

Pine Lakes Tennis Assoc. Minutes

March 4, 2024

President Terry Brush called the meeting to order at 3 PM

Board Members Present were Terry Brush, Sharon Thomson, Frank Tivnan, Irwin Peters, Ruth Sarno and Commissioner Randy Markham

Association members present were, Sandy Milley, Rick Coats, Cam Thomson and Jill Brush

Minutes from the previous meeting had been reviewed by the board members prior to the meeting. Irwin moved and Sharon seconded that the minutes be approved as presented. Motion passed.

The Treasurer's report was presented by treasurer Sharon Thomson. Sharon explained that there was no income this month but she had made a withdrawal to bolster the misc. funds used for small items. Irwin moved and Terry seconded that the treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

New Member Solicitation Brochures and Efforts:

Frank said he would give an update on the pennants and posters at the next meeting. There was discussion regarding the posters and easels and if we should leave them out through the summer. It was decided to store them and put them back out in September. Frank wants to get two more easels. The cost was already in his budget so he will go ahead and get them.

Court Etiquette

There have been some concerns regarding the lack of observing court etiquette. Mainly the problem has been with people entering the courts and walking in and across during play. These issues will be addressed by the new board. Everyone should be reminded of the common courtesies of tennis.

ELS Friendship Tournaments:

The second tournament was held February 24 and 25 and was hosted by Lake Fairways. A huge thanks to Sandy and everyone who helped to make it a success. There were concerns that the pairings, because of the computer program used, were identical to the first tournament. Sandy has said that when we host next year she will manually create pairings. Frank also commented that there were some pretty unbalanced matches. We will try to tweak the whole process next year.

Nomination Committee Report

We have two members whose terms are ending this year. Rick Coats and Randy Markham have agreed to fill the two vacancies on the board. We will take nominations from the floor at the annual meeting. There was a question regarding a quorum, but it was felt that would not be a problem as we only require 30% to fill a quorum. The secretary will be putting a notice on the tennis board regarding the meeting and the election as per the bylaws.

End of Season Spring Fling Event

Ruth reported that she and Maggie would like to change the date from Sunday the 17th of March to Sunday the 24th.

It would give more time and also would take place after the leagues, except for the white team, had completed their seasons. Ruth also reported that she and Maggie want to have a “Wine , Beer and Cheese Reveal” on Monday the 11th right after the annual meeting. This will add to the anticipation of the event, and hopefully generate more interest and participation.

Ruth and Maggie are also asking for a maximum budget of \$500 with the promise that they will most likely be significantly under. After further discussion, Irwin moved and Frank seconded that the date be changed and the budget be approved. Motion carried

ELS COURT UPDATE:

Terry reported that he has tried several times to speak with Kevin of ELS for updates on court improvements. He has not been able to talk with him. We were previously told the canopies would be up by the end of March. We have heard the canopies are here but there is no one to put them up. Terry had been told that the company would duplicate what we had and do nothing more.

NEW BUSINESS

Swift Team Court Usage

Sandy asked about scheduling practice/warmup time for the Swift ladies at 9:00 when there is a home match. The matches start at 10. Currently, there is not enough time for everyone to get an adequate warmup prior to the match. There is no warmup time allowed between matches so they need access to the courts earlier on match days. This would involve the 8:00 group giving up one court at 9:00.

Ruth moved and Irwin, seconded that they be given the use of the court at 9:00 on match days. Motion carried.

Team Signup Report

Commissioner Randy Markham reported that all signups have been completed.

Swift 15 ladies

Blue 7 men

White 7 men, Irwin has already been elected captain

Irwin reported that the team has decided not to have practices next year. They would like to change their match time to 9:30. They will be contacting the other teams and the league chair regarding a time change.

MIXED DOUBLES LADDER

Cam suggested that he would like to look into forming a mixed doubles ladder competition for next season. The format would be similar to the pickleball ladder. The board asked Cam to see what we could put together. Everyone was enthusiastic about the potential for a new tennis activity.

UNAUTHORIZED USE OF EQUIPMENT

Sandy presented a letter to be posted on the tennis equipment shed. The ball machine is the sole property of the PLTA and should not be used by non members or non residents. There have been unauthorized people using it recently. The letter and a notice will be laminated and posted on the shed.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

The board also reviewed the definition of Associate membership. An associate member is one who is on a team and has paid dues for that purpose only and has no other rights as a member, such as voting, reserving court time or using PLTA equipment.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

Jill suggested we do something to honor John Seiler for being such an inspiration and ambassador for tennis at Pine Lakes. His picture on the promotional literature has impressed a lot of people. John will be honored on Sunday the 24th in conjunction with the Spring Fling Fun Day.

Irwin moved and Ruth seconded that we issue a certificate of recognition to John Seiler. Motion passed.

Frank moved and Ruth seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 4:05

The next meeting will be our annual meeting on March 11, 2024.

Respectively submitted by,
Ruth Sarno,
Secretary