

Mill Bay Tennis Club



Board Meeting
Grant and Corinne's House

February 15th, 2018

2:30-4:30pm

Minutes

2:30pm Call meeting to order – Grant

2:31pm Board members and Guests Present –

Board Present: Grant Price, David Mogg, and Drew Burgwin

Board unable to attend: Corinne Price, Phyllis Daniel, Cathy Waet and Penny Kemshaw

Guests Present: None

2:35pm Review "previous" action items :

- **Action: Grant** will ask Gordon Wilkinson (who proposed the backboard and keys) to put his proposal together for discussion at the AGM, e.g. backboard to be made of what; where; anticipated costs; any lessons learned from South Cowichan Lawn Tennis Club's cedar-block backboard, etc?
 - Grant spoke to Gordon, who is prepared to defend his suggestions at the AGM, but would like Grant to remind him one week before the AGM.
- **Action: Grant** will get some more training from Glenn at the end of October when Glenn return from travelling.
 - Done
- **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? Cathy will speak with Neils to see if he would be prepared to teach players that would be interested. Assuming he says yes, exploring how he might see it working...and how the interested players could be identified and committed to participating. The board felt that going out with a general communications hasn't been effective in the past and a more directed and personal approach may produce more effective results. The board feels we need to develop our weaker members, so they are eventually able to take over from others that

leave. Right now we focus on intermediate players, with little, if any, real focus on advanced, or weaker players.

- Neils said he was interested, and suggested doing a couple of clinics with other experienced players
- **Action: Cathy** to flesh out the idea of a “mentorship program” and call some members to see if they would be interested in participating, e.g. asking them for a commitment of 2 hrs a month to play, and coach, players below Level 3...as identified by Cathy.
 - Cathy “will have a mentorship sign up sheet at the AGM so both helpers and beginners can sign up”.
- **Action, David** has board approval to purchase 12 additional keys for potential new members next year.
 - David purchased the keys. Now David has 8 keys, and the Mill Bay Community Police Office has 8 keys...both available for new members
- **Action: Corinne** will contact Judy as to how to arrange for a room at the Kerry Park Community Centre or MBCL hall for the AGM. Grant will call Norm if needed.
 - Done. The AGM will be at the MBCL Hall
- **Action: Grant** will send out an email to the members alerting them to the AGM date, and asking if anyone is willing to perform on the board.
 - Done

3:00pm

Board Member Reports and Updates -

• **President – Grant**

- AGM confirmed as Wednesday March 21, 2018 at 7:00pm date at the MBCL Hall
- Grant registered and paid on-line for his 2018 membership, to ensure everything worked OK...and it did.
- Grant made several updates on the website, including adding board minutes and adding emails to the blog, plus mentioning the AGM on the Calendar
- **Action: Grant** will send an email to the 75 members from 2017 to see how many are actually receiving the emails that are sent via “MailChimp”. The concern is a considerable number of members have security setting on the email systems that direct emails using “MailChimp” to their “junk mail”.
- **Action: Grant** will send out an email reminding players about the AGM.
- **Action: Grant** will produce another one page information sheet and laminate it for the Mill Bay Community Policing Office
- **Action: Grant** will put together a draft agenda for the AGM and circulate to the board
- **Action: Grant** will bring the brochures to the AGM. The brochures are from the South Island Tennis Association, and reflect “2018 Vancouver Island Tennis Contacts and Tournaments”

- **Secretary / Treasurer – Corinne**
 - **Action: Corinne** will follow-up with Lorna to hopefully confirm she is still prepared to be on the board, and potentially help Phyllis fill the role vacated by Penny
- **Communications – Phyllis**
 - No updates
- **Maintenance – Drew**
 - Drew mentioned some ripples on the court surface at the south end that will need some work sooner than later. The people who resurfaced the courts strongly suggested digging a 4’ deep trench around the perimeter of the courts to cut any roots that may interfere with the smooth surface of the courts.
 - Drew will arrange for the spring clean up of the courts, but rather than a “general call for help”, simply pick a few people and get the job done....
 - Brian (Bugsy) Johnson is still prepared to assume the portfolio from Drew at the next AGM
- **Membership – David**
 - **Action: David** will contact Mill Bay Thrifty Foods to arrange for a registration table outside of their doors, preferable April 7, if not April 14th.
 - **Action: David** will arrange for a \$125 add in the CVRD’s next issue of the Recreation Guide. The ad will feature a tennis picture, our name and suggestion interested readers “Sign up at millbaytennis.com”. David will check with Dave Knott at “The Cowichan Press” to see if he can make the minor change to the existing graphic for a nominal fee.
- **Activities – Penny**
 - No updates
- **Director-at-Large – Cathy**
 - Updates as per above

4:30pm

Adjourned 3:45pm

Next Meeting Scheduled for: March 15th, 2018