

# Mill Bay Tennis Club



Board Meeting  
Grant and Corinne's Cabin

September 21st, 2017

3:00-5:00pm

## Minutes

**3:00pm**     Call meeting to order – Grant

**3:01pm**     Board members and Guests Present –

*Board Present* : Grant Price, Corinne Price, Drew Burgwin, and Penny Kemshaw

*Board unable to attend*: Phyllis Daniel, David Mogg and Cathy Waet

*Guests Present*: none

**3:02pm**     Approval of Previous Board Minutes – May minutes approved.

**3:05pm**     Review action items :

- **Action Penny**: the second of three annual tournaments is normally scheduled for September. Penny has proposed September 23 or 24 depending on the weather. Penny will solicit for volunteers and organize the tournament. Thanks Penny. Grant will send out a communication asking members to put aside these dates so they are available to join in the fun.
  - Done. Tournament is scheduled for Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. Weather prediction is overcast, but no rain. Penny will email those that said they wanted to play (approx. 24...including non-members) and encourage them to bring a snack to share with others. The after party (“pot-luck”) is at Mike Mills...at or after 5:00pm.
  
- **Action: Drew** will report on crack issues and will be in touch with Dale re warranty etc. We were reminded the courts surfacing is only expected to last 5-7 years, and as a club we need to keep putting money aside (approx \$3000) each year to resurface the courts again...currently projected in 2022.
  - Initially warranty-work was scheduled for late May, to fix some cracks and peeling tap, but illness delayed the work until the week of September 26<sup>th</sup>. But again the contractor is asking for a delay. Drew is still waiting for clarification on when it will be “tentatively” scheduled next...sigh?

- **Action David:** Penny emailed 25 members from last year that did not join this year. David followed up by phoning each of them. This additional contact was valued, and spurring some to re-join...plus revealed reasons why some did not.
  - Done. Of the 25, 9 re-joined. While some of the others moved away, the most common reason for not re-joining was health, or injury related.
- **Action: Grant** had some 4"X4" window/bumper decals made up showing our tennis symbol and name. He will cover the costs. Grant will discuss with the board how, or if, we can make use of them.
  - Done. Cowichan Press made 100 decals. Corinne and Grant distributed some to members. Others will be distributed at tournaments, or our AGM.
- **Action: Drew** will cost out replacing the screens we attach to the fencing, as they are starting to fall apart. Drew initially reported that Tomko has a black screen 120' x 9' for \$500. Drew will collect more information, and determine what options are available, with the ultimate objective of having full size black screens at both ends of the courts...even if it take more than one year to purchase what we want. For this year the board has approved \$500 towards new screens.
  - **Action: Drew** will purchase two roles, which will be put up next spring at the north and south end of the courts. The board approved this expenditure of approximately \$1000. The old green screen will be put in storage "...just in case", and the black screen will be sold for a nominal price. Glenn expressed interest.
- **Action: Grant** did agree to send out an email, asking members how they thought things were going, and if they had any constructive suggestions.
  - Seven members responded. All feedback was positive with one respondent requesting the club build a backboard so players could practise by themselves. Also, put locks on the two north gates that open with the same key (used by members now), so people can retrieve balls that go over the fence more easily. Another suggestion (outside the survey) requesting the club pursue the idea of an "outhouse" for use of members (primarily female members). **Action Grant:** All these items will be discussed at the next AGM.
  - **Action: Grant** will contact Norm Wills (VP with the MBCL) to see if they would consider putting an outhouse for public use in the park, near the courts.

**3:30pm**

**Board Member Reports -**

• **President – Grant**

- "Just Sew" still has logo for hats, shirts etc. Stewart Black is now sporting a new shirt with the logo on it.
- Ladies request for outhouse...Sheila Bradshaw is looking for a "used quality portable toilet " on Vancouver Island for sale
- **Action Grant** will get some more training from Glenn at the end of September when Glenn return from travelling.
- SITA's president questioned their status, given he received very few responses from any of his requested out the member clubs. Given

their focus is primarily on Greater Victoria, we will just watch and see what happens, rather than actively inject ourselves.

- **Secretary / Treasurer – Corinne**
  - Current bank balance is \$11,645 with no outstanding bills...other than approx.. \$1000 which will be used to purchase the new screens (mentioned above). **Action Corinne** will put \$6000 of this into a growth account with the bank, and separate it on our financial statement, so we will have two major headings; one a growth account associated with savings towards resurfacing the courts every 5-7 years, and the normal operating budget (including annual expenditures like powerwashing the courts in the spring; insurance etc.)
- **Communications – Phyllis**
  - No updates
- **Maintenance – Drew**
  - Drew's 3 year term on the board is up at the next AGM (likely in March 2018). Brian (Bugsy) has generously offered to take over the role.
- **Membership – David**
  - We currently have 77 members
  - There were 14 new members and 25 that didn't re-join from last year. Of the 25, 9 eventually re-join after follow-up calls to them.
  - **Action: Corinne** will record ("BF") that Neils will receive a \$50 credit for next year fees, due to his extended leave for health reasons.
- **Activities – Penny**
  - **Action: Penny** will book the bubble for early December to ensure we have available courts for our Roger Burgess Christmas Tournament
  - Penny's term is also up at the next AGM (i.e. around March 2018), and a replacement will be needed. A suggestion was to move Phyllis to this role as Grant does most of his own secretarial needs.
- **Director-at-Large – Cathy**
  - Raj is no longer doing Friday night training/practice sessions, as he hasn't gotten back to Cathy on his need to get appropriate insurance .
  - **Action Cathy:** assuming we no longer have Raj, or a professional to help develop interested members (outside of referring people to Art Hobbs), the board would like Cathy to pursue the idea of "player development" by using some of our own "interested" members to train lesser "interested" players. Maybe Neils would consent giving up some of his time in this regard, in exchange for not having to pay his annual dues?

4:45pm

Adjourn

*Minutes were prepared by Grant Price and reviewed by the Board members before posting on our website.*

**Next Meeting Scheduled for:** Thursday Oct 19th, 2017