

Minutes of CTC Board of Directors Meeting Friday, October 9th, 2009 2-3:45pm Room 7A

I. Opening

- (1) Meeting called to order at 2pm by President, Keith Nelson.
- (2) Present: Keith Nelson, Elroy Kelzenberg, Lucy Geller, Pete Dalecio, Susan Stewart, Al Wagner, Pete Gorman, Gerry Picker, Mary White, Mary Jane Williams, Donna Nelson, Wayne Mangold, Pat Davidson, Art Miller, Bert Wall, and Bob Walk.
Absent: Jack Szatkowski and Lou Galiano.
- (3) A motion was made by Al Wagner and seconded by Kelz Kelzenberg to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

II. Minutes

- (1) A motion was made by Al Wagner and seconded by Kelz Kelzenberg to approve the March 12, 2009, 3-5pm CTC Board of Directors Meeting. The motion passed.
- (2) A motion was made by Susan Stewart and seconded by Al Wagner to approve the March 12, 2009, 4:45-4:55pm CTC Board of Directors Meeting. The motion passed.

III. President's Report

- (1) President Keith Nelson addressed the subject of improving better attendance of our monthly dinner meetings. Nelson continued with his plan to improved monthly dinner meeting attendance by improving the format of the dinner meeting.

First of all it will be called the CTC Monthly Membership Meeting – NOT called a business meeting.

The plan will also include sending the Minutes of the previous meeting via email to all members. Additionally, emailing the Financial Report is also being considered. This would give members a chance to read the material prior to the meeting and would enable them to comment or ask questions if they so choose.

This plan also would allow time for individuals to make pertinent, informative presentations at the meetings; i.e. at the November Membership Meeting Webmaster JoAnn Flachsmann will acquaint us with the CTC's website. Al Wagner will make a presentation at the January Membership Meeting containing useful information for all players such as the different kinds of racket, weights, string tensions etc.

Ideas and/or suggestions for the rest of the meetings are welcome!

- (2) President Keith Nelson also mentioned acquisition of new umpire chairs and new water fountain and canopy on court 4.

IV. Coordinator's Reports

- (1) Pat Davidson reported that the Ladies' Monday League is all set up and ready to start on October 26th with 24 players (4 teams of 6 players).
- (2) Art Miller and Bert Wall reported that the Men's Tuesday League started September 29th with 30 players (5 teams of 6 players).
- (3) Donna Nelson reported that the Ladies' Wednesday League is ready and set to start October 28th with 30 players (5 teams of 6 players).
- (4) In Lou Galiano's absence Keith Nelson reported in spite of injuries the Men's Thursday League started on October 1st with 36 players (6 teams of 6 players).
- (5) Jerry Picker reported that the Friday Mixed Doubles players are returning and the numbers of players is rising.
- (6) Bob Walk reported that the Men's Organized play is coming along just fine except for the occasional double sign ups.
- (7) Mary Jane Williams reported that the Ladies' Organized play consisted of 4 players during the hot summer. Now that it's autumn the numbers are growing as people return.
- (8) Mary White reported that Membership has a total of 278 members. Included in that number are 2 new members and 3 returnees. All members are paid in full.
- (9) Wayne Mangold reported that he will write a story about the upcoming Bradshaw Tournament. Also he plans to write an article about the summer socials and another about our new CTC Membership Meeting format. Keith Nelson complimented Wayne Mangold on the first article that he'd written about CTC events.
- (10) Refreshment Coordinator Jack Szatkowski, although absent, relayed through the other board members his need for volunteers to cover the Food Court at the various socials and tournaments coming up. It was noted that volunteers would be forthcoming once the play schedules were up.

V. Treasurer's Report – Pete Dalecio

Pete Dalecio distributed the current Financial Report as of 9/30/09. He reported that he's in a transitional period with Kelz Kelzenberg our past treasurer and they are working with the computer program Quicken. Keith Nelson made a request to see an ongoing report that would compare the current month with the same month of the prior year to see where we're standing comparatively, year to year.

VI. Bradshaw Chair Report – Pete Gorman

Peter Gorman reported that sponsorship is proceeding on track even though we lost Basha's. Peter estimated that we should be looking at approximately \$4,350.00 total sponsor income.

With regard to raffle prizes, the club received from Karin Herman and Tom Mayhew a large autographed tennis ball with signatures they had gathered from 19 of the very big tennis players ie Federer, Del Potro, the Ryan brothers, etc. These were collected at the Indian Wells (Palm Springs) Tournament. A motion was made by Kelz Kelzenberg and seconded by Susan Stewart to donate the proceeds from the sale of tickets for the tennis ball to Neighbors Who Care in memory of Tom Mayhew. The motion was passed.

Keith Nelson received a request from Barbara Carr, Forum president. The Forum is partnered with the Sun Lakes Women's Club on a \$5,000.00 commitment to the Cottonwood/Palo Verde Monument Fund. Their requests is to allow them to have a raffle table, sell tickets and display the golf cart (donated by A-1) that is being raffled off, at community events. At an informal Executive Committee meeting it was discussed and agreed to that we would allow them to do this but on a one-time basis only. Because of the lack of members at the informal meeting it was decided to formally address this issue. Therefore, a formal motion was made by Kelz Kelzenberg and seconded by Al Wagner that we allow The Forum and The Sun Lakes Women's Club to have a raffle table, sell tickets and display their golf cart at the Bradshaw Tournament on a one-time basis only. The motion was passed.

