

Balboa Tennis Club

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2012

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

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

Guest Presentation: Ken from Paume Cafe and Grille, advised the Board he and Alex (co-owners/operators) are terminating their Concessionaire Permit with Balboa Tennis Club, citing personal issues. The Cafe will remain open until April 20th, which is approx 60 days, in a limited capacity. The Cafe will be providing drinks & snacks, including sodas, water, coffee, espresso drinks, ice cream and snacks.

President's Comments:

ITF - The club received numerous compliments from players, volunteers and spectators for the job we did hosting the 55 and over age division of the ITF Senior World Team Championships. In fact, Dwight said he did not receive a single complaint from a member, despite the club giving up 16 courts a day for the week. The San Diego Sports Commission was responsible for coordinating the ITF Tournament and also received major kudos for an excellent job. It was a lot of work, and the Sports Commission is undecided if it would volunteer San Diego to be a host site in a future year. A few interesting statistics: An article in the San Diego Union Tribune credited the ITF with bringing in approximately \$2.5M in tourist revenue to San Diego; BTC will receive \$3520 to offset lost court revenue.

Club Backboard - Backboard repair/renovation is currently happening at the club. Cracks have been repaired, the east fence removed, and the court surface should be ready for use this week. Geoff asked if there was enough room for a Quick-Start court, and if so, could he have lines drawn on the surface? Motion made/carried to allow Quick Start lines be drawn on the backboard court surface if the area is large enough to support a court safely.

Treasurer's Report: No change from January. We are solvent, our reserve accounts are funded, but we need to be careful on discretionary funding while we build up our cash account.

Tennis Director's Report:

Junior Satellite Tournament is currently ongoing. Geoff commented how convenient the new closed circuit security camera system is for monitoring court usage, letting him know when courts are available, and also for saving electricity by being able to turn out lights when courts are not in use.

Wounded Warrior Update - The US Olympic Committee has given the Balboa Naval Hospital's Wounded Athlete Program (BWAP) a \$15K grant to bring wounded military tennis players from across the US for a three day training camp in mid May at BTC. The end of the training camp will coincide with the start of the Hendrickson Wheelchair Tournament, also at BTC, so interested military will be able to participate. On a related note, BTC policy is not to allow outside food catering unless the Club is unable to provide such service. In view of the Cafe's anticipated closing, a motion was made/carried for a one-time exception to allow the camp and tournament to lock in outside food service sources.

Tennis Fest - May 6th. There might be a slight change this year. The Tennis Fest Committee is considering charging admission for adults, with kids still being free. Proceeds would go to a scholarship fund for children of Armed Forces members. Details are forthcoming.

Club Director's Report:

Robin Lowe's league request - Robin would like to reserve 3 courts on a Saturday afternoon to hold "tryouts" for his 4.0 spring team. He wants to be able to "select the best players from the club." Although it's never been done this way before, the Board had no objection.

Media for National Open - Colleen was contacted by Fred Sidhu, who did the media reports for the ITF World Championships. He would like to cover the National Open for \$1000. Discussion: In addition to \$1K being costly when we are tightening our belt, per USTA, the National Open is losing its Wild Card for top finishers in Men's and Women's open. This means the draw won't be as strong or large, making it more difficult to justify spending that much money. Board voted not to hire Mr. Sidhu.

Courts 5 and 6 resurfacing evaluation - CH Court was unable to find a solution to the Club's sap problem. In 2002, BTC had a study done on the same issue, and the non-conclusive consensus was the aggregate used when the court was laid was contaminated/defective. The sap is subsiding, but the damage is done. The best solution would cost \$25K per court and requires separate layers of rubber and asphalt before the final coating is put on. (LJBTC has the same problem and this is how they resolved the problem.) Since BTC doesn't have that kind of money available, we will live with what we have. The only good news is subsequent resurfacings (without power blasting off existing layers) will help prevent the sap from rising to the surface.

New court dividers between courts 7 and 8 - As a result of Jerry Bischoff's research and ingenuity, we are testing new court dividers. The new dividers are 1' wider and have a rigid, plastic dowel on the bottom to help contain balls in their respective courts.

Committee Reports

A. **Facilities:** Dan Hays did a super job on getting the club grounds ready for the ITF. Congratulations and thanks!!

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

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

D. **Employment and Personnel:** Executive session

E. **Newsletter Deadline:** March Newsletter still accepting articles

F. **Ethics:** None

G. **Youth Program:** None.

H. **Activities:** None.

I. **Special Projects:** Donor Brick/Paver Project. As discussed last month, Dan has suggested the Club replace the damaged entry way and patio cement with brick pavers. He also suggested installing additional security gates between the Clubhouse and the Pro Shop, along the east/west sidewalk at the east end of the Reservations building, and at the west end of Clubhouse. This would result in much greater security for the Club. Estimated cost is \$40K. To fund these upgrades/repairs, Dan proposes we sell the bricks/pavers and have them engraved per donor request. At tonight's meeting, Dan handed out a rough draft on a proposed brochure for the Donor Project and requested feedback.

J. **Web Site Updating:** None

Unfinished Business: Car Show Update - Peter said the project was going forward, scheduled for Saturday, September 8. Next step is to get a City permit, and the City has requested more information about the event. The event will be finalized when all the paperwork is completed.

New Business: Flag Pole Research - Gregg is investigating getting a flag/flagpole for the Club, and since he was unable to attend, Colleen handed out a flier with the results of his research. The Board liked best the 25' commercial fiberglass, external halyard, 5.9" base diameter, 4' x 6' model, at \$1320, not including installation cost. Discussion involved finding a club member to sponsor (with suitable recognition) the flag/pole.

Adjournment: 8:20 p.m.

