



Balboa Tennis Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. The minutes from the June 2015 meeting were approved.

Attendees: Janene Christopher, Colleen Clery Ferrell, Julia Gregory, Dan Hays, C.T. Martin, Pat Mason, Gary Smith and Ruben Carriedo were present. M.A. Hillier Ruben Carriedo, Esther Leeflang and Geoff Griffin were absent. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the May 2015 meeting and the absences.

Member/Guest Presentation: Scott McLeod spoke with the Board about a complaint that was filed against him and Sean Powell. Scott started out speaking about his background as a former San Diego Gulls hockey player. He owns a transportation company which assisted the Wounded Warrior Program this year by driving them to and from their hotel. He mentioned that in August of 2014, he and Sean were “disruptive” on the court and suspended for 30 days. He said he and Sean are competitive players, but maybe they shouldn’t play together. The day of the incident when the complaint was written about his and Sean’s behavior, he had his headphones on and tuned out most of the people around the court. A ball rolled on his court and there was some problem with the response from the people on the other court. “I honestly didn’t think I was disruptive,” he said. “I like playing at Balboa and will do what I can to help the Club and not be disruptive.” He also mentioned that he doesn’t swear on the court.

President's Comments:

- Janene said she sent out a list of capital improvement projects (CIP) to the Board members with all the future projects listed. Ruben commented that the CIP list was a good roadmap for the future.
- In light of the fact that BTC is responsible for maintenance of the exterior and interior buildings, Julia corroborated Janene’s inclusion of maintenance projects in her forecasts. Particularly Julia is worried about termites damage and roof repair. She would like a full study of the roof condition and termite situation before any CIP projects are started. Dan and Janene agreed to do an assessment of the buildings and then put together a report. It was also mentioned that the termite inspection/estimate could be at no cost to the Club. A motion was made and passed unanimously to hire a professional service to inspect the buildings for termites and get a roof evaluation as well.

Treasurers Report:

- Julia stated that she likes the way the Board can look at the Profit and Loss of the Club in classes now. This report helps give a clear picture of the club finances and shows variations that can be analyzed. In the month of June, Julia said the Club had a modest profit. The National Open was profitable, yet not a big revenue generator. When looking at the income by what was budgeted, the Club is doing well. The budget at this point called for a \$12,000 deficit due to the increase in the SDG&E bill, yet the Club is

only \$8000 in debt. When the new meter reading for SDG&E comes to fruition next month, this will help the Club's bottom line and deficit.

Tennis Director's Report:

Geoff was unable to make the meeting as he was working on the draws for the upcoming Balboa Open adult and junior tournaments.

Club Director's Report:

- SDG&E Update – The meter conversion took place on July 6. The SDG&E employee who is responsible for changing the account rate made a mistake and was unable to get the new rates started until the August billing period. The new meter was paid through GSDCTC fund for \$2860.
- New League Rules and Regulations – The Board decided to table until next meeting when M.A. and Esther, who are both league captains, are present.
- Hidden Gem Hours Change – Now Thursday – Sunday from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The Café will be open all week during the upcoming tournament. Pat mentioned that she spoke to Joanie, the owner of Hidden Gem, about presenting a menu to all league captains. This way Hidden Gem could get extra business from serving the food for the leagues. There has been no follow through on the part of Hidden Gem.
- San Diego Police and Homeless – making regular visits and cracking down on “illegal lodging” occupants.
- Phone Upgrade for Director – On a business package. Received upgrade. Available 24/7.
- Windscreens on 9 and 10 – Two panels on courts 9 and 10 need replacement. The Board approved the purchase of app. \$1800.
- Stadium – had three large holes – patched for now.
- Wells Fargo Merchant Services – Over \$10,000 more in transactions last month which caused a small spike in rate. After speaking with Wells Fargo merchant service representative, club fee was lowered.
- Trash Service and Workman's Comp – Working on rate reductions for both.
- President's Brick and bricked area challenges – The Board saw the proof of the brick for Dwight. Janene made some changes, then received approval from the Board to move forward. Colleen explained about the area in front of pro Shop where the cement is rising and causing the brick area to depress. This may be a problem to be dealt with in the near future.
- Happy Anniversary Colleen – Colleen commented that her 10 year anniversary at BTC was July 13. She thanked the Board members for their support and explained her gratitude for her position as she is till eager to keep improving the Club and doing the best job possible.

Committee Reports

Facilities:

- Dan said he is still reminding the City about the backboard area where he would like to see landscaping, yet they replied they will get to this area on their own time.

- He mentioned that the rainfall was helpful. He brought to Colleen's attention the area behind courts 19-21 where dirt piled up due to rain runoff.

Constitution and Bylaws – None

Contract and Lease – SUP expired 6/30/15

Employment and Personnel: None

Newsletter Deadline: Next publication November 2015

Ethics: None

Youth Program: None

Activities: None.

Special Projects: None

Web Site Updating: In transition

Unfinished Business

- A. **Off Court Usage by Saints Tennis Team** - Ruben spoke about the role of Walter Redondo as assistant coach right now and future head coach of the Saints Tennis Team. He passed out a schedule of when the Saints players would be practicing during the off and regular season, emphasizing the dead periods when the courts wouldn't be used. The Saints Tennis Team is attempting to have as little impact as possible on club usage by practicing from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. when the courts are generally slow. Ruben said he had a talk with Tennis Director Geoff Griffin regarding the mutual respect between Walter Redondo and Geoff Griffin and that Geoff had to trust that Walter would be coaching the Saints for the school and not to get private business from his school coaching. Ruben also mentioned that all the Saints players are members and that the team has doubled since Walter Redondo came on board.
- B. **The Revised Rules and Regulations** were approved with the Shirt Rule included.
- C. **Challenge Court Complaints** - Colleen mentioned that there have been pros and cons to the new addition of a 3.5 challenge court on Saturday mornings. She read an anonymous complaint to the board. Pat mentioned that she played the 3.5 Challenge Court and was happy to be able to compete at this level. The Board agreed to keep the three levels of Challenge Courts at this time because more people are able to participate and fit in with the level variety.

New Business:

- A. **Donation from Spike Lowndes** – Colleen read email from Geoff Griffin with ideas to showcase the stadium which would include LED lights, awnings, shades with military logos and a plaque thanking Spike and his family members. Spike Lowndes mother passed away recently and Spike is donating \$25,000 of his inheritance to the Club. Janene will put together drawings and present to Spike.
- B. **Qualify Issues necessitating membership votes** – Julia suggested the Club use the weekly Updates to get Pros and Cons from the members on proposed rules changes.
- C. **Licensed maintenance work** – The difference between a handyman and a licensed contractor working at the Club was discussed. The Board agreed the Club would prefer to have contractor with his/her own business license and insurance, work on maintenance issues, yet would leave up to Colleen's discretion for smaller projects.
- D. **Ideas for Tournament Center** – Dan suggested the Club put in a temporary brick area on the West side of the Reservations building for the tournament center until the funds

become available to put in a permanent center. The pavers could be relocated in the future. Colleen will have pricing for the next meeting.

Adjournment: 8:45 p.m.

Executive Session – to follow

Next Meeting August 18, 2015