

PINE LAKES TENNIS ASSOCIATION
WINTER ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MONDAY JANUARY 15, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by president, Terry Brush.

Board members present were Terry Brush, Frank Tivnan, Irwin Peters, Sharon Thomson, and Ruth Sarno.

There were six PLTA members present, making a total of 11.

MINUTES

Minutes from the spring meeting of March 13, 2023 had been sent to all members to review prior to the meeting. Terry asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the minutes as presented. There were none, so Sharon moved, and Rick seconded that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sharon gave the current balances and an income and expense report. The details of the treasurer's report are available in the secretary's binder. Sharon also reported that we currently have 39 paying members, with 38 having paid so far. We also have 5 members over 85 so a total of 44 members. Frank moved and Cam seconded that the treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

BOARD ELECTION REPORT

Cam is chairing the nominating committee and will be accepting nominees and candidates for the board election which will be held at the Spring meeting on March 11. There will be two members going off the board, Ruth and Terry. Anyone interested in being on the board should contact Cam Thomson.

UPCOMING ELS TOURNAMENT

Sandy reported on the upcoming ELS tournament with Lake Fairways. Rich Newman will be doing the pairings with the program they have. Sandy is keeping a close eye on the weather, as we may need a later start time. Also, will decide on a 7 or 9 game format. It will be no-Ad scoring to keep the matches moving along. Sandy also reported on the numbers of participants.

WINTER DANCE

Cam reported on the winter dance. We have sold 130 tickets. With the ticket sales and the income from 50/50 he anticipates a profit of \$100. Should be a really fun night with the combined format of Pickleball, Pine Lakes tennis and Lake Fairways tennis being included.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 24th and 25th is the next Pine Lakes/ Lake Fairways tournament. Lake Fairways will be hosting it. Sandy will be acting as coordinator.

March 11 will be the Spring General meeting with the election being held at that meeting.

March 17 will be our year end tournament to wrap up the season with a fun, social event. Ruth volunteered herself and Maggie to come up with a theme and a format.

TENNIS TEAM REPORTS

SWIFT: Sandy said the ladies are having fun and are in lock step with the men's White team.

WHITE: Rick reported that the team is currently in last place but has had some good matches.

BLUE: Frank reported that the Blue team is 1-1. They are doing ok but badly need subs. They are struggling to fill out the roster each week.

Terry reported that the Pickleball use of Court 3 seems to be working out fine.

NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT

Frank Tivnan reported that we have done everything we can to reach people and promote tennis. We have taken out a full page ad in the Directory so every household will have the information. Volunteers delivered 110 brochures to new residents. Thanks to those volunteers. He says we have gotten one new member as a result of the promotion.

Frank has asked other parks if they are having similar problems and it is not just us. Golf in Pine Lakes is also losing members. Kathy Paterson brought up the fact that so many people are taking up Pickleball. Frank said that there seems to be a lot of younger people moving in and wondered why some of them aren't trying tennis. Frank is bringing it up at the Saturday coffees also and will put up two more posters. Great job Frank. You've worked very hard and left no stone unturned.

Rick suggested that we talk to the Pickleball players at the dance and see if we can get some of them to try tennis.

Don Smidt told us about what his club back home does by providing a social tennis format one day or night a week. It would be similar to the Whatever league we used to have, but have this on the weekend, maybe Friday or Saturday afternoon or early evening. Then maybe follow it with Pizza and a social time. Cam volunteered to try to organize a Friday or Saturday event, maybe eventually inviting Lake Fairways to be a part of it also, calling it Lakes Tennis.

Sharon Thomson asked if it would be possible to remove the windscreen netting from the outside of the gates and put them inside. The way they've been installed covers the signs making it impossible to read them. We will look at them and see if we can just move them inside without getting ELS Involved.

PRESIDENT'S ELS UPDATE

Terry reported on his meetings and numerous follow ups with Kevin, of ELS

The finished projects are as follows:

Holes on courts have been filled

Old fence sections and canopy poles have been removed

New clock has been purchased

Pickleball lines are painted on Court #3

ELS will blow off courts and empty trash daily Monday- Friday

Plate cover needed for electric box on Court 2

New wind socks purchased

Medical supply box serviced

Ongoing concerns and discussions with Kevin (*Kevin's responses in italics*)

The gates on all courts need adjustments. Some will not lock and others are crooked (*maintenance will look at the problem, 1/10/24 said should be done soon*)

Wind screens should be on the inside of the fence with wind circles cut out (*work was done before he arrived. He will check with contract to see if contractor can come back. Follow up meeting, screens will be left as is for the rest of the season then taken down and sent to factory to refit and cut holes in. Follow up, this should be done this summer.*)

The center tie down hook needs replaced on Court #1 Numerous follow ups, (*As of January 10, he will have maintenance look at it again*)

When will the courts be resurfaced? Numerous follow ups (*Courts will be done this summer*)

Courts need new posts and cranks for the nets. (*This will be part of the resurfacing project*)

When will the canopies be replaced? Numerous follow ups (*Should be done by the end of March*)

Could a defibrillator be purchased and placed on the Pickleball Shed for use by both groups? (*ELS is working on a policy for all properties. No time line. As of 1/10 he will follow up with ELS*)

Will ELS continue to sponsor the Friendship Tournaments with Lake Fairways and Pine Lakes? (*Invoice for \$750 was approved and paid. Will not be able to do a lunch but will give \$200 in Pub Gift Certificates*)

Can lighting be repaired or new installed on Court #3 for tennis and pickleball use? (*1 / 10/24 will still try to get lights upgraded*)

The trees around the tennis courts need to be trimmed. Numerous follow ups (*1/10/24 When a crew comes in to Pine Lakes he will have them look at the trees around the courts.*)

Hitting wall is in bad shape and needs to be replaced. (*This will be part of the court resurfacing project*)

This completed Terry's report on his ongoing communications with Kevin. Thanks Terry for the numerous hours and meetings you've had on behalf of the Tennis Association and the results you've been able to achieve.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Frank Tivnan expressed how essential the canopies are. We were told we have no input in what will be done. ELS will replace what we had and nothing more.

Having no further discussion from the floor, Cam moved and Frank seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:48.

Respectively submitted,

Ruth Sarno, Secretary