

MINUTES OF LAKE MURRAY TENNIS CLUB BOARD MEETING

September 13, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER, ESTABLISH QUORUM. The meeting began at 1:00 p.m. at Lake Murray Tennis Club. There was a quorum.

Board members:

Present: Donn Goss (President), Nira Lipovsky (Treasurer/Assistant Secretary), Marty Sterling (Secretary/Assistant Treasurer), Debi Adcock (Leagues and Tournaments), Bob Beedle (Social), Len Packard (Head Pro), and Kathy Emmerson (Manager).

Absent: Houria Graves (Vice President), Janet Steinberg (Membership), Diane Bailey (Premises), and Doug Goodall (Past President).

Guests: None.

Dispensing with quorum requirement at meetings. Donn said that he wants to propose the following: that we dispense with the requirement of a quorum to conduct business and that we allow internet voting following the meeting to vote on motions made at meetings. **Debi moved, seconded by Marty, that we dispense with the requirement of a quorum to conduct business and that we allow internet voting following the meeting to vote on motions made at meetings when we do not have a quorum. The motion passed. Meeting date to be the second Tuesday of the month.** Donn said that he also proposes that Board meetings be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. He said that adjusting the time does not seem to work so adjusting the method of voting is the best way. The second Tuesday is good for getting the financial reports. Bank statements arrive on the 7th or 8th of the month. Marty goes to the Bank at the end of the month and gets bank information to send to Viki. Marty explained his banking procedure. **Ideas/suggestions for Club improvement.** At this point, Donn asked for any ideas or improvements that the Board would like for the Club. One suggestion was finding student volunteers to help with the care of the grounds. However, it was stated that getting student volunteers might be a problem because of the snake situation that we have. A hitting wall was suggested. Another improvement would be to have the parking lot lines repainted and the parking lot also needs oiling. Donn will talk to the City representative about the parking lot and when this is scheduled to be done. Marty would like to have some fiscal changes such as tightening up the spending of money and raising the dues. Marty suggested eliminating couples memberships and having just singles and juniors. He also would like to have the new system for kids to play by painting lines on the courts or some other method. There was discussion about this and about kids going to the Barnes Center. We will look into what can be done for the kids. The hitting wall was discussed. Marty said that, in preparation for putting in two new courts, he wants to build a hitting court. It could be made so that hitting can be inside and outside the

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court. Donn said that the new courts could be sponsored by the Home Depot or Albertsons and other businesses.

2. CONSIDERATION OF THE AUGUST 22 , 2011 MINUTES. MOTION TO AMEND AND APPROVE. MARTY MOVED, SECONDED BY BOB, TO AMEND THE MINUTES TO INCLUDE BOB BEEDLE AS SOCIAL CHAIRMAN IN THE VOTES COUNTED AT THE AUGUST 22, 2011 MEETING AND TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 22 MINUTES AS AMENDED. THE MOTION PASSED.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT – CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT FINANCIALS FOR AUGUST, 2011. Marty passed out the Register Report for August 2011. He asked if everyone had received Viki's reports by e-mail. He said that the balance in checking on 8/31/2011 was \$26,905.26. Since then the balance is lower due to the payment of bills. Marty said that we have \$169,000 in cash in all the accounts. According to Kathy, the windscreens ran over budget. Marty said it will be close making it to the end of the year. He thinks we will have to raise the Club dues for next year. **Debi moved, seconded by Bob, to accept the Treasurer's Report for August 2011. The motion passed.**

4. REPORTS.

A. Head Pro. Len Packard. Len said that the junior teams will be starting to play soon. Donn said that he wants his grandson to play on a team.

B. Membership. Janet Steinberg. Janet was absent. There was discussion about increasing the dues from \$165 per year to \$175. **Marty moved, seconded by Nira, to increase the annual dues from \$165 to \$175 beginning January 1, 2012. The motion passed.** Discussion followed regarding whether we should do away with couple memberships. Families pay one initiation fee. **Marty moved, seconded by Debi, that the annual fee for couples beginning January 1, 2012 will be increased from \$255 to \$275. The motion passed.** There will be no change to a junior membership which is now \$60 per year. Juniors who join after the first of July pay half of the \$60 annual fee. Debi wants to revisit the injury rule on memberships. **Marty moved, seconded by Debi, to eliminate the family membership. The motion passed.**

C. Leagues and Tournaments. Debi Adcock.

D. Social. Bob Beedle. Donn said that we don't have much of a social side to this club. He proposed that we plan and organize an annual club tournament. There would be men's and women's singles and doubles events and a junior tournament for club members and a barbeque to award trophies for the winners. We might even give a discount on membership fees to the winners as a prize to them. The barbecue would be done at the Club's expense and could be done in the early evening. Tables could be put on the courts for the social. Discussion about this followed. Debi suggested that people at the social could try out racquets and compete in a fast

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serve contest. We might ask the Club pros to act as hosts at the social. Len said that we could advertise the event in newspapers. Donn suggested that we ask people to donate funds for new courts. Another suggestion was to have a men's night and a women's night out on Monday. Kathy said that the junior drop in tennis on weekends is popular. We have approximately sixty junior members at the Club. It was agreed that a junior tournament might be the easiest to do.

E. Premises. Diane Bailey. Diane was absent.

F. Management. Dan and Kathy Emmerson. Kathy recommended getting bag hangers and shade for the courts. She wants the website updated and more police security for the Club. The windscreens on Courts 2 and 4 will be finished next week. Courts 5 and 8 will get windscreens next year. Patrick Henry Girls Tennis Team has begun to practice at Lake Murray. Kathy said there is still a problem with a member. Now the member is stealing merchandise. There was discussion about what can be done about this. She said that, instead of opening early, the clubhouse will be closed until 7:55 a.m. because of this situation. Emmo has a new employee: Joey Gross. Joey plays on the Patrick Henry Boys Tennis Team and manages the Patrick Henry Girls Tennis Team. He will be a good addition to the Emmo staff.

5. REPORT ON OUR WEBPAGE. Doug Goodall.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT. Donn welcomed the new Board and thanked the outgoing Board for their good work. Marty was authorized to get a plaque for Doug for his service to the Club. A Volunteers' lunch will be held, but Donn suggested that we not do it this year. Since the election was late, it delayed the luncheon that normally took place earlier in the year. There also was no Board luncheon which usually included the outgoing and the incoming Board members. Donn will talk with Diane about a date for the luncheon and a place to hold it with the Board and the volunteers. A letter of invitation will need to be drafted and sent to the volunteers. Donn said that the Club does not have a lease yet, and he needs to talk to Clay Bingham about the lease. He said that the City requires us to make a payment of \$610 to get this accomplished. The lease extension is for three years. Donn said that Janet should write a letter of resignation and submit it to him.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. The next meeting is set for Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. at the LMTC Clubhouse.

8. ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nira Lipovsky, Assistant Secretary
Lake Murray Tennis Club

***Motions:**

- 1. Debi moved, seconded by Marty, that we dispense with the requirement of a quorum to conduct business and that we allow internet voting following the meeting to vote on motions made at meetings when we do not have a quorum. The motion passed.**
- 2. Marty moved, seconded by Bob, to amend the Minutes to include Bob Beedle as Social Chairman in the votes counted at the August 22, 2011 meeting and to approve the August 22, 2011 Minutes as amended. The Motion passed.**
- 3. Debi moved, seconded by Bob, to accept the Treasurer's Report for August 2011. The motion passed.**
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