



IronOaksTennis Club (IOTC)  
Board Meeting Minutes: May 11, 2015  
1 PM - Ocotillo Room

In Attendance:

OFFICERS: Judy Gahide, Evan Hansen, Bobbie Reed, Betty Sanders, Dave Withers  
CHAIRPERSONS: Mickey Bryant, Dick Harrold, Denise Lott

Previous minutes: The minutes of April 13 were approved by the previous Board via email.

The agenda was approved.

**REPORTS**

PRESIDENT – Judy Gahide

Judy reviewed the process for approval of the 4/13 minutes since that meeting was conducted by the previous Board. The current Board concurred that approval by the past Board by email was more appropriate than seeking approval from the current Board members who were not present for that meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT – Evan Hansen (no report)

SECRETARY – Bobbie Reed (no report)

TREASURER – Dave Withers

Dave indicated that he intended to provide reports based on the calendar month rather than based on meeting dates as has been done in the past.

Cash Flow 4/13/15 to 4/30/15		
4/13 /15 Checking account balance		\$5541.70
Revenues:		\$ 0.00
Expenses:		
Quarterly internet fee	\$35.79	
Volunteer Appreciation Award	100.00	
Volunteer Appreciation Party	357.64	
Total		\$ 493.43
4/30 Checking account balance		\$ 5048.27
Savings Account balance		\$ 25.00

TENNIS PLAY CHAIR – Betty Sanders

The master calendar is posted on our club website. This shows dates for tennis events at IronOaks, Cottonwood, Sun Lakes CC, Sunbird and Springfield..

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE – Dick Harrold

There is a new interactive calendar on the web site.

Jenny Browne submitted an article and photos from the Friday social. These have been posted.

Dick expressed hope for more articles and photos to allow at least a weekly addition to the site.

Dick also mentioned that he has volunteered to monitor the Chelsea system on a temporary basis to troubleshoot and to keep information up to date.

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE – Mickey Bryant

Mickey reported that there were 305 annual tennis memberships and 7 monthly members. She presented a form for new members to join IOTC. This form is necessary since, for privacy reasons, the staff will not forward to our club the names or contact information for those who pay dues for use of the HOA tennis facility. The staff will however give them a membership form on behalf of the IOTC. Any person who wishes to join the IOTC will need to fill out the IOTC form which will be forwarded to us. Mickey will add those players to our database. There was some discussion about what should be on the form. There needs to be reference to what the benefits of the IOTC are - above and beyond the obvious rights that come with joining the Racquet Club – like rights to reserve courts and to play in prime time. Judy and Denise offered to work on the wording that describes the purpose of the IOTC and what benefits come with joining.

## DISCUSSION POINTS

1. 4/15 Recognition Party feedback  
Judy reported on this successful event. There was good feedback and everyone expressed appreciation for the nice recognition event. It was noted that the cost of food was quite reasonable and the group met the minimum for bar patronage so we had no additional costs for bar service.
2. Status of transition of Board duties  
Treasurer: Dave has taken possession of the books and bank accounts. He is investigating application for tax-exempt status for the organization as a 501(c)7. Although we have an EIN number, file tax statements and are registered with the state as IronOaks Tennis Club, we do not have official tax exempt status which may limit our ability to seek donations from organizations wishing to claim them as deductions. He will be seeking initial information and return with a recommendation on whether to go forward with such an application realizing there is a fee just to file. He will also contact George Hayward to see if George will continue as an independent reviewer of our financial records  
Secretary: Bobbie met with Susan Carter and now has all the records of the club including the original copies of the EIN notification from the federal government and the Trade Name Recognition certificate from the state. It was noted that the Trade Name needs to be renewed with the state every five years – meaning in November of 2015. Bobbie will follow through on this in the fall.
3. Organization Chart  
The group worked on updating the Organization Chart – identifying roles for the new Board members and identifying other changes in responsibilities and organization for the committees.  
Tennis Play, Chair and Board Sponsor – Betty Sanders  
Finance – Chair and Sponsor – Dave Withers  
Communications – Chair and Board Sponsor - Evan Hanson  
WEBmaster – Dick Harrold  
Club publicity – Denise Lott  
Suggestion Box: Secretary, Bobbie Reed  
Membership – Chair, Mickey Bryant; Sponsor, Bobbie Reed. Eliminate the Assimilation process (now a staff role and Jenny is responsible); Eliminate the skill level rating position.  
Food and Beverage and Volunteer Coordinator Committees will be combined into a single committee responsible for both F&B responsibilities and the volunteers to serve food and handle other activities as needed.  
A new Committee will be Sponsorship and Kathie Marshall will be chair.  
Judy will update the chart and have Dick post it on the web site.

