

PINE LAKES TENNIS ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MONDAY FEBRUARY 21 , 2022

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm by President Ruth Sarno.

Board Members in Attendance: Ruth Sarno, Ed Dukes, Irwin Peters, Hayes Harp, Rick Shaw and Sandy Milley. Regrets were sent by Jill, but she did arrive about half way through the meeting.

Commissioner, Randy Markham sent his regrets.

PLTA Members Present : The number present for the entire meeting was 25. Three people arrived at 3:00 to vote and then left. Four people arrived late to the meeting, but had already cast absentee ballots.

The number of Absentee Ballots handed in prior to the meeting was 7.

A quorum of 17 members (1/3 of 55) was needed and was reached. The voting slated for later in the meeting would then proceed.

As this was not an Annual General Meeting there was no Treasurer's Report, nor were minutes from the past meeting read.

UPDATES — Ruth shared the following items:

Pickleball Use of the Courts

The Board approved the Pickleball group to have use of court #3 on Mondays and Thursdays at 4:00 until about the 17th of March. She shared that this comes under the category of being a good neighbor. It is going very well.

Upcoming Events

The 2nd ELS Tournament is coming up this weekend. The luncheon and prizes will take place at Lake Fairways following Sunday's games. Ruth asked that If you have not already done so, please sign up.

The Annual Meeting and Election will be held on March 14th at 3:00. It was shared that there are 2 candidates at the present time. Ruth hoped that more candidates could be found to have a "true election."

The Spring Dance is on Tuesday March 15, at 5:30pm. It will be called TENNIS CARNIVALE, with a Mardi Gras theme. There will be prizes to win and beads to collect. The dinner will be catered by Olive Garden, where people will build their own pasta dish. The cost will be \$15.00. Cam will be the DJ for the event. Look for the sign up sheet and poster regarding this event on the bulletin board soon.

A reminder was given regarding the Team Sign-up Schedule. The lists will come down on February 28th and the Commissioner, Randy will be on hand after March 3rd to hold meetings with teams if the teams desire his assistance.

Sandy gave a brief update on recent communications with ELS. Recently a letter was sent to Vianney, the Assistant General Manager for PL and Natalie, the District Manger for Equity Lifestyles. A draft of this letter composed by Sandy was shared with the Board and then a final version was sent. This letter served to request that ELS pay for 1/2 of the canopies for which Sue H. obtained a quote in the amount of \$2538. Secondly this letter requested an on-site visit on the tennis courts to discuss the repairs and resurfacing needs. This letter also requested assurance that our court concerns have been heard and that the ELS would put money into their upcoming budget.

Sandy then gave an update on the repairs on the roof at the back of court #2 and the installation of the First Aid Kit. They will hopefully be done within the week, if not Sandy will follow up.

Ruth then asked if there were questions from the floor, of which there was a few; regarding ants on the court and the resurfacing.

Ruth then reminded everyone of the Spring Tournament March 20th & 21st (a Sunday, Monday tournament.)

Sandy handed out the two ballots for today's vote, which people could follow along with as they were reviewed and recapped. Ruth spoke about the first item, which was the amendment to have 5 board members, a change from 7. She reiterated that it would still be a staggered approach with 2022 having 3 board members remaining and 2 board members being elected. In 2023 it would follow that 2 members would remain and 3 new members elected.

Next Sandy shared information regarding the second vote. She shared a summary of the few words removed from the current by-laws and what was added. In the end, these few changes would allow for the adding of new players to be in line with the men's and women's leagues.

Discussion then took place regarding a couple of scenarios that could take place regarding team selection. After discussion and questions being answered by Steve and Sandy and others contributing their thoughts, it was felt that there was not a need to tweak the wording as the language written was clear and precise to handle concerns.

Then voting took place. Thirty-five votes were cast, with 100% in favor on both ballots. The changes to Article IX and League Play came into effect immediately.

Under Article IX, it will now read;

a) The Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors composed of five (5) persons. Directors must be members in good standing of the Pine Lakes Tennis Association, who are owners of homes on leased or estate property. Each director shall hold office for the term for which he is elected and until his successor is elected. All directors will be elected for a two (2) year term. It is the intention of these bylaws that a staggered Directorate be maintained beginning with the 2022 annual meeting and election, with two (2) persons being elected for two years and three (3) board members completing the final year of their two year term. To maintain a staggered directorate, the board may hold seats in future elections open for one or two year terms, when necessary or appropriate. In such cases those receiving the higher number of votes shall be elected to the longer term.

b) The presence of three (3) of the directors, one of whom must be President or Vice President, shall be necessary at any meeting to constitute a quorum to transact business..... (no further changes...)

- c) The Board of Directors, at their annual meeting, following the Association annual meeting shall elect a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and an Officer At Large.
- d) (no changes)
- e) (no changes)
- f) Duties of Officers...remain the same (with the deletion of voting members.)

Under League Play, it will now read;

2. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- a) All Team Members must be members of the Pine Lakes Tennis Association and current residents of Pine Lakes for at least two (2) consecutive months. Participation and play in the North Ft. Myers leagues is governed by appropriate league by-laws. In the event a men's team or a women's team requires an additional qualified player or players from outside of Pine Lakes, all qualified candidates within Pine Lakes must be given first consideration. The player or players must become a Pine Lakes Tennis Association associate member and pay the annual membership fee. Associate players are restricted to a maximum of three (3) players per team. In addition, an associate player or players can only play on a year to year basis.
- b)(no changes)
- c) A New Player arriving at Pine Lakes after the teams are formed will be considered for a team.
- i)(no changes)
- ii)(no changes)
- d) When circumstances warrant a qualified player (see 2a) can be recruited for a team after the team's formation in March. In order to recruit a player the team's captain must first seek the approval, with a majority vote, from their team to add a new player to their roster.

3) TEAM SIGN-UP SHEETS

Sign up sheets for each of men's and women's league teams for the next fall/winter season will be posted from February 14th to February 28th of each year. Anyone signing up for a higher league level that is not selected at that level will automatically be considered for the next lower level. Players must be signed up to be considered for team selection, as requesting a spot on a team, at a later date, may not be approved.

4. TEAM FORMATION(no changes)

5. SCHEDULE FOR TEAM FORMATION.....(no changes)

6. SELECTION OF TEAM CAPTAIN

- a)..... (no changes)

b)..... (no changes)

c) Team Rosters and Substitute Lists will be submitted by the captain to the respective league coordinators when requested to do so.

7. EXCEPTIONS.....(no changes)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:34