

**Balboa Tennis Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2023**

Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m. by President Gary Smith

Attendees: Gary Smith, Michelle Ford, Todd Linke, M.A. Hillier, Mario Suarez, Andrew Macfarlane and Colleen Clery Ferrell.

Minutes Approval - Maegen Demko was absent from the meeting. The July 2023 Minutes and the board member's absence were approved. Motion to approve minutes made by Michelle and seconded by Mario. Motion to approve absence made by Mario and seconded by Andrew. MMSC

Guest Presentations

- 1. BTC member Patrice Makovic and three friends - Although not on the agenda, four BTC members requested to be heard. They expressed their frustration about showing up at the Club and regularly seeing open courts after looking online and seeing them all booked. They asked club management to enforce a three hour in advance cancellation policy to the members.**
- 2. Harold Lawson - This BTC member spoke to the Board about an incident that occurred recently on court 23 where Harold and his friends were sitting on the side of the court to watch the ongoing play. He claimed that the "Karens" on court 22 were trying to intimidate his group of spectators by asking, "Is there a party?" Harold would like to see more respect at BTC for each other's differences - especially multi racial players.**
- 3. Dave Felice - He spoke to the board about an incident that occurred during the Balboa Open Tennis tournament. He said his opponent was hitting balls at him and making bad calls. He was also upset by the cheers for his opponent during the match. After calling a referee, Dave was told not to speak with the spectators. There was also an incident with his opponent's wife after the match. Dave's vocal response was in retaliation to all the friends of his opponent who were cheering against him. Dave said he received an honorable discharge from the**

service for PTSD and that this behavior comes out when he plays tournaments. He said, "I wasn't a good sport."

President's Comments - (Gary Smith) He stated that the Club is going through many trials and tribulations, yet he believes the BTC Board of Directors is a very competent group.

Club Director's Report (Colleen Clery Ferrell):

- A. Student Membership Clarification** - There are members who signed up as students, yet have been renewing their membership even though they are not enrolled full time. The Board agrees with asking for more clarification on membership status when renewing. For student members, verification of full time status needs to be shown each year, as well as "active" status for military renewals.
- B. Request from Maureen Connolly Foundation (MCB) Foundation.** MCB is requesting a "Little Mo" tournament be played at BTC using 15 courts for five days from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. The board agreed that BTC could handle being a secondary site for a "Little Mo" tournament, yet the request for continuous days and court hours was more than the Club could accommodate.
- C. Window and AC in Director's Office** - The window in the Director's office and the air conditioner as well need to be replaced. Michelle commented that the entire office needs a remodel.
- D. Membership Totals** - Total Membership: 1614
Waiting List: 268, Court Usage: 76%

Committee Reports

A. Budget and Finance (Colleen)

- The Club has \$189,518 in the bank at month end, with a total of \$239,551 including the \$50,000 CD recently taken out. The Club finished on a positive note for income with court rental from the SDTF San Diego Open and memberships accounting for a majority of the income. Expenses were as anticipated aside from SDG&E bill which continues to escalate. Overall the month net income was up at \$19,000 after depreciation. Year to Date (YTD) the

Club is at +\$15,000. Seven months into the budget shows net income down 25%, yet hopefully the deficit will be made up in the next few income earning months.

B. Facilities - The tournament umpire chairs are being inspected for stability. They are old, yet can be reinforced. Maintenance will check them thoroughly before the upcoming San Diego District Tennis Championships.

C. Constitution and Bylaws - none

D. Employment and Personnel - none

E. Ethics - none

Contract and Lease

- **Cafe - none**
- **HJKventure - none**
- **Newsletter - October 2023 is the targeted publication date.**
- **Website - None**
- **Advertising - None**
- **Fundraising - None**

Unfinished Business

A. New Speaker in the Clubhouse for television - Per Maegen's suggestion, a Bose stereo speaker was purchased to provide sound for the television. Working on getting the speaker secured.

B. Trellis for Court 18 - The proposed wooden cover for court 18 was approved for \$3500, yet the Board wants to see how the post will be secured prior to installation. A motion was made by M.A. and seconded by Mario. MMSC

New Business - None

Adjournment - 7:48 p.m. Next meeting is September 19, 2023