

Balboa Tennis Club

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2013

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

Attendees: Dwight Van Slyke, Colleen Clery Ferrell, Peter Conneely, Jane Pulliam, Mary Gunset, Pat Mason, Dan Hays, C.T. Martin, Mark McDonough, Ruben Carriedo and Janene Christopher were present. Gregg Ward and Geoff Griffin were absent. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the November 2012 meeting and the absences.

Member/Guest Presentations:

1. **Esther Leeflang proposed an idea of adopting a “Special Use Fee” for league members who will only be playing a limited amount of matches for the BTC team.** She spoke about the rise of her team from the C level up to the A level. Now that they’ve reached the top, there aren’t enough higher level players to field an A team. Many of these top teams belong to two or three different clubs and don’t want to fully join BTC for even a 4 month membership. A Special Use Fee, SUF would allow the players to compete on the league for limited matches and allow the BTC teams to be more competitive. Answer pending as Board members never came to a resolution. Email sent out as follow up for decision.
2. **BTC Member Don Natel displayed his tennis artwork to the Board in hope that they would purchase the photo framed and matted for \$350.** The Board was receptive.
3. **Alan Bennett, a Native Plant Steward who works in the Florida Canyon adjacent to courts 19-24, spoke on the promotion of stakeholders to support his rejuvenation of the 1400 acres which have been neglected.** He wants to make this area of the park the “Heart of Balboa Park” by turning this natural reserve into an outdoor botanical garden. Peter Conneely has been volunteering regularly with Alan and totally endorses the program. Alan needs volunteers and is asking \$1000 from each stakeholder to make this area of balboa Park, consistent with the Master Plan and to restore the area to a nature path. No immediate decision made by the Board

President's Comments:

Helen and Alex Sheldon, designers for the upcoming BTC Club Renovation, spoke about the Belinsky Project. Helen said the renovation plans intend to keep the Clubhouse area “rustic and homey,” yet with an updated look. There will be square and round tables for the card players. The floor will be stained concrete with a gray acid wash. Bar stools will be around the windows. Pat suggested backs for the bar stools. If the budget allows, another television will be added to the new wall where the entrance is presently located. Mark liked Don Natel’s concept

of modernizing the historical team photos which hang on the walls. The decision on whether to keep the existing lockers will depend once again on the budget.

Dwight met with Susan Lowrey Mendoza, our City liason, regarding the upcoming projects. The City would like a complete list of every project the Club wants completed in the near future so they can give them approval all at once. Unfortunately this will take more time and put our projects on the back burner until next fall when the tournament season is completed. All permits now have to go all the way through the new mayor Bob Filner's office. Susan did give us approval to begin the Donor Brick Project. In order to begin, the tree in front of the Pro Shop must be removed so we can begin digging up the cracked concrete and installing the pavers. The board voted unanimously to move forward with this project. Lastly, Dwight mentioned that the Clubhouse has vents but no heat to Susan when he met with her, which is against the law. Susan said she would put in a work order with the city to have our clubhouse heater reinstalled. Dwight estimated a new heating system to cost \$8500, which is a substantial savings to the club.

Jack Grace, the BTC Member who passed away and left 2% of his estate to the club, will receive recognition in the next newsletter and will also receive a \$500 brick. The Club is very appreciative of Jack's thoughtfulness and remembrance of the club he patronized.

At the Annual Meeting, officers were voted on for the upcoming year.

President – Dwight Van Slyke
Vice president – Peter Conneely
Treasurer – Jane Pulliam
Secretary – Mark McDonough
Parliamentarians – Ruben and Peter
Ethics – Pat and Mary
Activities – Janene
Employment and Personnel – Gregg
Budget and Finance – Jane
Leases and Contract – C.T. and Dwight
Special Projects – Pat and Peter
Youth and Election – Ruben

Treasurers Report:

Jane gave an overview of the Club financials, citing several areas of the balance sheet which need clarification from Club CPA Joe Campbell. Jane will meet with Colleen in the next few weeks to go over BTC Budget for 2013 and gain clarification from Joe on depreciation figure.

Colleen went over December financials and year end totals to point out changes from 2011.

Tennis Director's Report:

Geoff Griffin was unable to attend the meeting due to illness.

Club Director's Report:

1) **Jack Grace** – already mentioned above that he left 2% of his estate to the club. BTC received partial payment of \$30,000 prior to Christmas. Remainder of estate will be distributed in early 2013. The money most likely will be used for court resurfacing or new windscreens.

2) **Lower Court Complaint** – A couple of members filed complaints about the Board policy concerning allocation of better lit courts for league play. Board members agreed member complaints need petition and 20 signatures for change of policy consideration.

3) **Saturday Leagues** – Board agreed Saturday morning is prime time for members. No designated leagues can begin before 12:00.

4) **Member Complaint** – BTC member upset about new Shirt Policy. Said he is revoking intended \$10,000 in his will because of new policy.

5) **Members Falling on Court 5/6** – In the daily log, two members tripped on the PVC pipe which used to be encased in the lower part of the court dividers. Colleen had the PVC removed due to the injuries. Board concerned about Club liability. On the back of the membership card, the writing states: **Play at your own risk. BTC is not responsible for any accident or injury sustained at Morley Field Tennis Complex.**

Committee Reports

A. **Facilities:** Dan spoke about the four brick array featuring the BTC Logo which will be adorning the entry to the club. The Club's establishment year in 1922 will also be included on the brick.

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

C. **Contract and Lease:** Final signed lease from City hasn't been received yet.

D. **Employment and Personnel:** None

E. **Newsletter:** Colleen mentioned that several hundred printed copies of November 2012 newsletter still available. Club may limit printed copies for future editions.

F. **Ethics:** None.

G. **Youth Program:** None

H. **Activities:** None.

I. **Special Projects:** None

J. **Web Site Updating:** Being updated

Unfinished Business:

Banner Update - A New banner from Graphic Interfaces, BTC member Roberto Ancira's company is due any day.

New Business:

1) **Budget Meeting** – Colleen and Jane will meet and go over numbers. All Board members are welcome to attend.

2) **National Family Championships** – Denied due to busy summer tournament schedule.

3) **Volunteer Hours** – Dwight and Peter have suggested logging volunteer hours of BTC Club Members. Accumulation of hours helps promote future grants for club.

4) **Merchant Services** – Club is switching from Evalon to Wells Fargo Merchant Services in order to save money and expedite deposits into Club accounts.

5) **Live Feed on Website** – Company approached club about getting live feed for club. They have been in business for 12 years. Dwight wants to move forward and continue trying to get this done.

6) **Military Symbol on one of teaching courts** – Spike wants to pay to get a windscreen with the military symbol on one of the teaching courts permanently. The Board is in favor.

Adjournment: 8:35 p.m.