

SUN CITY ANTHEM TENNIS CLUB BOARD MEETING
September 3, 2014

MINUTES

Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by President Ed Ritz. Present: Ed Ritz President, Pat Carrell, Secretary; Marilyn Ritz and Jerry Cant, Social Co-Chairs; Kathleen Thompson, Membership Co-Chair; Josie Baker, League Chair; and seven other tennis club members.

Minutes: Pat Carrell had resent the Board the July 2 meeting minutes, and asked if there were any additions or corrections. Kathleen moved, Jerry seconded that the minutes be approved as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

Pat also reported that she is the new Community Lifestyle Committee (CLC) liaison to the Tennis Club. However, previous liaison, Dave Leshefsky, will continue to work with the club to get the revised Club bylaws through the remaining steps in the process.

She also reported that the recently approved Facilities Usage Manual passed by the BOD in August places the Hampton Road tennis courts (and bocce courts and horseshoe pit) under the auspices of the Independence Center monitor desk for the pre-registration of guests who would play on those courts. Previously, there had been some confusion on the part of the Activities Department as to whether those courts – which most of us old-timers call the Anthem Center courts – were to have guests registered at the Independence Center or the Anthem Center, and if the Anthem Center, where inside the Anthem Center (the front desk at the revolving door or the Fitness Center desk). Now the Activities Department has determined it shall be the Independence Center monitor desk.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Dorothy Thompson had previously submitted an email report for the month of July: Balance on July 1, 2014 - \$2,585.93; Income - \$470 (\$20 dues; \$450 coffee booth income); Expenditures - \$4.90 (postage stamps); Balance on July 31, 2014 - \$3,051.03. She also submitted an email report for the month of August: Balance on August 1, 2014 - \$3,051.03; Income – none; Expenditures – none; Balance on August 31, 2014 - \$3,051.03. Kathleen moved, Pat seconded that the treasurer's report be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Kathleen Thompson reported that the club currently has 273 paid members.

Social: Marilyn Ritz reported that the Annual General Membership Meeting would take place along with the Meet & Greet on October 1, in the Liberty Center Kitchen area, beginning at 5:30 pm and ending at 9 pm. New officers will be elected and revised Club bylaws will also be voted upon at the meeting. Refreshments will be served. Pro Rick Storozuk will attend at the latter part of the event to assist in the drawing and rating of the teams for the Calcutta Tournament on October 5.

Because the revised bylaws will stipulate that general membership approval is required for any expenditures in excess of \$1,000, the tentative budget for the December 7 Holiday Party was discussed. Kathleen moved and Pat seconded the following motion: "The estimated expenditure for the December 7 holiday party shall not exceed \$5,400, based upon an estimated maximum of 200 attendees (members

& guests) paying an average/median price of \$27 per person for the party with approximately \$4,000 to be offset by income from ticket sales to members and guests (members paying a lesser amount per person, guests paying a greater amount per person), and the club treasury paying approximately \$1,400.”

The motion passed unanimously. This same motion will be made for passage at the General Membership meeting on October 1.

Ed asked whether we should try to get some new entertainment for the holiday party, a Beatles group he recently heard. We might be able to get them for just 2 hours for \$800. Lou, our entertainer from last year would play for the entire evening at a cost of only \$400. Consensus was to stay with Lou because he now knows us and can “personalize” the entertainment. Ed will ask him to include some Beatles music, which everyone seems to know.

With the approval of the FUN night organizer, Bruce Janoff, FUN night for the fall was set for Saturday, October 25, starting promptly at 5pm. Because of the closeness to Halloween, Halloween-themed costumes are going to be encouraged.

Tournaments: In Beverly’s absence, Ed reported that everything seemed set for the October 5 Calcutta Tournament, but that Beverly may be seeking additional male players.

Equipment: In Roman’s absence, Ed asked if anyone had any comments about the condition of the courts. Several people commented that the courts at the Liberty Center were in bad condition, from major cracks in the pavement, to court signs falling off the fencing. The nets seem to be ok. Ed will contact John Casanova about the problems raised.

Communication: Pat thanked those who had sent her information for the October Spirit article. Now that a date has been selected for FUN night, she will be finalizing the draft and submitting it.

Leagues: Josie indicated she had sent to the Activities Department and to the CLC her request for court time for league play this fall. Three senior women’s 3.5 teams will play on Thursdays, one adult men’s 3.5 team will play on Saturdays. All matches will start at 11 am.

Josie also reported that while she will no longer be captaining a team, she had reconsidered her earlier decision to stop as league coordinator. She will continue as league coordinator, but will try to get a co-coordinator to work with her, as she would like to organize more intra-league play just within SCA.

Old Business: Ed reported that Doug is in the final stages of the bylaws revisions with the CLC liaison, and as soon as Doug is back in town, should get the final revised draft out to Bob Buckmaster or Kathleen for distribution to all club members.

On the tennis decals proposed by Joan McDaniel, Ed had no additional information to report. He plans to talk to Joan when she is back in town. Pat pointed out that it would be good for the Club to have an official “logo” whether or not we use it for decals, or just on our membership cards and Spirit articles. (In checking after the meeting, Pat noted that the logo on our membership cards is the same logo that was used years ago when the club purchased and resold club tennis shirts. Perhaps the club should decide whether to continue that logo or find a new one.)

New Business: Pat and Kathleen reported for the ad hoc nominating committee that they had identified candidates who have indicated willingness to run for president, vice president and treasurer. Because of Pat's new position with CLC, she has determined that she cannot continue a second year as secretary due to the volume of CLC work. The nominating committee will continue to try to find a candidate for the secretary position. A club member suggested the name of another club member to approach about the position, which the nominating committee will pursue. The nominating committee hopes to complete the slate and will produce a printed ballot for voting on October 1, with room for write-in votes/nominations from the floor.

In other new business, Josie reminded the Board that the Filipiniana Club is hosting a joint tennis and paddle tennis event on October 18. Paddle tennis will introduce their game to the group from 9-10 am, and Pro Rick Storozuk will donate an hour of his time for people to hit with the pro from 10-11 am. Josie suggested it would be a good recruitment opportunity for the Tennis Club if we could have an exhibition with some of our better players demonstrating with mixed doubles how much fun tennis is from 11-12. Ed said he and Marilyn would be out of town, but hopefully between him and Josie and Bruce Janoff they can recruit 4 willing club members. Kathleen volunteered to be on hand to sign-up any new Tennis Club members.

Next Board Meeting: The next Board meeting will be November 5, 2014 at 1pm in the Concord Room.

Adjournment: Ed adjourned the meeting at 1:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia L. Carrell, Secretary