Dwight introduced his nominees to fill Board Member vacancies: Mary Gunset and Greg Ward. Motion made/carried unanimously. Election of new Board Officers - Results: Vice President - Peter; Treasurer - Jane; Secretary - Spike. Other positions are: Kevin - Parliamentarian; Dan - Facilities; Greg - Ethics; Mary - Activities; Greg and Pat - Employment and Personnel; Jane - Budget and Finance; Brad - Leases and Contracts; Pat and Jane - Special Projects; Ruben - Youth and Election.

Treasurer's Report:

No change from November. The funding has already been allocated, approved and is available for resurfacing courts #5 and #6, as well as the backboard (to be started after 5 and 6 resurfacings are finished) and the shades for lower courts (to be completed before ITF start on 2/6/12). Otherwise, Club CPA Joe Campbell and Treasurer Jane agree the club needs to build up more operating cash before tackling any new projects. Discussion shifted to cost of new windscreens, as some are starting to show their age. The cost is roughly \$2/sq' installed. Suggestion made to see if sponsors would be willing to pay for windscreens if allowed to have their logos etched on the material. Colleen will put out the word in the next club newsletter.

Tennis Director's Report:

Follow up on Christmas fund raising: \$500 was donated to each of the three selected charities: San Diego Rescue Committee; Storefront; and Stand Up For Kids.

Geoff was given a \$1000 grant by Youth Tennis San Diego to support/expand his North Park youth tennis work at the Barnes Center.

ITF team play starts 2/6/12, with practice starting 2/2/12. 35 countries will be competing in 35-55 year old age divisions in San Diego. Seven different clubs are involved and 90 courts will be utilized. As one of the host clubs, several club members have volunteered to assist. A San Diego ITF meeting chaired by Bill Kellogg is scheduled for 1/19/12 in Balboa Park's Hall of Champions.

Pat is deeply involved in the ITF volunteer network and brought up that an area of possible concern is difficulties in communication. Basically, just a heads up that English might not be a universal tennis language for the ITF.

Dwight mentioned that the ITF organizers had requested we provide hand towels for the players, which the club would either buy or rent. Downside of rental, we would be billed for lost/not returned towels. Suggestion was to buy with BTC logo and hand out to participants as souvenirs. Estimate \$1,000 for 300 towels. Motion made/carried to buy towels.

Club Director's Report:

Hendrickson Wheelchair Tournament Director Joaquin Picazo wants to use Panda Express as a food sponsor instead of Paume Cafe. Last year the Cafe was not open so there was a legitimate reason to bring in an outside sponsor. Policy decision needs to be made for all outside groups. After discussion, the Board wants to support Paume Cafe and Grille. Colleen will work out a "Use or Buy-out" agreement between all outside vendors and Paume Cafe.

Federation Summer Tournament conflict - Tournament dates were changed, but Colleen was not notified. Meanwhile, some courts were allocated to another tournament. Colleen and Federation are working together to try and allocate courts for both groups.

Allied Waste Recycler - The lock to our recycling bins has been cut off six times in the last year. Nothing is missing other than discarded items in the bins. Will take off lock and see if any problems arise.

March Board meeting - Colleen requested (which was approved) to change the March Board meeting to March 27th due to the Buskey Tournament being played the previous week.

Club TV temporarily not working - On 1/12/12, the clubhouse TV wasn't working. The night before, the SDCTUA Umpires disconnected the cables to show a video and didn't hook up the TV properly. The Umpires offered to pay Direct TV's service call charge of \$120.

Security Alarm Contract - Expires in July. Originally, the alarm company provided coverage to all three buildings. When Paume began operation, they elected to forgo the alarm company. Protection One is now claiming they are owed for covering Paume Cafe even though no services were provided. However, they are willing to drop their claim if we sign a new 5-year contract. After discussion, Colleen will tell the company we are investigating other companies and we are looking for a separate contract for Geoff's pro shop. If the company wishes to discuss further, they should contact Dwight.

Committee Reports

A. Facilities:

1) **Courts #5 and #6 resurfacing:** Sap keeps bubbling up from beneath the court surface. This is not a new problem. Geoff mentioned an inconclusive study was conducted 10 years ago by a private engineering company. Water blasting is being done to remove the coats of paint.

Burning/torching the surface where the sap spots are is an experiment to see if the sap spots can be zapped. USD has similar problems and they haven't come to any conclusions either. One possible fix is to seal the surface, install a separate asphalt layer, and then proceed with normal resurfacing. The cost is \$25,000 per court, which exceeds budget limitations for BTC. The best option is to proceed with resurfacing, recognizing these courts will need to be resurfaced more frequently than other courts.

2) **Backboard Repair**: As stated earlier, the backboard repair will start when courts #5 and #6 resurfacing is completed. As part of the repair, the fence on the east side will not be replaced. This will give people using the backboard another three feet (+/-) of playing space. The ground will be made flush to the cemented area to prevent injury.

B. Constitution and By-laws: None.

C. Contract and Lease: None.

D. Employment and Personnel: Don Green termination 11/30/11

E. Newsletter Deadline: February 1, 2012

F. Ethics: None

G. Youth Program: None.

H. Activities: None.

I. Special Projects: None

J. Web Site Updating: None

Unfinished Business:

The ITF World Championships 2012 was discussed/reported in both Treasurer's and Tennis Director's reports.

New Business:

1) A suggestion was made to make court reservations system more like a restaurant with a guarantee time, but not necessarily a specific court. Utilizing our new security camera system, reservation desk personnel can see which courts are available and direct members to open courts, possibly allowing extended playing time for those already on courts. After discussion, the Board decided to leave things the way they are. Rationale: Many members have specific courts they like, whether it be for sun, shade, wind screens, ease of access or whether they wish to play on the upper or lower courts. Also, many members who are in a tight match and realize time is running out will call the reservations desk from the court and see if an additional court is available.

2) A Reimbursement for a National Championship banner was requested by Mary Gunset's WTT 4.5 team (\$180). Precedent Setting Question: if a BTC team wins a National Championship, should the club pay for a banner? Board voted unanimously in favor. Congratulations, Mary!!

3) New BTC Board Member Dan Hays has been researching a project. He is suggesting the club replace entry way and patio with brick pavers. Along with Dwight and former board member Jerry, Dan has suggested installing additional security gates to seal off the club entry way between the Clubhouse and the Pro Shop, as well as the east/west sidewalk from the east end of the Reservations building to the west end of Clubhouse. Estimated cost for both: \$35,000. To raise money for the projects, Dan would like to have the club sell pavers which can be engraved with up to three lines. Prices would be dependent on size of paver selected, most likely starting at \$100 for a small paver. Motion made/carried to proceed. (In fact, three board members were ready to buy pavers then and there!)

4) St. Augustine/OLP long term contract option. A motion was made/carried to give both the Saints and OLP 5 year contracts for practice and match play, dependent upon: \$500 year each, paid up front; players to become members; and to pay court fees.

Adjournment: 8:20 p.m.