

## SUN CITY ANTHEM TENNIS CLUB BOARD MEETING

January 7, 2015

### MINUTES

**Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by President Murray Ginsberg. Present: Murray Ginsberg, President; Chris Payne, Vice President; Ginny Young, Secretary; Ellen Carr, Treasurer; Sheila Gillis, Social Chair; Pam Cox and Alberta Bonnet, Membership Co-Chairs; Beverly Ginsberg, Tournament Chair; Josie Baker, League Chair; Dale Goldberg, Equipment Chair. In addition to the new officers, the following outgoing officers were also present, Dorothy Thompson, Kathleen Thompson, and Pat Carrell as well as 13 tennis club members.

**Secretary's Report:** Ginny Young stated that the December 3, 2014 board meeting minutes were sent to the Board members. Ginny moved and Alberta seconded that the minutes be approved as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dorothy Thompson submitted the treasurer's report for the month of December: Balance on December 1, 2015 - \$5,707.21; Income - \$1,990 (\$1,230 dues for 2015;) \$310 Holiday Party; \$450 Coffee Kiosk. Expenditures - \$4,383.54 (\$3.92 – Stamps, \$50.00 Holiday Party refund; \$14.04 Name Cards; \$400.00 Holiday Party Entertainment; \$150.00 Holiday Party Coffee and drink service; \$51.82 Holiday Party Beverages; \$3,693.03 Holiday Party Food; \$20.73 for Receipt Books. Balance on December 31, 2014 - \$3,313.67.

The November 2014 Treasurer's Report was amended to reflect additional cash income of \$145 from the Calcutta tournament and a disbursement (expense) of \$145 to Port of Subs. These line items had not been reflected on the previously submitted report; they had been treated as a cash pass-through. The November 2014 SCATC balance remained unchanged.

Dorothy also submitted a Year-to-Date report showing month by month expenses and income. The beginning balance in January was \$2,702.42. Income for the year to date has totaled \$7,810.00. Expenditures for the year to date have totaled \$7,198.75; current balance is \$3,313.67. There were no objections to the treasurer's reports.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Kathleen Thompson reported that the membership committee is being co-chaired by Pam Cox and Alberta Bonnet. She thanked them for stepping up and taking over this committee. In March, a list of paid members will be posted at the courts as well as the Website. An email will be formatted and sent to members to remind them to pay their dues no later than February 28<sup>th</sup>. With the email request for dues, members will be asked to provide current address, phone number and email address. This will be sent to the President for review who will then forward it to Bob Buckmaster for distribution. The website has been updated with

members thru December. Final bylaws are posted with the changes and a new sub list will be posted. After January, Kathleen will hand the website over to June Skvorzov. Dale Goldberg asked if people could access the website to change things and Kathleen advised that it was protected from that. Dale also requested that we change the emails to membership to reflect the distributor as the tennis club rather than Bob/Sue. Murray will investigate the change. A motion was made to change Bob/Sue to the Tennis Club. The motion was seconded by Ellen Carr and passed.

**Social:** Sheila stated that the first Meet and Greet will be held in February with a Mardi Gras theme. Sheila also suggested having it be a "Pot Luck". Dorothy Thompson said that we have a roll over amount that we need to spend. Dale Goldberg suggested that at the Meet and Greet we get dues monies and also promote league participation. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that we would not have a pot luck at this time but use the carryover money to pay for the Meet and Greet and also a "Day At Wimbledon" near the end of March. A possible date for the first Meet and Greet is February 17 but is under review. The Holiday Party was also discussed with the possibility of holding it at Buckman's Grill. A general membership meeting must also be scheduled in October.

**Tournaments:** Due to the timing of the social affairs, Bev will do the Calcutta Tournament in the fall and will possibly hold a Mixer in March.

**Equipment:** Dale Goldberg is new to his post and will begin with an inspection of the courts.

**Communication:** Pat Carrell showed a newly arrived copy of the January Spirit with a 2 page spread complete with lots of photos of the league teams. She is ready to go with the February Spirit, and will then turn things over to Ginny.

**Leagues:** Josie reported that she has sent a request to Danielle for the league use of courts for matches that begin this coming Saturday. We will have 3.5 men's and women's teams and one 3.0 women's team. The 55 and over league team numbers will be out next week so we will need to reserve courts for that league also. Josie is still in a quest to get a 65+ league though the USTA. Josie will make another attempt to bring this request to the USTA and if all else fails, we will form our own teams outside of the USTA.

Chris Payne supported Josie's attempts, and mentioned how difficult it is to play in the 40+ league with teams of much younger, more agile players. Josie is also looking for more players for the men's teams. In the 55 and over league, a 4.0 player can play with a 3.0 player so we will have a better mix of players in that league. There will be a Newcomers Coffee on January 14 at 1:30 PM and Dale Goldberg suggested that we have people there to talk up league play. Sheila also suggested sending emails about leagues.

**Old Business:** Murray asked about the status of the flag pole. Pat Carrell reported that the PIRF was not discussed at Property & Grounds January 6 meeting, but should be on their agenda in February. The cost is approximately \$175.00 for the pole.

**New Business:** A PIRF has been submitted to Lifestyle to relocate the Liberty Center pickleball courts to replace tennis courts 1 & 2 at Independence Courts. Pat Carrell, Lifestyle liaison to the tennis club, stated that some residents living near the pickleball courts claim the noise is disturbing. The Facilities Manager is investigating a wrap around for the courts to lessen the noise. Another solution may be to mandate that players use paddles from an approved list of paddles which lessen the sound when the ball is hit. Lifestyle is investigating these less drastic and less expensive solutions to the noise issue.

Murray asked the Board whether the Club should continue to pursue the addition of a new tennis court at the Liberty Center in the bocce location. If the club pursues it, a new PIRF will need to be submitted. He suggested that perhaps the tennis club should join forces with the Pickleball Club to push for both a new tennis court and new pickleball courts to replace the current Liberty Center bocce courts. Chris Payne felt it was wise to keep open the potential for a new tennis court. Murray also proposed the possibility of submitting a PIRF to convert 1-2 of the current courts to a soft surface. He stated that such surfaces are guaranteed to last 25 years, with little or no maintenance. A motion was made, seconded and passed to prepare one or more PIRFs. Murray, Chris and Josie have agreed to further research the possibilities for a new tennis court and/or the soft surface for 1 or 2 existing courts, and will report back to the Board with their recommendations.

Murray made a motion to adopt a charity initiative and nominated Jan Tenner to chair the committee to identify various charities which club members could support. The understanding is that charitable contributions would not come from dues, but rather from raffles or members' voluntary contributions. The motion was passed by the Board. Jan passed out a list of charities that she is looking into for possible selection.

Kathleen offered to help update the General Tennis Court Rules. Murray is going to develop a template which will be designed to make filing a complaint against members for conduct infractions easier to do. Murray felt that the new bylaws make the process seem overly complicated, but with some prepared forms, it would be easier for members to file grievances.

Steve Ballwebber pointed out that the Board had not officially set the dues for 2015 at the current \$10 level. Steve also suggested the club should set a budget for the year. Treasurer, Ellen Carr, responded that we are not talking about large amounts of money and that several year's' worth of expenditure history provide sufficient guidance for planning for each year's expenditures.

Our Sunshine person will be Beverly Ginsberg.

**Next Board Meeting:** The next Board meeting will be announced in an email.

**Adjournment:** Murray adjourned the meeting at 3:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Young, Secretary