

**Balboa Tennis Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**August 17, 2021**

**Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.**

**Attendees:** Janene Christopher, Gary Smith, Michelle Ford, Todd Linke, Andrew Macfarlane, Ruben Carriedo, M.A. Hillier, and Colleen Clery Ferrell.

**Minutes Approval:** The July 2021 Board Meeting Minutes were approved. **MMSC**

**Guest Presentation**

- Craig Noll spoke to the Board and explained his rationale for devising a “script” to expedite reservations for himself and a group of men who were arranging games together. He said he “didn’t do anything to the system.” Courts were getting reserved so fast and his group wasn’t able to get courts at their designated time. He added that all their court reservations were getting scattered around the Club so he came up with a script to expedite his group's reservations. He added that the script began clicking at 7:49:59 and clicked 10 times per second, but that someone with a fast finger could potentially beat the script.
- Noll was accompanied by Francisco Loayza who said the group was “deeply sorry” for their actions. He asked the board to look at the data and they would see that prior to the script, they were using the regular reservation. When asked whether the script gave the group an unfair advantage, Loayza replied “yes”. When asked what he thought the punishment should be for this offense, he replied “a warning.” He acknowledged the mistake and said the group “got greedy.”
- Noll continued the discussion by explaining that the script was “not hacking” yet instead “only sped up the browser.” He said it was a security loophole on the part of Tennis Booking.
- Loayza repeated that the group was sorry for their actions, yet also commented that there is nothing in writing in the BTC rules preventing members from giving out their usernames and passwords to others, which allowed those knowledgeable on how to use the script to gain multiple reservations.
- Loayza also had one more comment regarding the Ultimate Challenge Court. He said his group used to play the Ultimate, yet became frustrated with the level of play so they decided to start their own group on Saturday mornings. He said the “higher level players wanted a place to compete,” so they came up with their own group which needed confirmed reservations to organize.

**President’s Comments (Janene Christopher)** None

**Club Director’s Report (Colleen Clery Ferrell)**

- A. **16/18 Recap** - The tournament went well overall, yet demand for courts from the members was high. The 16/18 committee is looking for more courts next year, which BTC will probably not be able to accommodate due to member demand.
- B. **BTC Liability insurance with 10 other clubs** - This policy has been in place for over 30 years. This past year there was a major accident at one of the sites and the entire group will have to suffer repercussions. Colleen advised the Board that it is probably time to get a solo policy for BTC. She was advised to shop around.
- C. **Backboard area claim against the City involving BTC** - A woman injured her ankle in the backboard area and is suing the City for long term damage. The City is considering paying a fee for the damages incurred. The lip of the concrete has been leveled with rocks to prevent this from happening again.
- D. **Beeper System for Tournaments** - The Club purchased a beeper system similar to the one used in restaurants to call players to the tournament desk when it is time for their matches. It was used very effectively at the 16/18 girls national tournament.
- E. **Jack Grace Contribution** - One last payment from the Jack Grace fund was recently issued for \$2,296. Jack donated 2% of his estate to Balboa Tennis Club after his death in 2012. Jack was a regular playing member at BTC for many years prior to his death.
- F. **Daily Log Notes and Membership Totals and Court usage** - Membership is at 1610 with cap being 1625. Overall court usage rate for the month of July at 75%. This number is the same as June and down 3% from May total of 78%.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Budget and Finance (Colleen)**

- **Club Finances** - There is \$134,916 in the bank at the end of July 2021. Sponsorship from the Maureen Connolly Brinker family of \$5k and tournament income from the Balboa Open and Balboa Junior, as well as steady income from daily permits and memberships accounted for the \$67k income total for the month. Expenses were kept low and overall the net income of \$17,969 reflects an increase of \$13k due to tournaments and membership. Overall net income for YTD finished at \$34,473, mostly due to memberships, daily permits and tournament income. Budget to actual is off due to tournament income, which didn't occur in 2020 and wasn't budgeted for 2021. Income is at \$27k over budgeted figure which is a combination of membership and tournament income. Expenses were budgeted low so bottom line of income at \$17k is impressive, yet skewed overall due to tournament income reappearing after year of absence due to COVID-19. YTD is the same story with net income at \$34,473 reflecting tournaments, membership and daily permits.
- **Facilities** - As mentioned above, additional stones/gravel were added to the area behind the pavement to level the ground. A paver at the entrance to the Club was leveled after it mysteriously elevated causing a tripping hazard.
- **Constitution and Bylaws** - An election committee has been formed. There are currently two persons interested in running for the BTC Board of Directors. Opportunities to join the slate for the 2022-2023 election are being advertised in the weekly updates.

- **Employment and Personnel** - Employee termination will be discussed in Executive Session.
- **Ethics** - Executive Session

#### **Contract and Lease**

- **Cafe** - Very busy with tournament season. The Cafe is adjusting their hours to meet the needs of Tournament Director requests.
- **Griffin Tennis** - none

#### **Other**

- **Newsletter** - Next edition December 2021.
- **Website** -none.
- **Advertising** - none
- **Fundraising** - none

#### **Unfinished Business** - none

#### **New Business**

- **Handicap parking spots at BTC** - A complaint was issued regarding usage of the handicap parking spots at BTC. After research, it was discovered that four different able bodied players at BTC who regularly play tennis at BTC utilize the handicap spots. Each person was notified and questioned regarding their qualifications for a handicap option. The Board agreed that each person should once again be contacted from a tennis community standpoint and asked to park in the regular spots when possible to help those individuals who visit BTC and really need to park as close as possible for health reasons. The Board also asked Colleen to contact the City about re-striping the parking lot with wider spaces and adding more handicap spots.
- **Ultimate Challenge Court** - Colleen brought to the attention of the Board that there are still regular arguments over who is eligible to play the Ultimate Challenge Court because of ability level. Andrew commented that most of the time, these things sort themselves out. The Board decided to keep the Challenge Court on Saturdays when there are no tournaments scheduled.
- **Delta variant, vaccinations and non-vaxers playing tennis** - The Board said the Club is not monitoring vaccinations yet does encourage all people to get vaccinated. Play at your own risk applies.

**Adjournment: 8:03 p.m.      The next board meeting will be September 21, 2021**

