

PINE LAKES TENNIS ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING  
Monday March 2, 2020

Board members present were; Randy Markham, Ron Garcia, Sharon Thomson, Joan McGrath, Jill Brush and Sandy Milley

Regrets from Rick Shaw

The two Commissioners were also present; Pete McGrath and Ruth Sarno

PLTA members present at the meeting were; Maggie Garcia, Steve Coy, John Davis, Rick Coats, Cathy Peters, Cam Thomson, Morgan Schafer, Sue Halverson and Cully Swinford

President, Randy Markham, called the meeting to order at 3:02

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Jill shared the Treasure's report as of March 2, 2020. A copy of this report is inserted in these minutes.

Opening Balance \$7,551.29  
Income \$704.14  
Expenses \$ \$304.59  
Closing Balance \$7,917.84

Ron put forth a motion to accept the Treasure's Report and Sharon seconded the motion. All were in favor and It was carried.

#### MINUTES

Randy requested that the Board members read the minutes ahead of the meeting, which they all said they had done. As there were many PLTA members present at this meeting, he asked if anyone wished Sandy to read the minutes. No one wished them read. Sharon then motioned to accept the minutes and Jill seconded. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Website Communication Update - The new website for the Pine Lakes community is now up and running and therefore our PLTA link is also up and running. Many have had a look at it and had found it to be user friendly, well laid out and will certainly meet our needs. Gary Walkling was the individual to whom we owe great thanks. This subject will be addressed in the future.

ELS Good Neighbor Tournament- The past weekend the second ELS tournament took place with many positive comments. Everyone who took part had a great time and the many volunteers were very much appreciated. An event report will be completed for this event to help future tournament organizers.

## NEW BUSINESS

Ruth Sarno, chairman of the Nominating Committee shared that she has three people willing to serve on the board for 2020/2021. They are Irwin Peters, Hayes Harp, and Ed Dukes. Ruth will put this information on the bulletin board and advise any other interested people to speak with her.

Elections, if needed will take place at the Spring Annual General Meeting, Monday March 16th

Jill, who will be heading up the Spring Dinner Dance on Tuesday March 17th suggested that the Board pay for a “meat dish” and the remainder of the food for the dinner be supplied as a “Pitch-In / Pot Luck” by those attending. This would then be no cost to the attendees. The budget for the food (meat dish) was set at \$200.

Ruth shared information regarding the Sadie Hawkins Tennis Tournament which will take place on Sunday March 22 and Monday March 23. The pool patio has been reserved for the Sunday Kick of Party. A budget of \$200 was given to Ruth and Maggie, the event organizers, but if it was felt that more money was required it may be available pending approval from the Board.

Randy received a letter from the Lynda Hayter, secretary of the Pine Lakes Pickleball Club, addressed to the Pine Lakes Tennis Association, in care of him. The letter requested use of Court #3 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm on Wednesday, March 25th, in order for them to hold a year end tournament. After checking the court use on that day, it was determined the Whatever group would be informed that Court #3 would not be available for their use on that day and that our Weekly Court Sheet would reflect that. The Red team who will commence their final match of the season that day at 1:00 pm, respectively requested that the Pickleball Club would honour their ending time of 1:00 pm. It was shared that having a tennis match with pickleball taking place on the adjacent court would be disturbing.

Jill put forth a motion to respond to the Pickleball Club that their use of Court #3 would be fine and Joanie seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Randy asked Sandy to respond to this request in a form of a letter to Linda Hayter and copy it to the Cc:s in Linda's letter. (Jeffery Belle, Pine Lakes Manager and LFPC Executive.

Note: Both letters will be on file with these minutes.

## OPEN TO THE FLOOR

Rick Coats has found a new source to purchase and a different type of wind screen zip tie to hold the wind screens down. He has found that the white ones are too weak and the black ones are too big. He can get them at cost from Wrigley's. Sandy put a motion forward to have Rick purchase the new type of tie. This was seconded by Ron. Motion carried.

Rick then wished to address the topic of Court Etiquette. After a brief discussion with various people sharing examples, it was decided that Rick will create a short synopsis of the items that have been noted. This will then be shared in the form of a handout at the Spring Annual General Meeting. It was also suggested that team captains, players, and spectators politely draw attention to those who may not be following the "courtesies of tennis." Randy reminded those in attendance that our PLTA Handbook has a section entitled "Etiquette."

Ruth added that she was in the process of making signs, for the gate entrances to the courts, to remind people when it is permissible to enter the courts.

## BACK TO NEW BUSINESS...

Commissioner's Reports - Randy began this discussion by sharing what has occurred to date... putting up the sign up sheets up, the taking down of the sign up sheets, and following the by-laws for team selection.

Pete was then asked to share what was going to occur for the "Men."

Pete said that a meeting for the selection of the White team was set for Monday March 9th. At the meeting a first vote would be taken to decide if there was to be 1 or 2 teams. Following that vote there would be an opportunity for discussion and then a second vote would take place to determine the number of players. At that time everyone who has knowledge of the players would rate everyone including themselves. Pete gave a reminder, "If you don't know a players skill level you don't rate." He went on to share that 15 men had signed up for White. One player is currently not in town and he will be contacted for his vote on number of teams and number of players.

A question arose as to whether there was a conflict of interest. Pete shared that he would not be seeing any of the results. Ruth and Ken Yeager would be collecting the results of the voting and ranking and then reporting the results.

A brief discussion took place regarding the “number of players” voting results. It was accepted that the past way of determining the number of players to be on a team(s) would continue. A motion was put forth by Randy which stated that the number of players on a team(s) would be determined by the majority. This was seconded by Ron and the motion carried.

Pete then went on to share that if a player did not make a team that there were options; they could either “sub” or go down to Blue.

A Blue meeting would take place after the White team(s) was/were settled.

The team selection process then continued with the discussion on the Women’s SWIFT team.

Ruth Sarno will be leading this meeting, (the time as yet to be determined.) There were a number of topics, scenarios and suggestions made and discussed. The Women will meet and determine, by way of a vote how many teams there are to be. Following that they will determine how the team(s) will be created and number of players. As the women must follow the SWIFT Rules and Regulations, the only stipulation that is required is that if there are to be two teams then a draft must occur, as the method of forming the two teams. According to SWIFT R&R, there is no limit to the number of players on a team. It was noted that team rosters do not need to be submitted to SWIFT until October.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR continued ...

Steve wished the Board to think about purchasing two picnic tables for use. This suggestion was made due to the fact that the Tiki Hunt is no longer guaranteed for use after tennis matches.

A second item was suggested by Steve. He felt that it was important to hold discussions regarding the Team Selection Process moving to November. There would be pros and cons to this and discussion would continue in the fall.

Sharon shared that Sue Halverson has written the next article for the Whispering Pines, on the topic the senior Twilight League. Sue was thanked for writing this article.

Randy motioned to adjourn the meeting, Sharon seconded this. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Sandy Milley  
PLTA Secretary

