

STC Board Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2020 4:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

Call to Order – Jim Marchisio

- A. The STC Board was officially notified by the chairperson of the HOA1 Tennis Committee that HOA1 wanted the STC Board to vote on whether League play should be allowed at this time. This Board meeting is solely for the purpose of providing HOA1 that vote. This affects 1 USTA league concluding their season (2 teams) as well as any other league teams for the fall season.
- B. The following 2 recommendations were proposed by Joan Martin and seconded by Brian Stocks: (note: The recommendations were read in full and shown on the zoom screen)

#1) Recommend to the HOA1 Board that the 3 Home matches for the teams currently playing in the 65+ USTA league be allowed. This specifically is for STC Home matches only. STC would not host an opposing team's Home match as is sometimes done when courts are not available. The Home matches would require the following precautions be implemented:

No matches during Prime Time. So no STC member need be at the courts unless they choose to.

Masks must be worn by guests until they are on their assigned courts.

6' social distancing at all times.

No socializing before or after play.

Non-players not allowed—only guest players actually playing in the match are allowed.

Guest players must provide all their own equipment, including towels, water bottles, etc.

Home team must ensure guest players go directly to the assigned courts.

Guests must leave immediately after the match is completed.

Home team must notify the guest players in advance of these requirements and is responsible for monitoring compliance.

#2) Recommend to HOA1 Board that all League play, except for the completion of the 65+ Home matches, be temporarily suspended on HOA1 courts. This suspension to be reconsidered and extended or ended by January 14, 2021. The Home matches would require the following precautions to be implemented:

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The floor was opened to comments and questions by anyone attending the Zoom meeting. Approximately 23 members attended the meeting including all board members though not all members spoke.

The Board members then individually discussed the reasons for their votes. Brian Stocks stated that he was voting yes for both recommendations. Joan Martin said that SaddleBrooke is not a protected bubble as some residents think that it is because outsiders can come and go freely. She felt that because the USTA league players will be sanctioned for not completing their season, that with the safeguards in the recommendation, the players should be allowed to complete their 3 matches. She said that because there was concern by many members about outside players using the courts and since as a board member she represents the members, that any additionally league play should be suspended for the year. Janet Jensen said that she takes many precautions because of covid and takes the members concerns seriously. However, since the courts, tennis patio, and restrooms are not locked, there is no control over outsiders using those facilities including contractors, family and guests of residents. At this time HOA1 allows residents to reserve the tennis patio for a social event with up to 40 people allowed. Many of them may not live in the community. Janet felt that with the safeguards in the recommendation, that league play should finish. Jim Marchisio said that since Saddlebrooke is an open community with outsiders coming and going and with the safety recommendations, that it is riskier to go to the grocery store than to play a league match. Articles have shown that tennis is the least risky outdoor sport. Jim stated that he felt all league play should continue with the safeguards in place. At the conclusion the STC Board voted as follows:

Recommendation #1 was approved unanimously

Recommendation #2 was approved 3-1 (Jim Marchisio voted no and stated that he felt all leagues should be allowed to continue play at Saddlebrooke with the safety provisions recommended)

The recommendations will be given to HOA1 Board who will make the final decision and the STC will abide by their decision.

Jim Marchisio adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