4. IOTC Membership

Discussion of the new form, summarized under Membership Committee report, generated more consideration about the distinction between paying to have tennis privileges at the Racquet Club and joining the IOTC, which is a social club, separate from the HOA. Since we have no dues to distinguish who is a "member" of our club, in the past we have considered all tennis players to be members and tried to include them in events and in communications. This included monthly members as well as annual members. The HOA management has made it clear that just because someone pays to have tennis privileges does not automatically result in their identity or contact information being made available to us. However the staff is willing to hand out a form so that players may apply to join the club. This raised issues of how to approach what IOTC membership means. Does someone have to be an active Racquet Club member to be in IOTC? Many of our events are outside prime time. Can a homeowner who does not pay to play tennis join our club? Is that person restricted to play only in non-prime time events? How can we tell? What do we do about monthly members? One proposal is to have an annual fee for Oct 1 to September 30 for IOTC. That defines who is a member of IOTC independent of the date they join the Racquet Club or the date their tennis privileges expire. We need to know from the HOA what restrictions would be placed on IOTC members who do not have paid memberships in the Racquet Club. Can they play in our events? This is important since the staff will not be keeping us up to date on who is paid and who is not. The complexity of these issues was recognized and the group deferred further discussion to a future meeting.

5. Tennis Rules and Regulations

Bobbie reported that the tennis rules and guidelines are in process of revision. Pam Barker met with the HOA's Rules and Regulations Committee in February to help distinguish what decisions are managerial and belong in the facility operations guidelines and what standards belong in the HOA Rules. Pam indicated that she is writing the guidelines which will be placed at the front desk. She hopes to have them completed within a month. Bobbie will follow-up and try to get a copy for our review asap. The Rules and Regulations Committee is in limbo. They have developed rules that are perhaps ready to go to the Board to be posted for homeowner input. However, recently the Chair, Vice Chair and several committee member resigned and the timeline for the review of tennis rules is uncertain. Gary Market, the HOA Board liaison to that committee, said he was taking the situation to the HOA Board for resolution.

6. Christmas Party

The group discussed the offer from Cottonwood to join them at their Christmas party. The finances involved us footing part of the bill for the band and being allotted a limited number of tables (seats) for our members. The positives were cited as a good opportunity to better relationships across community lines and to avoid the poor showing and financial loss that was incurred last year when we had an IOTC only party. . The negatives included whether the number of tables being offered was adequate and how we would recoup the outlay for the band (charge our members more than Cottonwood members perhaps). Judy will follow-up with their club President to better define what is being promised by both sides.

7. Facebook Page

The possibility of a Facebook page was raised. Discussion will be deferred until Dick Harrold (who had to leave the meeting early) could report more on this.

8. Pickleball Update from Dick Eslick – The HOA Board is pursuing an architectural drawing of a park near the Oakwood Clubhouse that would include pickleball courts in addition to other amenities.

Action Items:

Dick Harrold will post minutes of April 13 on the website. Bobbie will send them to him.

Judy and Denise will work on a Membership form and distribute it to the Board for review.

Dave will research and report on applying for tax-exempt status

Dave will check with George Hayward about continuing to do the annual review of our finances

Bobbie will make sure we renew our name registrations with the state next fall

Bobbie will monitor the progress on the Guidelines from Pam and Rules from the HOA

Judy will follow up with Cottonwood on specifics about a joint Christmas Party

Judy will revise the organization chart and have Dick post it on the website

Next meeting: June 8, 2015

Time: 1 pm

Ocotillo Rm.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.