

STC BoD Meeting December 13, 2016

Bob Cat Room

Attending: TJ Duffy, Ginger Riffel, Bob Stocks, Kay Sullivan and 9 members

Call to order at 4:17 pm by Bob Stocks (his last board meeting)

Announcements by TJ

Thanked Bob Stocks for his service on the STC board.

Gene and Debbie McGeehan donated a Christmas tree for decorating the Tennis Center. Ornaments were donated by long-time member Don Pettit. TJ will photograph the cute tree.

Approval of BoD Minutes – Minutes of November 16, 2016 BOD meeting approved.

Treasurer Report and Budget – Bob

The check for the 2016 Holiday event was deposited in December so will be reflected in the fiscal 2017 accounting. Balances for accounts: Checking - \$19,881.85, Savings- \$2027.38 for a total of \$21,909.23. Question was raised as to why we have two accounts with interest rates so low. Riley shared that when he was treasurer six years ago, he established a savings account to take advantage of good interest rates. Since it is very difficult to open an account, we will keep the savings account.

Committee Reports

- **Social** – TJ for Debbie

The New Year's Eve social has 40 folks enrolled. There will be a raffle of tennis related items. Laura Ingold is the social chair for this event.

- **Update on Men's OPUS** – TJ for Liam/Chris

The men's OPUS is going well. A notice was sent to the membership announcing the OPUS is now an official part of OP. This was approved at the November member meeting.

There were questions about how the OPUS pairings were made especially regarding when non-OPUS players are signed up. These were clarified.

- **Update on Ladies' OPUS** – Stephanie

An issue has come up about OPUS ladies leaving the court early so Stephanie submitted a policy amendment that reads: *If a pair "retires" (leaves the court) prior to finish of the set for any reason than the clock running out or unplayable conditions, the reported score will be as follows for that set:*

*If the **non-retirees** are ahead, the score will stand as-is in the unfinished set.*

*If the **retirees** are ahead, the score for the unfinished set will not be entered into the computer.*

If the clock runs out before the end of the set, or if the court conditions are unplayable, the score will be posted as-is at the time the session ended.

The board approved the retirement policy with the caveat that it be modified after investigation to include injury or illness. This was preceded by a discussion of fair play. Frank Ruffin reported that two players did not show up for OP the prior morning. A review of the rules were made and those players should receive warnings.

Stephanie also reported that David had to make a change to the OPUS software to recognize the members who have not yet paid their dues for 2017.

- **HOA 1 Tennis Chair** - Linda Depew

1. The committee approved the dates for the 2017 Club Championship – March 27-April 8.
2. The committee is writing specs for the court replacements and will be sending them out for bid solicitation.
3. She announced that the STC may not mandate that USTA players be STC members. A complaint has been made to the HOA1 Rules Committee about the rule that was just published. Others joined in that the board had overstepped their authority on this. After much discussion, **the board agreed to rescind the new rule**. It will be the captain's duty to persuade or require that his or her team members join the STC.

- **HOA 2 Tennis Chair** - Riley Jackson

Nothing new to report.

- **2017 Social Team Tennis** – Ginger Riffel

1. Ginger has reserved courts and the patio for the duration of the event.
2. She requested approval to purchase two cases of balls for the event. Approved.
3. She asked whether we should play from 1-3 or 2-4. We voted for 1-3.
4. She stated that we need 56 players to make this work and that she still needed a men's coordinator. She will post the sign-up sheets this week and solicit for captains.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business –

- **Court 1 complaint** - Kay received a complaint about the safety of court 1. After much discussion, it was decided that it is no worse than court 2 and since all of the courts will be replaced next year, it was a non-issue. Ginger will inform the person of the board's decision.

- **2016 Winter Nationals Tournament**

From December 27 to 31 from 12-6pm, the Juniors' USTA Nationals will use our HOA1 courts for matches. The HOA will receive hourly rent. Water is required on the courts so we will have to set up coolers. TJ asked Linda to see if HOA would buy the water. We will need more maintenance of the rest rooms with so many visitors (parents, etc.) during that time. The last day may be tedious as our New Year's Eve social will be finishing up and will have to share the patio with the spectators.

- **UA Women's & Men's Tennis Team members + UA Cancer Center Event**

On Jan 21, there will be a fundraising event to support the UA Skin Cancer Institute, a non-gender specific cause. TJ has submitted the required paperwork to the UA. Four lady and four men Wildcat players will come to SaddleBrooke, and STC members can donate \$20 to have the opportunity to play with one of them. The Skin Cancer Institute will send a representative and set up a sunscreen station.

- **Transition of Kerio Email subscription process to Gmail**

TJ wants to further investigate changing from a subscription email service (Kerio) to a gmail group service. It will require testing and some administrative work from the coordinators to add and delete addresses but TJ believes it will be a better system and not as difficult to use. Riley said that if members do not want their email addresses to show on the website, that for a small fee, Bud could modify the screen to have a flag that would enable the address to be hidden. A motion to approve TJ further investigating this passed.

Comments & Questions from Attendees

Rick Waldorf raised the question from a previous meeting regarding our excess STC funds. He suggested that we could possibly sponsor a kid's program through the USTA. TJ ask Rick to come back with a list of options at the beginning of the year.

TJ added that as a board, we could donate \$1000 to the UA Skin Cancer Institute without having to go to the membership for a vote.

Respectively submitted by Kay Sullivan, December 14, 2016