

Tennis Committee Meeting Minutes – October 13, 2008

- **Bring Meeting To Order:**

Attending: Jan Bloomhall, Alan Canfield, Linda VanWyk, Connie Hess, Loretta Poppinga, Mike Curran, Carol Rollero, Jim Rollero, T.A. Niles, Marianne Crouch, Sally Mellendorf, Terry Brady, Rich Fox, Sandy Gabara, Karen Ort, Effie Parker

WELCOME TO MIKE, T.A., & JOEL

Tennis Director's Report

- Guest Policy discussion
 - Mike and his staff are doing their best to administer our tennis rules. Per those rules, during Season, guests are not allowed to play on our courts before 11:00am. There have been several instances recently where members have not been adhering to this rule, and we discussed this issue thoroughly. Ultimately, it is the member who signed up for a court that is responsible for knowing and following the tennis rules. When a guest violation is observed, the staff is authorized to use their judgment to deal with the circumstances, including asking that member and his guests to leave the court immediately until 11:00am. To assist the staff in identifying guests, team captains, and tennis committee members will keep an eye on guest play before 11:00am. A reminder memo will be posted on the bulletin board, posted on the web site, and email to all tennis players regarding our guest policies.
 - We also discussed our rule that states everyone that signs up for a court must sign-in at the tennis shop before beginning play. This rule has been in effect for over two years and has never been followed by a majority of our players. Since WCI will not enforce our rules there seems to be no point in pushing this issue until the members take over. Mike will be creating a memo to inform members about these issues and review it with the Committee before sending it out.
 - REMINDER: The tennis rules are available on the web site www.gulpharbour.net/tennis and copies can be obtained from the Pro Shop.
 - 3 Court signup rule – Our rules clearly state that; *“One member may sign-up for up to 3 courts at one time. Specific approval from the tennis committee”*. Members have been attempting to circumvent this rule and Mike's staff will be holding everyone to this rule.
- Foot washers – The new foot washers that Mike had requested were denied by WCI. The cost is approx. \$1500.00 including installation, and it has been postponed for future budget consideration.
- Banners- At \$500.00 per banner, Mike suggests that we consider purchasing plaques instead of banners. Eventually, we would like to have a tennis trophy case to establish a historical record of our league and club champions. The committee and attendees liked this idea and it will be discussed further.
- Windscreen logos- Mike is getting estimates for windscreens with Gulf Harbour logos. He and the committee believe this will be a great addition to the presentation of our courts. Bob suggested that he also get an estimate for a logo on the awning facing parking lot adjacent to court 3.
- Inventory – In order to make the turnover transition from WCI to the members, it is necessary to draw down the inventories in the Club Pro Shops. To this end, for the remainder of the year the tennis Pro Shop may look a little empty compared to what it will look like after turnover.
- Online Reservation System – Mike, T.A, and Bob are looking at specifications for an on-line tennis court sign-up system that would follow our club rules and provide a much better way for all members to get access to our courts. This would likely be a 2009 project.
- Shed proposal- Mike and his staff need a storage place for their teaching carts and he is looking at storage options including a shed of some kind that could be located near the teaching courts. Mike will share his research with us going forward.

- Summer Facility Improvements & Repairs
 - New irrigation lines run from court
 - All Washingtonians trimmed
 - All courts resurfaced
 - 3 courts re-lined, 3, 5 and 7.
 - All fences were hogtied and holes were patched. A number of bottom rails have been added and there is completely new meshing on the back of court 1.
 - Wish List
 - Courts 1-4 rebuilt this summer
 - Water fountains – Water fountains on the courts is not feasible as there is no potable water or drainage on or near the courts. This is a project that will need to be considered when we redo the drainage on the courts.
 - Fences and light poles still need to be painted and some need to be replaced

- **New Business**
 - Bob and Mike informed that Committee about the state of our court irrigation system. The reason we have soft spots on some of the courts is directly related to the natural aging and deterioration of the irrigation system under the courts. Mike obtained an estimate of approximately \$350,000.00 to tear-up the courts and replace the pipes and fix the external drainage issues. Clearly, this will be a significant future budget item.
 - Reminder to all team captains that you must let Security know when to expect visiting teams from other clubs. It is imperative that you give Security a copy of your match schedule so they know when to expect your visitors. It is also a good idea to let your opponents know that all drivers entering the community must present a valid drivers license to enter Gulf Harbour.
 - Ladies Team Captains Meeting – Jan solicited a lot of interest from the attending ladies regarding setting up a team captains meeting to review the Lee County Tennis League rules. Jan will be communicating with all the team captains in the near future.

Tennis Event Calendar

2008-2009 TENNIS CALENDAR		
Month	Date(s)	Event
October	13 th	Tennis Committee & Captains Meeting 1130am
	25 th	Halloween Tennis
November	7 th	1st Pro League Match
	8 th	Welcome Back Mixer
	10 th	Tennis Committee & Captains Meeting 4:00pm
	19 th	Tennis Family Night Dinner
	22 nd	Saturday Tennis Team Challenge
December	12 th	Tennis Committee & Captains Meeting 3:00am

NEXT MEETING – NOVEMBER 10TH 4:00pm

Meeting Adjourned