

## SUN CITY ANTHEM TENNIS CLUB BOARD MEETING

April 1, 2015

### MINUTES

**Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 1:29 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; Nancy Ward, Spirit Magazine, and Donna Shawhan, Charities Co-Chair. In addition to the officers, the Community Lifestyles liaison, Pat Carrell, was there as well as 5 Tennis Club members.

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

**Presidents Report:** Murray welcomed Nancy Ward to the meeting as the person in charge of doing the Spirit article for the Tennis Club. Murray extended a thank you to all the coffee shop volunteers. Murray also thanked Sheila Gillis for the fine job she did on the Wimbledon event held on Sunday, March 29. Murray reviewed the status of the PIRFS that we have before the Lifestyles Committee. On April 2, Pickleball will present a request to make the Stadium Court at Liberty into a usable Pickleball court. The Pickleball Club is not backing this PIRF as it was the request of only one member of the Pickleball Club. We are hoping that it will not be approved. There is a Lifestyles meeting on Thursday, April 2, at 1:00 PM in the Delaware Room; all are urged to attend. We will have a PIRF to request a soft court installed. Bruce Janoff and Dale Goldberg met with a company and had a chance to play tennis on this soft surface. These courts make it easier on your body and the cost savings for maintenance versus the courts we currently have would be huge. Ellen asked if the ball acted differently than on our current courts and Dale pointed out that it does slow the ball down. We also have PIRFS in for a rear gate at the Liberty Courts and also a restroom at Liberty.

Murray was approached by Meg Poulson, Fitness Manager and Rick, our Pro, to do more training for the tennis membership. They discussed having a meeting on the tennis courts with a seminar and demo on how to enhance our movement as tennis players. This could be a community-wide event to promote the Tennis Club. This would have to be approved by the Activities Department. Murray then asked that Bruce Janoff give his report on soft court material and the testing that was done. Bruce explained that the company has two types of court installation: interlocking plastic pieces or a one piece type of material. This court material is forgiving and is easy on the knees and backs of players using the court. It has a 15-20 year life with resurfacing at five-year intervals. At this point, Josie asked how many PIRFS the Club has outstanding. We have the bocce court conversation to a tennis court, restroom installation at

Liberty and the cushion surface proposal. It was decided to keep the PIRF for the tennis court moving forward.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ellen Carr submitted the Treasurer's report for the month of February: Balance on January 31, 2015 - \$3,801.67; Income - \$560.00 (\$560.00 dues for 2015;) bank fee reimbursement - \$12.00, total income; \$572.00. Total expenses were \$0.00. Balance on 2/28/2015 was \$4,373.67. Ellen noted that there were numerous expenses in March for events and such and that the balance will be lower next month. Ellen moved that the report be accepted and Bev seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.

**Community Lifestyles Liaison:** Pat Carrell commented that the Lifestyle meeting on April 2 will be reviewing the Stadium Court proposal, the new Pickleball court at the bocce site and an exercise circuit training area. Pat said emails should still be sent to the board to promote the tennis court PIRF. Pat also said that it was important for all to attend the Lifestyles meeting on Thursday, April 2 at 1:00 PM and another meeting on Tuesday, April 7 at 10:00 AM which requires Tennis Club backing.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Alberta Bonnet reported that we currently have 270 members. Alberta agreed to send the membership list to all board members.

**Tournaments:** Bev reported that the flyer for the Calcutta Tournament will be sent out on Thursday, April 2, to the tennis membership. The auction will be held Friday, May 1 at the Liberty Center from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. The actual tournament will be held on Sunday, May 3 at the Anthem Center Courts from 8:00 to 1:00 PM. The tournament is open to the first 16 men and 16 women who sign up.

**Spirit Magazine:** Nancy Ward requested that any information be sent to her at the following email address, [10is4sca@gmail.com](mailto:10is4sca@gmail.com). Josie will send her the league information for the Spirit.

**Social:** Sheila Gillis gave an update on the Wimbledon event and will send a group of pictures to be added to the website. We had a good turn out and a great time.

**Leagues:** Josie reported that she is still having a hard time getting men to play in the leagues. She is still pursuing getting a 65+ league but is not getting much support. Both the Men's and Women's 6.0 teams are still in beginning stages. It is hoped that we will have two 3.0 women's teams and will play in flex time. Therefore, sign in at the courts is all that is necessary for the teams. Josie said that we currently have two 7.0 teams playing league. Barb Booth has a team that is currently in first place and the second team run by Karin Bridges and Ginny Young is hanging in. Chris pointed out that the men's league has an abundance of 3.0 players competing against 3.5 players making it tough competition. Ginny made a statement that the situation is the same with the other 7.0 ladies team noting that many 3.0s are playing against 3.5 players. Chris talked about trying to get a better turn out of men players within the community. Dale asked about possibly having an intrarmural league or tennis ladder so members could play competitively within the community.

**Equipment:** Dale reported that the awnings at Liberty have been repaired. We received and installed the new scorekeepers on courts 7 & 8 at Anthem. The scorekeepers are made of thick plastic and should be able to handle the UV light problem that we have in this area. Dale felt there was a need for a windsock on the courts and stated that they cost about \$50.00 or \$60.00. Dale said he requested this from facilities, but they advised that they were out of money. We will go back to facilities again when monies are available. Josie asked if we could put up a USTA League sign on the courts. She has the banner available and Pat Carrell said she would ask facilities if it could be installed on the outside of court 7 at Anthem.

The key for the ball machine has now been placed at the Independence desk. There was some discussion about the ball machine not working most of the time. Sheila suggested that we have a training program for players who want to use the ball machine. Only individuals who have been trained on the machine can have access to it. In her previous community, it helped keep the ball machine working. Dale will speak with facilities about it. It was decided to review the ball machine issue at the next meeting.

**Charities:** Donna Shawhan has come on board as a Co-Chair with Jan Tenner. We talked about different charities and the consensus was to find a local charity that has a link to tennis. We will continue to research for a 501(c)(3)charity.

**Old Business:** We discussed the proposal from the January meeting about decorating the bulletin boards at both Anthem Center and Liberty Center. Ginny moved that we allow Sheila to decorate both the boards with a cost not to exceed \$100.00. The motion was seconded by Ellen Carr and approved.

The email blasts that are going out to the membership now read "scatennis1" and still are handled by Bob Buckmaster.

**Next Board Meeting:** The next Board meeting will be June 3, 2015 at 1:30 PM.

**Adjournment:** Murray adjourned the meeting at 2:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Young, Secretary