

SADDLEBROOKE HOA#1 TENNIS COMMITTEE

April 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes

(Revised 4/14/2017)

A meeting of the SaddleBrooke HOA #1 Tennis Committee was called to order at 3:30 pm on April 11, 2017 at the Tennis Center. Those in attendance were:

Linda DePew (Chair)	Fred Pilster (HOA#1 Board Representative)
Craig MacPherson (Member)	Sheryl Nugent (HOA#1 Fitness Center Director)
Randy Stolpe (Member)	Chris Romiti (HOA#1 Operations Manager)
Diane Ray (Member)	Riley Jackson (HOA#2 Tennis Committee Chair)
Steve Leane (Member/Secretary)	Darrell Jackson (STC President)

The minutes of the March 13, 2017 meetings were approved.

Court Replacement: The Courts 1-4 replacement project began April 3rd. To date all fencing has been taken down, the benches, supporting foundations, nets and posts removed, and the large oleander shrubs to the east of court 1 dug out by the roots and the holes filled to grade. Later this week the contractor will begin laying the forms followed by installing the ¼" steel cables spaced 30" apart in a checkerboard pattern. Upon completion of the above work, concrete pouring will commence, beginning on two separate nights at 2:00 a.m. in order to complete the pour before the heat of the day. All residents in the vicinity will be notified by the HOA once firm dates have been set. As the concrete begins to cure the tension in the cables will be increased to 30,000 pounds. Then the foundation will be given about four weeks for final cure and set up.

At Gary's suggestion, Linda asked Walter Fritz, a former video professional, to document the project with still and video photography to provide a permanent record of the work. He has begun this effort.

Linda will meet with Chris and Margaret Sayers to identify suitable benches to be purchased for use on the courts. The benches will be portable, not fixed, and will be constructed of a solid material, e.g. metal mesh coated with weather resistant plastic. Linda will bring her recommendation to the next Tennis Committee meeting for members' approval.

Court "speed" was discussed. Options include fast, medium and slow as determined by the coating materials used and the direction of the screed. A horizontal screed produces a slower bounce than a vertical one. Randy recommended, based on his experience with various surfaces, that the slower court would be most appropriate for SaddleBrooke and the committee agreed.

POP Tennis: Linda handed out an article that recently appeared in The Explorer regarding a new sport called "POP Tennis." This may be thought of a game mid-way between tennis and pickleball as it is played on a smaller court with lower nets, shorter paddles and a less lively ball. This presentation was for information only, and there is no movement to introduce the sport to SaddleBrooke at this time.

STC Update: Darrell reported on the very positive response to the club's recent Calcutta Tournament that replaced the club championships last month. 96 players participated on eight teams over a two-day period, and approximately 130 members attended pre- and post-play socials. It is anticipated that this format will be used again in 2018.

The club formed a new Member Orientation Committee chaired by Connie Kacer. It has become very active welcoming new members, producing a video of club activities shown on the STC's web site, with possible expansion to the HOA's websites. Randy suggested that this also be shown periodically on the TV in the clubhouse for members and guests.

The STC requested that it be allowed to begin its July 4th tennis social at 9 a.m., thus preempting the men's second OP session that day. Upon a motion and second, the Tennis Committee approved this schedule change.

A proposal was made by a member to change the STC's and HOA's Rules to permit 4.5-level USTA non-residents to compete on a SaddleBrooke sponsored league team. The STC Board considered this idea and it was not approved.

HOA#2 Update: Riley reported that courts #20-21 at The Preserve will be resurfaced upon completion of the courts 1-4 construction project. He also noted that new benches had been purchased for several courts, but that they were ordered in error, and he does not want them placed on the courts. Resolution of this matter pends.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the committee will be May 8, 2017 at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Leane, Secretary