

# Mill Bay Tennis Club



Board Meeting  
Grant and Corinne's Cabin  
2382 Shawnigan Rd (East Side)

June 14, 2018

2:30-4:30pm

## Minutes

**2:30pm** Meeting to order – Grant

**2:30pm** Board members and Guests Present –

*Board Present:* Grant Price, Corinne Price, David Mogg, and Cathy Waet,

*Board unable to attend:* Hans Dewit and Brian Johnson

*Guests Present:* None

**2:35pm** Review “previous” action items :

- **Action: All** will consider prospective members to add to board...as we are down at least one, and it is the last year for David and Cathy.
  - **Ongoing. David did review the membership list during the meeting, to see if we could identify potentially suitable candidates.**
- Action: Grant will make a one page ad for the Mill Bay Community Police Office to replace the one in their window that advertised our info table at Thrifty Foods on April 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - **done**
- Action: Grant will send out a communication to members: reminding everyone again it's time to sign-up; July 14<sup>th</sup> is the date of our Strawberry Tournament, which coincides with Wimbledon 2018 (July 2-15); and we thank Thrifty Foods and the Mill Bay Community Policing office for their continued support.
  - **done**
- Action: Grant will update the contact information for this year's board.
  - **done**
- **Action: Brian** will “measure and monitor” the impact of roots on the playing surface of our courts. The people who did the resurfacing suggesting 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. Brian's not convinced it's necessary, but will keep an eye on it.
  - **Ongoing, although Brian didn't feel any work in this regard was immediately needed.**

- ***Drew was prepared to follow-up again with the company that resurfaced the courts to see if they were willing to address some widening cracks.***
- Action: Brian is planning to book powerwashing the courts sometime during the week of May 20<sup>th</sup>, after pollen finishes falling off trees. A communication will go out in advance of the actual date so play can be cancelled that day.
  - ***done***
- Action: Corinne and David will review the members from last year who haven't signed up yet to see what additional action may be required to achieve our targeted membership of "75", integral to our 3 Year Strategic Plan.
  - ***Done. David called the 11 members in 2017, who did not re-join this year. Two re-joined as a result, while the others had reason: i.e. moved away, were injured, or preferred to join South Cowichan Lawn Tennis.***
- Action: David will do a rough draft for Grant to thank Thrifty Foods and the Community Police Office at Mill Bay for their continued help.
  - ***done***
- Action: David will monitor membership sign-ups after the Cowichan Press is issued, to see if there is a spike in sign-up...to help determine if it's worth our while to continue advertising this way.
  - ***Done. We put the ad in twice for a total fee of \$250. After examining the new members, it was determined none were attracted by these ads, and given we would need at least 3+ new members (\$75 x 3 = \$225) to offset the cost of the ads, the board determined it wasn't worth using this advertising tool again.***
- Action: Hans plans to do an on-line sign-up form for the Mixed doubles program, to start in early May. To date 10 people have signed up to play, with 10 others saying they are willing to spare.
  - ***done***
- Action: Cathy will take the lead on organize the 3 tournaments, but **Hans** will help by organizing the schedule of play during the tournaments, based on members who sign up.
  - ***Action: Grant*** will send out an email saying:
    - The Strawberry Tournament is Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup>
    - If bad weather, it could be shifted to Sunday July 17<sup>th</sup>
    - RSVP Cathy by July 7<sup>th</sup>
    - Bring water, chairs and nibblies to share
    - After party at Cathy's (2090 Shawnigan Lake)...BYOB and meat to barbeque; chair to sit around the fire; appetizer, salad or dessert to share
    - Give heads-up that the season ending tournament will be Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup>, with after party at Grant and Corinne's cabin....plus the Roger Burgess Christmas Tournament (at the Bubble) will be Saturday Dec 15<sup>th</sup>, with a gathering immediately after in the Arbutus Ridge Golf lounge.
  - ***Action: Cathy*** will buy some plants as prizes and Strawberries to eat...budget around \$100.

- **Action: Hans** will receive the names of those who say they will attend, and set up a play schedule, plus manage play at the tournaments
  - Action: Cathy will get the vehicle gate key from Penny
    - **Done. Penny lost her key**
    - **Action: Grant** will make Cathy another key.
  - Action: Cathy will get the latest spreadsheet from Corinne, and review it against the proposals to: have Neils' do a training program; implementing a Mentorship program; whether there is sufficient interest in a Social program etc.
    - **Action: Cathy** will review the names of members who have expressed interest in programs other than the men's and women's, but who have not participated to date....to see why, or how we might meet their interests. Once the trial training program, (put on by Neils and Grant) on Saturday mornings is concluded at the end of June, Cathy will explore if there is interest in extending, or modifying the program, or setting up something new, like the mentorship program.
  - **Action: Cathy and David** plan to work on creating a President's Reception...originally intended to "spice-up" the AGM:
    - **Ongoing, although some discussion included ideas like:**
      - Hold the AGM (in March) at Arbutus Ridge, followed by some play at the bubble...invite Courtside to bring some rackets for members to try, using Grant and Corinne's ball machine...video the people using the ball machine to view later. There would be a cost, and people must RSVP.
      - Hold a Presidents Reception at the Rec Centre (e.g. Curling Lounge) and invite New Balance. Show the video of people using the ball machine, while we enjoy a wine and cheese event...and try on new runners etc. Members can invite guests. There would be a cost, and attendees must RSVP.

**2:45pm**

**Board Member Reports and Updates** -

- **President – Grant**
  - Grant put up some parking signs and cleared out some bush and branches invading the parking space. No cost to club.
  - Grant also mention there may be a complaint lodged against a member of the men's program. The complaint over behaviour on the courts will be reviewed when and if received.
- **Secretary / Treasurer – Corinne**
  - Nothing beyond the above
- **Maintenance – Brian**
  - No report
- **Membership – David**
  - Membership is at 72

- **Director-at-Large – Hans**
  - A total of 24 members have signed up this season for Mixed Doubles. 12 players and 12 spares. Participation, however, has been poor. Of the 12 players, only about 1/2 are actively participating and signing up to play. So far, on most of the Mon/Wed evenings only Court 1 is being used. There have only been a couple nights so far where both courts have been full. Hans have sent out messages encouraging greater participation as well as suggesting to spares that they sign up to fill vacant time slots so that when there are only a couple of players signed up for a court on a particular night those players could still play. Very few of the spares are volunteering to do so. I presume they are only interested in playing when a player needs a replacement.
- **Director-at-Large – Cathy**
  - Nothing beyond the above

**4:00pm**

**Adjourn**

**Next Meeting Scheduled for: July 19 , 2018**