PINE LAKES TENNIS ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

Monday, November 4, 2024

Board members present: Irwin Peters, Sharon Thomson, Frank Tivnan and Rick Coats

PLTA members present: Jill Brush, Cam Thomson

President Irwin Peters called the meeting to order at 3:00pm. Irwin began the meeting by thanking all those who helped trim tree branches over court 1 (Terry Obie, Joe Swinford, Steve Coy, Rick Coats, and Irwin Peters).

Irwin then explained his new role as president due to Randy Markham having to move to the Vice-President role due to personal reasons.

MINUTES

The minutes of April 1st, 2024 were reviewed by board members prior to the meeting. There were no amendments. A motion was made by Rick to accept the minutes. This was seconded by Sharon. All were in favor and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Game day signs- we have signs indicating the various times for team tennis matches. There are frames for the signs in the shed. On match days, these signs will be posted on Pine Lakes Boulevard to inform the community of the opportunity to watch the various teams play. We also have two promotional posters advertising our wonderful game. One will be on an easel in the foyer of the Clubhouse. The location for the second sign has yet to be determined.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sharon gave an update on the balances in the bank account and in petty cash. Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Frank and seconded by Rick. The motion was carried. A copy of the report will be included in the minutes in the secretary's binder.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

A reminder to all that your annual dues of \$20 are to be submitted to a board member or team captain who will ensure the money is passed on to the treasurer. The dues are to be submitted by January 1st, 2025.

BOARD MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

Court maintenance- Irwin. - discuss with Kevin missing third canopy over court 1 side, wind socks, hitting board, screens should be on the inside with wind vents.

Web-site Co-ordinator- RIck will be responsible and Sandy will remain in the position of updating the website.

The weekly winter schedule will be posted at 9:00am every Saturday by Rick. Thank you to Terry Brush for posting the schedules for the first three weeks.

Whispering Pines articles- Thank you to Cam Thomson for his submission for the November issue. Cam has also agreed to do an article for December. Frank Tivnan has volunteered to do the January submission. Reminder- apparently articles are not to exceed 300 words! All aspiring writers are encouraged to let a board member know if they would like to take on an article on behalf of the tennis community here at Pine Lakes!

Bulletin Board update- Jill Brush has once again volunteered to maintain and beautify our Tennis Bulletin Board. Thank you, Jill..!!

First Aid kit- Sharon Thomson

Balls for League play- Thanks to Ron Garcia for acquiring the tennis balls for us. Terry Brush currently has the balls and will distribute to the team captains shortly.

Team Updates- SWIFT- (Jill) have added a new player. Some are injured and the season gets under way next week. Blue- (Frank) have also added some players and also do not begin their exhibition schedule until next week, Regular league play begins in the new year. White (Irwin)- After having only six active players, we were able to add two players from outside the park. They will have a four week exhibition schedule, then begin a balanced schedule in mid-December.

Pickleball- Court time requests agreed to. Mon-Sat. 7:30 to 9:30 and additional afternoon times. Irwin moved to accept PB schedule. Rick seconded.

Social tennis- confirmed one court allowed daily Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 9:30. Many of the social group are not PLTA members or are from Lake Fairways. Correction needs to be made to Whispering Pines calendar of events (Rick)

Celebration of Life- Barb Seiler- Will be held in the Pine Lakes Activity Room from 1:00 to 3:00pm on Saturday, November 16th.

Court use by players not from Pine Lakes- We do like to welcome visitors to our courts. Reminder- a Pine Lakes person must sign up for the court time. Social tennis has many early visitors. Frank brought up a concern about finding players to make up a foursome. Suggested we may post a list on the bulletin board for players looking for others to play with/against. Many of our players only play with a regular group of people. Consider giving others a chance to test their skills against you!

TENNIS LADDER- (New activity!) Cam is starting a tennis ladder on Fridays! It will begin on Friday, November 15th at 11:00am. However, you must sign up by Tuesday, November 12 by 3:00pm. Your matches will be posted on Wednesday, November 13th. You will be placed in a group of four. You will play in that group for 3 weeks. After the three weeks, the top male/female players move up, while the lower finishing M/F players move down. Every three weeks, you sign up again. Sounds like fun! (e-mail to the membership?)

SOCIAL FUN DAY- has been moved from Fridays to Mondays at 12:30. Two courts are available for group play.

ELS TOURNAMENTS- Funding- Irwin will contact Kevin for tournament funds and prize certificates along with the Lake Fairways president. We are looking for volunteers to help with this fun annual event!!

WELCOME BACK WINTER COCKTAIL PARTY- Our welcome back event is later this year in the hopes that more people will have returned to their winter homes. The Welcome Back Party is DECEMBER 5TH from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Ballroom. Cam requested \$350 for sparkling wine and cake, etc.. Irwin moved to accept the request and Rick seconded the motion.

SECOND ANNUAL WINTER DANCE- MONDAY, JANUARY 27TH 2025. This year we have booked a new band in co-operation with the Fairway Pines Pickleball group. Tickets will be \$15. We are hoping for over 140 people. Cam will be requesting a deposit for the band. Sharon moved to accept we provide a deposit for the band and Irwin seconded. Motion carried.

UNIQUE TROPHY? After some discussion it was decided to have a survey during the Welcome Back party. The survey will ask for ideas to name the trophy as well as suggestions for the reasons we want to award the trophy.

MIAMI OPEN- Organizers- Cam Thomson, Terry Brush, Ruth Sarno (?). This group will look into logistics of taking a group from Pine Lakes to The Miami Open Tennis tournament. Probably on a Wednesday (\$\$).

OPEN FORUM- None.

December 2nd Next meeting. (Followed by Jan 6, Feb 3, Mar 3, Apr 7)

A motion to adjourn was made by FRANK, seconded by Sharon. All in favour.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50pm.

Respectively submitted by,

Rick Coats, PLTA Secretary