

**Pine Lakes Tennis Association
Organizational Meeting
for the 2020/2021Tennis Season**

The Organizational Meeting that would have occurred in the spring of 2020 was unable to take place. Instead, an Organizational Meeting was conducted through a series of phone calls and emails during the last week of September 2020.

Below serves as a summary of what transpired.

Members Present; (i.e. those included in emails and phone calls,) Randy Markham, Jill Brush, Joan McGrath, Ed Dukes, Irwin Peters, Hayes Harp and Sandy Milley

Randy Markham, the PLTA President for the 2018- 2019 and the 2019-2020 tennis seasons, initiated an email on September 26, 2020. In this email, Randy outlined that the first order of business should be to decide on the officers and then secondly, the dividing up of responsibilities. He stated that he would not be able to fulfill the position of President for another year and would like someone else to take on that position. He felt the position of President should be held by someone who would be able to be at Pine Lakes. He requested our thoughts.

This resulted in discussions via emails and phone calls with various ideas being circulated. It should be noted that due to the restrictions, due to Covid, and family situations, some people were not able to commit to getting to Pine Lakes in the fall and possibly even longer.

After receiving the responses, Randy then sent an email stating that he had come up with a great solution and he was proactive in initiating the needed procedures. Unfortunately, the solution for leadership for the Board and the Association was to accept Randy's resignation. This then left a position available. As has been done in the past when a Board member resigns, the Board is then able to appoint a new member. In this case, Randy had a person that was willing to take on the position.

Randy ended his email by stating, *"I want to thank the members of the association who served on the board for the past two years. I feel we did*

the best we could to have a smooth running association and meet the organization's mission statement. Thanks, Randy”

Next, through emails, Randy’s resignation was accepted. Randy was thanked for the great leadership and guidance that he provided. Sue was also thanked for all she did over the years, supporting the tennis association. Communications then flowed back and forth regarding the filling of the various positions on the Board.

In the end, the following was agreed upon by all.

The March 16, 2020, Spring Annual General Meeting did not occur due to “Covid Restrictions.” At that time Ed Dukes, Hayes Harp and Irwin Peters were to formally accept positions on the PLTA Board, (as there were an equal number of nominees and positions.) It had been hoped to reschedule a meeting for the fall to do so, but, at this point in time, that will not likely occur. Therefore, the Board recognized Ed Dukes, Hayes Harp and Irwin Peters as 2020/2021 Board Members.

Sandy Milley put forth a motion to appoint Ruth Sarno to the PLTA Board and to request her to accept the position of President. Jill Brush seconded this motion and all members were in favor.

Ruth accepted both the appointment to the Board and the position of President.

2020/2021 PLTA BOARD MEMBERS

President - Ruth Sarno

Vice President - Ed Dukes

Treasurer - Jill Brush

Secretary - Sandy Milley

(-with modifications made to responsibilities, as she is likely not able to be present at Pine Lakes until the new year.)

Officer-at-large - Joan McGrath

Voting Member - Hayes Harp

Voting Member - Irwin Peters

Other points that were made during discussions are as follows:

Secretary Position — Sandy shared that the nature of the Secretary's position is one of communicating. In 2019-2020, some of this communication took the form of emailing the membership, with informative information and working with Gary Walkling in getting a new PLTA Website available on the ourpinelakes.com site, and the posting of items on the website. These items can be done from anywhere.

Taking minutes from "creative meetings," so far has been easily done, but the concern arose, how will she be able to do this effectively, if she is not able to be at Pine Lakes any time this year?

Another role that is part of the Secretary's responsibilities has been the posting of the Weekly Schedules on Saturday mornings at 9:00. This concern has been addressed. Ed has consented to completing and posting the Weekly Schedules. Thanks Ed.

Ball Machine — Once again through a series of emails and phone calls the following took place. Ed put through a motion to purchase a new ball machine. He provided the rationale for this motion. Jill seconded this motion and the motion passed. On the request of a couple of Board members, Sandy has sent an email to Jeff Belle (Pine Lakes, General Manager for ELS) asking if ELS would assist with the purchase of a new ball machine. A "Tennis Tower Classic" has been purchased from the manufacturer for \$1,475.00, with free shipping, no taxes and a three year warranty. Thanks Ed, Jill and Terry. Sandy has yet to hear back from Jeff.

Ruth's acceptance email included the following;

"I am honored to have been asked to fill his (Randy's) position and look forward to being a part of this board. I do accept the position. We've got such a great mix of people and will have some new challenges to deal with, but know we will work together moving ahead as a team to bring the best experiences to our members."

Respectively submitted,

Sandy Milley
PLTA Secretary