

SaddleBrooke Tennis Club Board Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2016

Meeting was called to order by TJ Duffy, President at 4:00pm.

Board members present: TJ Duffy, Glen George, Bob Stocks and Ginger Riffel. 13 other members in attendance.

Minutes of Sept. 13, 2016 Board Meeting Approved

Treasurer's Report by Bob Stocks was handed out to Board Members. Proposed budget for 2017 was approved to present to members on the Member Meeting on November 9, 2016.

Committee Reports:

TJ reported the upcoming events. On November 6, Tennis Cabana and racquet demos are planned. On November 12 we are having a New Members and Volunteer Appreciation party. We have about 80 members constantly volunteering and many more that volunteer and are not always visible. All volunteers are what make our club great! December 1 is the Christmas Party. University of Arizona tennis teams will be coming to our tennis center again next year.

TJ suggested that the STC consider moving its email client from the HOA1 system to Gmail (the STC already has a Gmail address: SaddleBrookeTennisClub@gmail.com). He noted the many issues that members, especially New Members, have in subscribing to receive club emails. He further went on to say that member email addresses could easily be copied from the STC web site and imported into the STC Gmail account. A member, Gary Greenbaum, suggested include an opt-out clause at the bottom of each club email as a way for members to stop receiving e-mails instead of having to unsubscribe for e-mails. Joyce Honorof relayed that she successfully uses such a clause with a newsletter she distributes to over 240 recipients. When queried, the majority of members present raised their hands in affirming this as something worth pursuing. This is a very important line of information for members, it needs to be easy to sign up for reception of news. Perhaps we need a survey to know if members would prefer opting out instead of having to try to sign up on website.

Update on men's OPUS Liam Flynn reported that Men's OPUS is going quite well. A reminder was given to members to call the tennis office to have an "O" put beside their names to participate. That includes the women also. David Loendorf gave examples of how OPUS is computer generated. It takes at least 3 times of playing OPUS for a member's level to be determined. David is the master mind for our program and pays the Azure site fee for our use. He explained the ladder system in understandable detail. Thanks and applause was given to David.

Discussion about making OPUS mandatory on OPUS days: We would need to present it to members but we decided to NOT make it mandatory. Joyce Honorof gave an update on women's OPUS. We do have several courts used on Mondays for OPUS. Joyce, Stephanie

Thomas and David Loendorf have been volunteering much time and effort over several years to make this a beneficial program for our ladies. Thanks to them and the other volunteers for their time and making this program a success.

HOA 1 Chair Linda DePew report: Post Tension construction needs to be done on Courts 1-8. It would involve removing all vegetation, shed and the ramada by court 1 during construction. The budget for this is a big concern for the HOA 1 Board. It would take about 10 weeks for all eight and about 7 weeks for just courts 1-4 in 2017 and then another 7 weeks in 2018. Construction would likely be during April, May and June; the timing decision would be made by the contractor.

Bill Nagy asked about the difference between Scramble and OPUS. Scramble is more of a social time to play with different levels while OPUS is a ladder for having well-balanced matches. He went on to say that he is very pleased with OPUS; particularly the quality of the matches and the expanded number of players he's been paired with and against.

A proposal was made by Joyce Honorof for Nancy Frazer to use the computer program for women's OPUS schedule on Mondays. Board approved.

Discussion of STC/USTA member rating: Instead of completely un-linking STC/USTA ratings, TJ proposed that we work on this issue in the November 1st Board work session.

A Board Work Session is scheduled for November 1 at 4:15 in the Bob Cat room. Also we will also determine the wording on the new form for joining STC and renewing.

Provisional Process: Liam, Joyce Honorof and Stephanie Thomas gave an overview of the progress of the provisional process. After signing up for Provisional to move up a level, the player would need to complete 12 sets with 12 different players in a 3 month period. At this time it is proposed that there be players at the above level achieve an average of 45%. Another option would be the same amount of time, games and players but at the same level and achieve an average of 55%. A player would choose one or the other only. Liam agreed to same percentages for the men. Another important aspect would be to develop a provisional oversight committee with representatives of 3.0, 3.5, and 4.0 level players. Their goal would be to help the coordinators schedule matches within the chosen PP level and to monitor the provisional player's records. The Board gave approval of the plans. Dave Lamb suggested that another option might be that a club tennis Pro might be included to give an opinion, especially if the provisional player was close to succeeding. TJ relayed that there is limited support from the STC pros to be involved in the process.

Social Team Tennis - Ginger Riffel reported that STT is beginning January 18, 2017 at 12:45 PM. The final week is February 22. For six weeks on Wednesdays there will be separate men and women team matches with all levels playing. Sign-up sheets will be at the Tennis Center on Monday, January 2, 2017. This year we will have **two** sessions of **one hour** play each Wednesday on courts 1 -8. The goal is to shorten the time so everyone will stay for the social after matches.

EVERY TEAM WILL PLAY EVERY WEEK! There will be no byes.

Southwest USTA is now requiring that a membership fee be paid if USTA teams are using SB courts. Since our club paid the fee, it was proposed that all USTA SaddleBrooke team members are required to join STC. Motion passed and requirement begins beginning of 2017.

Adjournment was called by TJ at 5:43.

Submitted by Ginger Riffel and TJ Duffy standing in for Kay Sullivan. October 24, 2016