

Balboa Tennis Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:36 p.m. at the BTC Clubhouse

Attendees: Janene Christopher, Gary Smith, Todd Linke, Michelle Ford, Ruben Carriedo, M.A. Hillier and Colleen Clery Ferrell. Geoff Griffin was also in attendance for the beginning of the meeting. Andrew Macfarlane was absent.

Minutes Approval: January 2021 Meeting Minutes and the absence of Andrew Macfarlane was approved. **MMSC**

Guest Presentation -

- Rockwell Shah and Will Garber gave a presentation regarding their desire to continue running a Saturday morning doubles event they created. Their group makes all reservations according to BTC rules and uses five courts which are rotated. The doubles event is open to all players 4.5 and above. They said the club is “yearning for something like this to create community” during this unprecedented time. This is not a sanctioned club event, yet a group of men who make their own reservations and organize a round robin. There have been complaints from members, so this is why the organizers came to the board meeting to justify the weekly gathering.
- The board took a walk outside to examine the canopy damaged by the winter storm in January. Janene has suggested replacing the sectioned canopies with one large tarp. Colleen received a bid and a new design. Janene has other ideas and will work with Marcos Canopies directly to get a more suitable structure that fits the walkway to provide shade and that does not allow water to pool on top of the canopies.

President's Comments (Janene Christopher)

2021 goals from each board member were requested by Janene on the January agenda. All board members stated their goals in the last meeting except Michelle and M.A.

Michelle Ford - “I would like to continue making the Club as fun and friendly as possible while making sure it's a safe place to be.”

M.A.Hillier: “Get us back to the point where we can open the clubhouse, showers and challenge court, update all the cameras to state of the art and add additional cameras where we need them, including the parking lot and install 2 more blue canopies in between all the upper courts.”

Club Director's Report (Colleen Clery Ferrell)

- A. **Club membership controls, total # of members, military and junior challenges** - As the overall club membership continues to rise, the board has decided to cap the total at 1675. The Board suggested Colleen check with the City of San Diego regarding the membership cap. **MMSC**. Colleen mentioned how new members were trying to cut

corners regarding military and junior status in order to get a more affordable rate. Each questionable membership is now being verified.

- B. **Leagues, tournaments, outside court rentals for 2021** - Colleen included a list of 74 potential league teams available from USTA, WTT, San Diego League and San Diego Invitational. BTC supported over 40 leagues in 2019 - the last full year of league play at the club before the pandemic. She also broke down the major BTC tournaments, annual events at BTC and outside court rental requests. The Board agreed to continue the pause on league approval until summer to see how the flow of membership goes. **MMSC** They also decided to deny SDDTA to hold Tennis Fest in 2021 due to the pandemic and need to avoid large group gatherings. Of the major BTC tournaments held, the National Open Hard Court Championships will need approval from the City of San Diego. Other major tournaments are on hold at this time. The Board decided that the "Little Mo" tournament proposed for June would need to provide security if they decide to move forward because of the increase in homeless incidents at the club this year. The San Diego Tennis Federation Annual Tournament is on hold as they consider different dates according to Todd.
- C. **Saturday Doubles Group** - Presentation by Rockwell Shah and Will Garber. **Approved.**
- D. **Saints/OLP Tennis Season** - They are beginning a season together. Both teams have secured afternoon reservations for practice and matches.
- E. **Membership Totals** - Court usage in January 2021 ranged from 63%-93%, with an overall average of 82% Colleen compiled total for January 2019 for comparison where the average usage was 63% with leagues, outside court rentals and all three challenge courts in operation. The current membership total at BTC is 1657.

Committee Reports

Budget and Finance (Colleen)

- **Club Finances** - There is \$126,642 in the bank at the end of January 2021. Daily permits for the month up \$1,978. There was a slight drop in membership compared to January 2020 of \$1145, with overall income for the month at -\$1,229. January expenses included nets and squeegees. The Club finished the month with a profit of \$3,764. The budget will be tweaked prior to the March meeting to reflect employee pay increases and items that were missed when the general preliminary budget for 2021 was presented in December 2020.
- **Facilities**
 - Colleen is meeting with San Diego Fence and Megla to get the front gate fixed. One of the side poles was not properly cemented so the gate is not level and unable to be locked properly.
 - There was an opportunity to get the benches and umpire stands painted quickly and efficiently this past week so the job was completed.
- **Constitution and Bylaws** - Tabled item until March meeting
- **Employment and Personnel** - Executive Session
- **Ethics** - none

Contract and Lease

- **Cafe** - Now staying open 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.daily. Their new furniture has arrived.
- **Griffin Tennis** - Geoff requesting to return to 6 people in each clinic. **Approved**

Other

- **Newsletter** - Next edition May/June 2021.
- **Website** - The word “active” was inserted online for Military membership purchases as many people have been attempting to purchase a membership under this code who are not active.
- **Advertising** - none
- **Fundraising** - none

Unfinished Business - A motion was made to reopen the Challenge Court, bleachers and sitting areas around the Club since the City of San Diego has moved into the Purple Tier in regards to COVID-19 pandemic conditions. **MMSC**

New Business

- **Canopy between courts 8-9 to replace broken overhang on court 8** - Discussed earlier in the meeting.
- **Metal tennis racquet pricing for the area next to Pro Shop** - Vinyl covers can be applied according to Janene to reflect the message of people who would purchase one. She is suggesting \$200 pricing for 5 years. No further discussion.
- **San Diego Tennis Federation special requests** - Discussed earlier in the meeting. Annual tournament approved. Friday Night Doubles ongoing. Other events are pending.

Adjournment: 8:25 p.m.

The next board meeting will be March 16, 2021

