

PINE LAKES TENNIS ASSOCIATION
WINTER ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY JANUARY 17, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by President Ruth Sarno.

Board Members in Attendance: Ruth Sarno, Ed Dukes, Jill Brush, Hayes Harp, Rick Shaw and Sandy Milley

Commissioner: Randy Markham

Regrets from the Board: Irwin Peters

PLTA Members Present : 23

TREASURER'S REPORT

Note: The last Winter Annual General Meeting took place on January 20, 2020, (due to Covid.) Therefore two reports were given.

The beginning and the ending balances for the 2020-2021 were shared by the Treasurer, Jill B.

The beginning and ending balances to date for 2021-2022 were shared by Jill.

These full reports will be filed with the minutes of this meeting.

Hayes H. motioned to accept both Treasurer's Reports as reported. Bill C. seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

MINUTES

Minutes from the Annual General Meeting of Monday January 20, 2020 were read by the Secretary, Sandy M. (This was the last AGM held due to Covid.) There were no additions, deletions, or concerns. Randy M. made a motion to approve the minutes. John D. seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ruth began by stating that it would be a short report. She spoke about the association being considerably smaller that it once was, but she has seen lots of tennis happening and that everyone is continuing to enjoy themselves playing tennis and taking part in the activities offered.

Ruth gave thanks to all those that are contributing to the needs of tennis and the association. When a need develops there is always someone there to step up.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

The upcoming Party / Dance will take place on Thursday, January 27th. It is called the Double the Fun Tennis Party. Ruth shared that there will be Wine, Cheese and Dessert, and music provided by Linda Smith. Lake Fairways has been invited to this event.

A concern was made in the form of a question, asking why with so many concerns regarding Covid all around us that an outside community was invited. The board shared their reasoning for including Lake Fairways, including that it would be important to keep this event going and in order to do so, numbers would be required to “keep it alive.” Then some members of the membership added their thoughts. Ruth shared that there will be safety protocols in place regarding the tables, hand sanitizer available, food... etc.

It was felt that the event should continue as planned. These are not normal times and people will make their personal decision based on their comfort level. Everyone’s decision would be respected.

A motion was then made by Terry B. to continue the event as planned. Ron G. seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Sandy M. gave an update on the ELSGood Neighbor Tournament. The postponed Sunday Mixed Doubles portion will now take place on Sunday, January 23rd with the same starting time. There will likely be some changes to the original schedule due to the addition of some players, who are now available, and the fact that some players are no longer available.

Tennis Team Reports

Swift - Cully was thrilled to share that the team is doing fabulously and the ladies on the team are amazing. She is very happy being captain of such a great team. Starting on Thursday, the team will begin to have many players returning to Pine Lakes. The team is currently in 3rd place and will be playing the first place team, Lake Fairways, this week.

Blue - Ed. shared that the blue team has 14 roster members. He shared that the team voted to be all inclusive. He consistently has 9 or 10 men who wish to play each week, so he has to work hard to come up with an inclusive playing schedule each week. Tara Woods added a team to the league. Pine Lakes play Lake Fairways this week, so they are hopeful for some wins. He stressed that keeping players happy is the goal.

White - Steve reported that they have not yet had their full roster. Unfortunately each week, someone has not been available to play. The team is in 2nd place at this point. Steve briefly discussed the issue that some of the league's other parks continue to add new players from outside their team's home park, which makes it sometimes difficult for Pine Lakes to be competitive. He added that in the future he sees that the allowing of outside players to play in a park that is not their home park will cause difficulty in the white league, as it did for the red league.

Rogue Red Team - Terry shared that this team is so appreciative to have the use of the Pine Lakes for their home games. They don't have a winning record yet, but some games have been very competitive. Once again, Ron G. expressed his thanks to the board for the use of the courts.

Whatever/ Whoever - Ed shared that at the moment they are very short on people. Normally just one court is used.

Commissioner's Report - Randy shared that he had nothing to report at the time. The sign up sheets will go up February 14th to begin the team selection process.

OLD BUSINESS

Court conditions discussions began. Ruth spoke with Vianney at ELS. Resurfacing the courts is not likely in the budget for this year, but it will hopefully be in the budget for next year. Vianney is aware that our expectation is for the courts to be resurfaced and that in the meantime the cracks and ant situation will receive attention.

The need for new Canopies was discussed. Sue H. shared that the current canopies were purchased 5 years ago and unfortunately the warranty has expired. Sue will be meeting with another company, (as Canvas Covering no longer supplies this product,) at the end of this week to discuss replacing the canopies or what may be required. Sue will contact Vianney at ELS to discuss this matter further. Going forward, Sue will keep the Board posted as to what she finds out.

It was decided to put the painting of the old frames on hold as new ones may be required.

It was shared that the lights on Court 3 continue to be on at odd times, sometimes all day and that they can't be turned off. It is believed that ELS is aware of this.

Flowers will be sent from the Pine Lakes Tennis Association to Linda Robert's Celebration of Life. Jill will take care of it. Ed made this motion many seconded the motion and all were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Volunteers needed—Anyone wishing to become involved in some upcoming events should offer their services to anyone on the board. The board is looking for people to write articles for the Whispering Pines, assist with upcoming tennis tournaments, and become involved in finding new candidates for the board. Elections will take place mid March.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Change to Team Selection Process An inquiry from the floor was made to ask if the team selection deadline for the adding of new players could be changed. After a brief discussion of some pros and cons, Steve and Cully will prepare a motion for the board to allow changes to team rosters until the commencement of the season in the fall. Then the board would proceed with informing the membership that a motion has been made to make a change to the team selection process, and hence a change in the by-laws, which will require the membership to vote on the proposed change.

Reducing the number of board members from 7 to 5 was discussed.

A motion was made by Maggie. G. stating that as the membership is currently at 52, the board could be reduced from 7 members to 5 members. The board would hold an emergency meeting to vote on this motion. Kathy P. seconded this motion. All were in favor. Ruth will work on the wording of this motion that will require a vote by the membership, as she did something similar in the past.

To summarize, there is a need to have these two motions above voted on by the PLTA membership (as they will change the By-laws,) prior to the Spring Annual General Meeting, therefore an additional General Meeting will be set in order to present these motions to the membership for a vote. Details will be sent out regarding the wording of the motions, the date and time of this needed general meeting, and the process for voting by absentee ballot.

Ron G. inquired as to why the “85+ 10 years / fees no longer required” is set at 10 years? The action on this is that the Board will have a look at it at the next board meeting.

Kathy P. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve C. seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:17.

Respectively submitted by,

Sandy Milley
PLTA Secretary

