

**SUN VALLEY ELKHORN ASSOCIATION
TENNIS COMMITTEE MEETING
September 1, 2009**

MINUTES

This is a draft and subject to change at the next meeting of the committee.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Manager's Report
2. Program Accounting & Reports
3. Tennis Manager Programs Report
4. Capital Discussion
5. Initial 2010 Contract Discussion
6. Owner Comments

In Attendance:

Jack Dalieri –Chairman
Margaret Walker
Herbert Stusser
Jean Wright
John Grabow
Joanne Wetherell
Charlie Foss

Bill VanDiense – USPTS Manager
Chuck Williamson – Operations Manager

Owners – Eileen Reiss
Margaret Haase
Sybil Hansen
Nancy Auseklis

Dave Taylor
Alma Mills
Dick Wetherell

Call to Order

Jack called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Establish a Quorum

A quorum was established with seven committee members present. Meredith Carnahan was not available.

Read and Approve 6-25-09 Meeting Minutes

Those present reviewed the minutes of the June 25, 2009 meeting of the Tennis Committee. After discussion **Motion: Joanne moved to approve the minutes as presented, Margaret seconded, motion unanimously approved.**

SVEA Operations Manager's Report

Chuck reported on the following:

New Amenity Card System – System is working well. Additional and more comprehensive reports are being developed by the system programmer to enable more tennis data broken down by amenity card location, membership type and specific usage. Additional reports are expected to be finalized in the next few days. Once reports are available and will be forwarded to Tennis Committee Members when available.

Accounting and Reporting – Those present reviewed financial data for the period June 1 to August 27. Additional information will be available upon completion of the tennis season. The tennis usage numbers were affected in 2009 by the general economy and weather conditions with 30 days of rain reported versus 7 days during the same time period in 2008.

USPTS Manager's Report

Bill reported on the following:

2009 Programs and Clinics – Bill indicated the programs overall were successful. Drop-in tennis and Evening Socials did not generate much interest. Bill will make suggestions to increase interest in evening social events and may recommend eliminating drop-in events. Mixed doubles programs and intermediate clinics were well received and Bill would like to expand these programs next year. Bill and Chuck will work on programs for Committee consideration. Margaret reported favorable comments she had received from guests and owners on the 2009 programs and offerings.

Old Business

Tabled

New Business

Capital Budget 2009/10 – Chuck presented the 2009/10 capital budget for Committee review. The Committee did not object to cuts suggested by the Finance committee chair; however requested that consideration be given to adding more rest benches to the courts so players could rest between sets. After discussion, **Motion: Charlie moved to approve the 2009/10 capital budget as proposed, Margaret seconded, motion unanimously approved.**

Capital budgets 2011 and beyond were discussed. It was suggested that a sub-committee of the main Board or Tennis Committee be formed to develop a master plan for the Village facility and court rework. Decisions need to be made as to a tennis building location, resurfacing, and possible changes such as the addition of pickle ball courts and bathroom. Dave Taylor expressed the desire to accelerate the resurfacing or possibly replacing the existing courts with a more player friendly surface. Some support was expressed for accelerating resurfacing plans; however comment was made reiterating the need for a master plan concept.

Contract Renewal Discussion – Jack reviewed the procedure to be adopted for either renewing our contract with USPTS or considering alternatives. The committee would meet promptly in executive session to authorize Chuck to enter into negotiations for a new contract with USPTS or to effect and alternate recommendation. If authorized, Chuck would develop the contract with USPTS and distribute it to the Committee for their review, approval and recommendation to the SVEA Board.

***The Committee proceeded in executive session.
Visitors and USPTS employees were asked to temporarily
Excuse themselves from the meeting***

The Committee reviewed a summary of the 2009 contract.

Motion: Jack moved to approve pursuing 2010 contract negotiation with USPTS, requesting but not requiring full financial disclosure, Joanne seconded, approved 5 to 2.

Meeting Reopened in Regular Session

Committee concluded executive session and opened meeting to public. Jack reported to those present the Committee voted in favor of pursuing renegotiation with USPTS in 2010. A proposed agreement will be distributed to committee members for review and approval before submission to the SVEA Board. Chuck and Bill were advised that it is the Committee's hope that an agreement acceptable to all parties can be reached by September 20, for referral to the SVEA Board for ratification at the September 25th, meeting of the Directors.

Professional Instruction on SVEA Tennis Courts – Meeting guest Margaret Haase queried the Committee position on allowing Non-SVEA contractors (outside) tennis pro's to teach on Association

tennis courts for fees. The SVEA tennis court policies and rules do not address this matter. **Motion: Joanne moved to approve amending the 2010 Tennis Policies and Guidelines to read all professional lessons on SVEA courts must be conducted by SVEA associated professionals; the SVEA contracted Tennis Management Company, Margaret Walker seconded, motion unanimously approved.**

Guest Fee Discussion - Joanne again questioned the implementation of guest fees. She expressed the small amount of guest fees collected didn't seem to justify guest fee implementation. Jack reminded those present that revenue generation was not the main reason behind the guest fees. The guest fee was implemented by the Board in response to owner concerns about non-owner usage. The Board decision was based on Tennis Committee recommendations in 2008 and reconfirmed in 2009. Fees were approved unanimously by the SVEA Board in 2008 and again in 2009. The Board action was supported overwhelmingly (83% of respondents) by a survey and vote of the entire Elkhorn Membership in 2008. After discussion, **Motion: Joanne moved to submit a recommendation to the Board to eliminate guest fees, John seconded, defeated 4 to2. Charlie was not present during the vote.**

Public Comment

Dave Taylor initiated discussion on several safety concerns and asked that consideration be given to clay or soft courts when rebuilding work is initiated. (See Capital Budget Discussion) Dave requested that additional rest benches be provided adjacent to courts. Dave expressed his interest in serving on the Tennis Committee. Dave was assured that all of his recommendations were welcomed and would be considered.

Eileen Reiss queried the Committee on the process for becoming a committee member. Jack explained all Committees are formed subsequent to the annual membership meeting each year. The incoming President selects the Committee Chairs from SVEA Board Members and the Chairperson selects the members from Board and list of owners expressing an interest in serving on the committee. Jack further stated that the tennis committee benefits by being composed of men and women representing all skill levels. It is also desirable to include non-tennis players, who in the past, have provided objective contributions and input representing the entire homeowner community. Jack suggested that relatives, SVEA employees, Contracted Tennis Management company employees should logically be excluded to insure impartiality. Jack also indicated that it's desirable that there be committee turnover and that new members be introduced periodically to insure fresh ideas and input.

Adjournment

With no further business, Motion: John moved to adjourn the meeting, Joanne seconded, motion unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chuck Williamson
Recording Secretary

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