

Mill Bay Tennis Club



Board Meeting
Grant and Corinne's House

January 11th, 2018

2:30-4:30pm

Minutes

2:30pm Call meeting to order – Grant

2:31pm Board members and Guests Present –

Board Present: Grant Price, Corinne Price, Phyllis Daniel, and David Mogg. Cathy Waet by phone, for part of meeting

Board unable to attend: Drew Burgwin, and Penny Kemshaw

Guests Present: none

2:35pm Review action items :

- 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). All these items will be discussed at the next AGM. Grant contacted Norm Wills (VP with the MBCL) to see if they would consider putting an outhouse for public use in the park, near the courts. Grant will BF the issue for the AGM and has discussed it with Norm, who will bring it up at their next board meeting on Tuesday Nov. 7th.
 - **Action: Grant** will ask Gordon Wilkinson (who proposed the backboard) to put his proposal together for discussion at the AGM, e.g. back board to be made of what; where; anticipated costs; any lessons learned from South Cowichan Lawn Tennis Club's cedar-block backboard, etc?
 - **Action: Grant** will table the three suggestion at the AGM
 - Grant spoke to Norm, who tabled the idea of MBCL funding an outhouse closer to the tennis courts. In short, he said the MBCL board turned down the idea because of the expense and the availability of other washrooms available close by.

- **Action: Grant** will get some more training from Glenn at the end of October when Glenn return from travelling.
 - **Will occur closer to the new season**
- **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.
 - **Pending**
- **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.
- **Action, David** has board approval to purchase 12 additional keys for potential new members next year.
 - **Pending**
- **Action, David** will draft an ad that can be put in the CVRD Recreational Guide. Right now all it reflects is our club’s name, and David as the contact person
 - **Done** – Corinne gave David a cheque for \$125 to pay for the ad which was the picture we use on our website, plus our web address.

3:00pm

Board Member Reports and Updates -

- **President – Grant**
 - Wednesday March 21, 2018 at 7:00pm was agreed as the date and time of our next AGM.
 - **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.
 - **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.
 - There is clearly a need for the board include (or have available) someone with more technical skills to do “volunteer” work (e.g. associated with MailChimp and Website design and management).

We know we have members willing and able to do work for a nominal fee (e.g. Julie and Hans). Some work includes: updating dates to reflect 2018 on application forms; including email messages on the website Blog; and adding Minutes from board meetings and AGM; plus reflecting new board members)

- **Secretary / Treasurer – Corinne**
 - Current bank balance is \$4280.02 in chequing, and \$6000 in a term deposit
 - Outstanding bills are \$125 for the ad (noted above) and \$209.50 for membership in Tennis BC.
- **Communications – Phyllis**
 - No updates
- **Maintenance – Drew**
 - Bussy is still on board to replace Drew
 - Cracks look good so far
 - Screens are in storage at Grant and Corinnes
 - Benches: green ones are at Grant and Corinnes; cedar bench is at Drews
- **Membership – David**
 - Last count of members was 77
- **Activities – Penny**
 - No updates
- **Director-at-Large – Cathy**
 - No updates

4:20pm

Adjourned

Next Meeting Scheduled for: February 15th, 2018