

PINE LAKES TENNIS ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
Monday January 10, 2022

Board members present: Ruth Sarno, Ed Dukes, Irwin Peters, Hayes Harp and Sandy Milley

Regrets: Jill Brush and Rick Shaw

PLTA members present: nil

President, Ruth Sarno, called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm

MINUTES

Everyone had an opportunity to read the minutes from December 6, 2021, prior to the meeting. There were no amendments or changes to be made. Irwin moved to accept the minutes and Ed seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In Jill's absence, Sandy gave a copy of the Treasurer's Report to Ruth and then Sandy read the report. This copy was kept by Sandy to add to the minutes and place in the "minute binder." A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report by Ed and it was seconded by Irwin. All were in favor. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) The sound system is now being stored at Ed's home.
- 2) ELS Good Neighbor Tournament - The following was shared and discussed;
 - Saturday AM - only banana and clementines will be offered
 - through out both days water and gator-aid will be available
 - Sunday's closing meal will take place in the Pine Lakes Clubhouse after the completion of Sunday's play
 - this meal is currently being worked on with Brian at the Pine Lakes Pub
 - this year we will need to complete the "Pine Lakes Facility Reservation Overview" forms
 - two flights are likely for both men and women

3) Court Use Finalization

Part 1

Discussion took place regarding some irregularities that have taken place during the past few months as they pertain to court sign up and the addition of players to a team. After discussion took place it was felt that the following be included in the minutes. Not doing so may only create issues and set some precedent.

The Board acknowledges that during the past months, that times have not been normal here at Pine Lakes. Many Board members and the Commissioner were not present in order to conduct business as usual. As a result, some of the procedures and processes as outlined in the PLTA Handbook / Bylaws were not followed as they pertain to Court Sign Up and the Team Selection Process. Going forward all PLTA By-laws will be followed as written.

Regarding the Court Sign Up, no one will be permitted to block off court time, unless it has been made part of the plan by the Court Use Committee and then adopted by the Board.

Regarding Team Selection, no teams will be permitted to add players to their roster after the March deadline unless they seek approval under "League Play - 7. Exceptions, which reads, "Requests to any of the above processes can be brought forward by a Team Captain to the Commissioner(s) and/ or the Board of Directors for consideration.

Part 2

The discussion then continued with regard for the allocation of 3 courts for the Blue practice.

Sandy presented a rationale for the for allocation of 3 courts for Blue practice and then following that there was discussion as to why this may not be in everyone's best interest.

The rationale for approval was given as follows;

1) The need is there. The Blue team as of the end of March 2021 had 14 players on their roster. Had the Court Use Committee met in the spring, after the formation of the new board, the team would have likely requested the use of 3 courts at that time. Although the team's roster has changed since March 2021, with the deletion of players and the addition of players, it needs to be noted that the fact remains that there are 14 players are on the Blue roster.

2) The history of the Blue team over the years should be used as a reason for the use of 3 courts. The PLTA Team Selection Process is such that the Blue team is the team, as the result of the moving down process, that becomes the last competitive league

division where men can play. Men sign for either the Red, the White or the Blue teams. To quote the process from the By-laws, "Anyone signing up for a higher league level that is not selected at that level will automatically be considered for the lower level."

In March of 2020 the Red team folded and those Red players signed up for White for the next year. This resulted in a large number of men on the White sign up sheet and through the team selection process, one White team was formed which then meant that some White players were then moved down to the Blue team. The decision on the Blue team was to accept all players who wished to play and hence the team resulted in 14 players. There is no other venue or place for men to enjoy league play.

3) Practising with the team, whether they play on any given week or not, is all part of the experience of being on a team. Providing three courts for practice will allow all men wishing to experience being a member of a team the opportunity to enjoy the "team experience."

Discussion occurred regarding the above rationale.

Following that discussion other points were shared that it was not necessarily in the best interest to all PLTA members to allocate 3 courts. Their points were;

- In the past, teams were only allowed to have 10 players on a team, which meant there was no need to have more than two courts.

- If you added more players then those players that were added were added as subs and could not take away court time for practice or league play from a player on the roster when the team was originally formed.

- In the past the Board was put in an awkward situation and was asked to make decisions regarding team play.

During this discussion, the current by-laws were reviewed and it was determined that there is currently no limit on the number of players a team can have.

Going forward, it was recommended that before this year's Team Selection process begins that players are aware that the number of players on a team will not necessarily transfer to the plan that the Court Use Committee will take to the Board. In other words, just because a team has elected to have a large team, it may or may not translate to being allocated three courts. As outlined in the By-laws, The Board will consider the plan presented by the Court Use Committee and then vote to adopt a court use plan.

Once discussion ended the following motion was made by Sandy and seconded Irwin.

"The Blue team will be allocated three courts on Wednesdays at 9:30 for the remainder of the Winter Season, which will end April 30, 2022."

A vote was taken and the motion passed.

It is noted that, although a board member had nothing against the approved motion, the board member did feel that it was not in the association's best interest. It is hoped that this situation, as it developed this year, is discussed further prior to this spring's Court Use Committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Conditions of the courts — Ruth and Irwin will request that a representative from ELS meet with them to have a site visit on the courts. At that time they will discuss the surface of the courts, the canopies and the first aid kit.

In the meantime, bungee cords with the ball knobs have been purchased. The plan is to replace all of the bungee cords and hopefully have ELS pay for these. In addition the vertical poles will be painted a bright color. Hayes volunteered to oversee this.

2) A new First Aid Kit will be purchased and installed at the courts. The current one is no longer maintained by ELS. It was suggested that the PLTA membership is made aware of the location of the closest Defibrillator which is inside the Clubhouse Lobby on the back left by the telephone. A second Defibrillator is located outside of the Golf Pro Shop. The nearest ELS maintained First Aid Kit is located in the Fitness Room.

In order to reflect the above, the following motion was made by Irwin and second by Ruth. The PLTA will purchase 5 packages of bungee cords, for approximately \$12 each (each package containing of 25 bungee cords) and a new First Aid Kit for \$112. All were in favor.

3) At March 2, 2020's Board Meeting a suggestion was made by Steve Coy to hold discussions, regarding the Team Selection Process, to move this process to November. There would be pros and cons to this but discussions should begin in the fall. As there was no fall of 2020 or fall of 2021 for the Board, it was decided to discuss it at this meeting.

Regarding the Team Selection process some history was shared by Randy, regarding the recent changes made to the Team Selection process. Following that, some examples for the need to add players to a team or allow players to change to a different team were cited and it was felt that these considerations would be provided for under "League Play - 7. Exceptions, which reads, "Requests to any of the above processes can be brought forward by a Team Captain to the Commissioner(s) and/ or the Board of Directors for consideration.

It was determined that anyone wishing to make changes to a team could make a request to do so. Another point made, was if we were to wait until November that it present other issues, for the leagues and the court use at Pine Lakes. It was also noted

that as long as our teams comply with the team's league rules, then we should consider any changes necessary for the enjoyment of team play.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday February 7, 2022 at 3:00 in the living room.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Hayes and seconded by Irwin. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 pm.