VII. Tournament Director's Report – Al Wagner

- (1) Al Wagner reported that our schedule for this year is the same as last year's. The Rainbow postings should be up by Sunday, the Oakwood sign up sheet is up. For the Oakwood social, Bob Walk suggested that if there were more CTC players than Oakwood players, the CTC players could play together. Al Wagner said that's what his plan is at the moment.
- (2) Wagner additionally would like to have some opinions regarding singles play. Last season the club reinstated a Singles Tournament Championship with a round robin format. It did not meet with success due to a number of people being unable or unwilling to play. Wagner suggested having a ladder structure with upper and lower divisions for both men and women players. In March Wagner would review the ladders and determine who would be in the final round of the tournament. This would be a way to bring singles tournament play back into the club. All play would be outside the club tournament time.

VIII. Rating Committee Report – Kelz Kelzenberg

Kelz Kelzenberg reported that the Rating Committee met and adjusted several ratings. Lowering a player's level is a problem especially if it's due to an injury. The problem is how much time to allow for player recovery. It was suggested to give a player 3 months to come back up to their level. Kelzenberg said that he would bring that suggestion back to the committee. Al Wagner said that the best feedback comes from peer ratings. The Rating Committee plans to use this process to evaluate players again in the spring. Another way to assist rating players is by noting the selection process of the league captains.

IX. Recreation Committee Report – Szatkowski/Heichelbech

In the absence of Jack Szatkowski and Terrie Heichelbach Al Wagner reported that the Recreation Committee had three resignations and the applicants to be on the committee are insufficient to fill those resignations. Wagner suggested that if you know of anyone who would make an outstanding candidate you should encourage them to sign up. The committee has nine members and they meet once a month.

Wagner also reports that on October 20th the Chairman of the Facility and Grounds Committee and the Chairman of the Recreation Committee will present to the CW/PV Board their recommendation for locating Pickle Ball courts in Cottonwood/Palo Verde. Wayne Mangold asked about the ratio of CW/PV players vs. all others. The current bylaws dictate a ratio of 80/20.

X. Current Business

(1) Membership meeting and dinner changes

Keith Nelson reports that due to construction our meetings starting in November will be held at Palo Verde and will be on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The exception will be in December when the Holiday Dinner Dance is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 13th. On these occasions the Palo Verde facility will be dedicated for our use exclusively. Pete Dalecio suggested we use Palo Verde for all our meetings because of 1) the atmosphere and 2) we might be able to take advantage of the early bird dinner pricing. Nelson said that we will evaluate Palo Verde as a meeting location and discuss it at a later date.

(2) October 21 Dinner Meeting

The Hamilton Drama/Music Dept will entertain us at the October meeting. They'll be doing some skits from their upcoming presentation, "The Importance of Being Earnest" along with various songs and dances. The troupe is very excited to be performing for us. We are contributing the amount of money that we would have paid a single entertainer to their Choral/Dramatic Fund.

(3) Tennis court repairs

The court at Palo Verde is under construction and that's an indication that repairs may be completed sooner than estimated. The problem with

Cottonwood court 5 is being examined by General Acrylic people who will ascertain the problem and resolve it. If the problem does not lie with the vendor then the HOA will have to pay for the repair. The vendor said that whatever the problem, it will be taken care of prior to the Bradshaw.

(4) Trophy Display

The trophies were to be hung on one wall at the entrance to the Fitness Center. However the project must be supervised by the Recreation Manager, Linda Caton and the HOA interior decorator. The Palo Verde project is taking all the decorator's time at present. Our trophy project will have to wait. The subject will be put on the agenda for next month.

(5) CW/PV Fall Open House

There will be no Fall Open House due to the Santan being closed for construction and no other suitable location available.

(6) Newsletter deadline per JoAnn Flachmann has been changed from the 25th to the 23rd.

XI. New Business

(1) Recreation Committee Representatives

Susan Stewart, past president, will replace Jack Szatkowski on the committee effective November 1.

(2) Apparel Coordinator – Bob Walk

Bob Walk displayed a new blue towel for only \$10.00 complete with CTC tennis logo. Walk also introduced white tee shirts with the club logo priced at only \$6.00 each. The tees are not meant to replace the collared shirts but to be used in a casual way. He plans to bring a supply of both towels and tee shirts to our upcoming meeting.

(3) Riggs Road League – Al Wagner

Al Wagner reports that Oakwood has changed their program offering. In this year they plan to have a Tuesday Men's Team League for 4.5 to 3.5 minus players. The charge is \$10.00 for the entire summer and another \$10.00 for prizes and a party. The flyer will be posted next week.

(4) New member recruitment – Al Wagner

Al Wagner reports that he has made some observations regarding the club. Membership is aging and new membership is beginning to not keep up. The club needs to have serious discussions on how to recruit new members. Wayne Mangold has written an article to go in every packet that new residents receive from the Forum.

Because some prospective new members may not own rackets, Pete Dalecio suggested that the club establish a bank of used rackets for use in the free lesson program.

(5) Board Member Comments

(1) Keith Nelson distributed to the board members a copy of CTC's Robson Cup Tournament Committee procedures rules. The rules state that the President appoint a man and a woman representative to serve with the Tournament Director of the Robson Cup Committee. Wayne

Mangold will serve as an exofficio member of the committee due to the many facets of publicity required.

- (2) Keith Nelson received an email from Webmaster JoAnn Flachsmann suggesting a page entitled "For Members Only" be added to the website. This page would be password protected. Only members with the password could view this page. It would be a member listing with names, ratings and phone numbers and be in a pdf format. Open, view and print if desired. No email addresses would be included. Everyone would always have current information. This will be put on the agenda for next month.
- (3) Susan Stewart thanked Bob Walk for building the new suggestion box.

XII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Kelz Kelzenberg and seconded by Pete Dalecio. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm.

Next Board Meeting: Friday, November 13, 2009, 2pm, Room A-7
Next Dinner Meeting will be November 17, 2009 at PALO VERDE
Hosted by Terrie and Bob Heichelbech

Respectfully submitted, Lucy Geller, Secretary