

Minutes for May 13, 2020 STC Board Meeting via Zoom

**Call to Order**- Mike Oberski at 3:02 p.m.; all board members present

**Approval of March 4 Board Meeting Minutes** – Motion to approve Jim Marchisio, 2<sup>nd</sup> Joan Martin; minutes approved

**Announcements**- Mike Oberski

--the July 4 social will be cancelled because of a 1- month lead time to organize and we may not know if the patio will be open and we will be able to socialize

--HOA2 board has decided to put pickleball on Preserve courts 20, 21. The STC Board was not consulted or advised in advance about this. The board will be sending an email to the HOA2 Board immediately objecting to this and asking for a meeting with their board.

--The ball machine has now been moved adjacent to court 4.

--The patio floor at the tennis clubhouse will be redone next week and the patio not available during that time

--HOA1 installing RFID locks on the tennis courts shortly to prevent non-residents from using.

**Treasurer's Report** – Brian Stocks. There are a total of 442 members. There is \$29,035.37 in assets with a projected end of year balance of \$11,558.18. We have saved expenses lately with no socials, fewer hours for coordinators, no tennis clinics due to covid-19.

**Committee Reports**

--Request for funds for July 4 ice cream social. Since this activity has been cancelled, if there is a Labor Day social, the proposal is to increase the funds to \$500 for that event. Motion to approve \$500 by Janet Jensen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Marchisio; motion approved

**Old Business**

--Online Court Reservation – Karen MacPhail

The existing website was designed for Organized Play. For \$990, a feature can be added to allow members to book courts during non-prime time hours. Phase two at a cost of \$500 would allow members to book courts during prime time. Pros for using current system: Low learning curve because of familiarity; low cost to add on-line reservation. Cons: reliant on 1 programmer and webmaster with no succession plan; no event or survey capabilities; online collection of dues; only 1 person can make improvements/changes. The system cannot support other features that Club Express can provide.

The Club Express (CE) system used by four other clubs in Saddlebrooke was detailed. Their system can reserve courts; book events; do surveys; member voting; collect membership

dues, online store. The biggest cost consideration to STC is due to customizing for Organized Play pairings. Without seeing our coding for OP, CE provided a ballpark estimate of \$15-20,000. To cover this cost, the STC could require a 1-time fee to members of \$50-75. Without including OP, the start -up cost is \$2-4,000. In this example, the coordinators would still do the pairings for OP. Pros: for Club Express system: international company with robust training and member support; can provide items existing system cannot do – events, surveys, voting, payments, on-line store. Cons: One-time member charge (for the complete system); for either the base system or complete system there would be a member learning curve. There is a yearly membership cost based upon number of members; however this cost would be offset by our current retainer fees. It would be \$1,716 (based on 446 members) and we are currently paying \$2,000 for maintenance of the current system. We would still need a volunteer webmaster.

The difficulty in knowing how to proceed is how to get an accurate vote from all members whether they would be willing to pay a one-time fee for the Club Express. The Board will need to discuss how to accomplish this. If the vote is no, then we can proceed with just the on-line booking to the existing system.

The full presentation documents will be included at the website with the minutes.

New Business-none

Member Comments and Questions- none

Adjournment at 4:25

The next STC Board meeting will be September 17 at 3:00 with STC Membership meeting to follow