

Tennis Committee Meeting Agenda – December 10, 2008

- **Bring Meeting To Order:**

Attending: Earl Freeman, Jan Bloomhall, Loretta & Ted Poppinga, Jim & Carol Rollero, Connie Hess, Tim Baldwin, Bob Ostrom, Rich Fox, Pam Lemon, Marcia DeVries

- **Tennis Director's Report**

1. I am meeting with Bob Pfendar this week to discuss Wilson order for January.
2. Wind screens have been ordered and should arrive soon. (with Gulf Harbour logo)
3. Will need a volunteer or two to help with the GH Memorial event. – Connie Hess will and Carol Rollero will be contacting Lili for more info. Per Alan, any member wanting to volunteer should get in touch with Lili. This will be publicized in the next edition of the Soundings.
5. Sign up for the New Years Day round robin will be posted two weeks prior to event. Arnie & Randy will be hosting the event again this year, and this will be a Potluck Event

- **Follow-up Items**

- Repairs to the court irrigation system – Bob explained that pending turnover, and budget approvals by the BOG court repairs may begin as soon as May beginning with courts 1 & 2. This will be a multi year project that will eventually renovate all 8 courts.
- Additional and replacement Foot washers – are in the 2009 budget
- Online Reservation System – A new on-line system was demo'ed by the tennis committee recently and all but one of the committee members feel this on-line system offers a lot reporting and tracking abilities. The one concern is whether this type of system could lead to more abuse and "blocking" courts that don't get used. The majority of the attending committee members and team captains believe this may lead to a forced check-in for courts and ultimately the benefits of an on-line system out weigh the negatives. Mike proposes that we do not implement a new system until the season is over.
- Shed proposal- for teaching carts – this was included in the 2009 budget planning and will be incorporated into the renovation of courts 1 & 2
- Shop Inventory – In anticipation of the year-end turnover Mike is reducing the inventory as low as possible.
- Ted Poppinga & Captain's Council meeting – Tim reported that the men's captain council met and reviewed Ted's situation and decided to give him the option to play on his current team or play up on the team he had been on in the past. At this time Ted has not decided which option he will opt to choose, but he is grateful to the Council for resolving this issue. Tim and Earl also explained that the Council had adopted new criteria for the team assignments going forward. It was also reiterated, by Tim, that the objective of this Council was to balance the teams and offer as much playing opportunity to the most players. Here is a copy of the new criteria adopted by the Captain's council dealing with the transfer of players from one team to the other.

At the end of the season, all team captains should meet to discuss the team rosters for the following season. It would be best to have this meeting after club intramurals so the captains can observe the players in different situations.

- Each captain will submit a list of suggested players on his team for a transfer to another team. The list will include the player's season record supporting the transfer.
- Each captain will have already consulted with the player who is being considered for transfer. The player considered for transfer should submit a brief statement with his comments on the transfer.
- Players not on the suggested transfer list will not be eligible for transfer.

The suggested transfer list is simply a suggestion.

- Final decisions will be made by a vote of all captains.... Majority Rules....
- All club members desiring to play in the league will be assigned to a team until every team roster is completely filled.

- **New Business**

- Tim congratulated the two Sports members, Gary Delanois and Bob Ostrom, for their election to the Board of Governors. Bob said he felt that the representation of the Sports members on the new Board is a definitive representation of the unity between all club members in a common goal to make Gulf Harbour the best it can be for every member of the Club.
- 2009 Tennis Committee – Bob explained the structure of the new committee system and he will be talking to all of the committee members about whether they want to stay on the committee next year. Under the structure of the current by-laws the Tennis Advisory Committee will keep its “advisory” role and Bob, as the Governor assigned to Tennis, will represent the Tennis program on the Board of Governors. He also explained that the tennis committee will have a lot more responsibility and input into annual budgeting, tennis program planning, and event organization. There is a likelihood there will be more projects and responsibilities for all committee members in the future. Tennis players who would like to volunteer to work on the Committee or sub-committees should express their interest to Bob or any of the current Committee members.
- Round robins – Alan brought up his concerns that the Saturday round robin pairings were not working well, and that attendance is deteriorating due to the imbalance of the pairings. There was a lot of discussion on this topic, and Bob stressed that fact that this is an issue at all clubs where players desire to play with people better than they are, but not so much better that they can get hurt... and that better players don’t really want to play with beginners. That said, Alan volunteered to work with Mike and Bob to come up with alternatives formats, and to confer with Terry, George, and regulars who play in the round robins. Alan will report back to the Committee.
- Upcoming events – Based on last years problems with our singles and doubles tournaments, there was a lot of discussion about creating tournament rules for signups, flighting, disqualification deadlines, last minute additions, etc. Alan volunteered to work as a committee liaison with Mike and Bob to establish some guidelines for upcoming tournaments. He will report back to the committee.

League & Team Captain Reports

The Next Meeting has been moved from its originally posted date. **It is now scheduled for Monday, January 5th at 3:00pm**

Tennis Event Calendar

2008-2009 TENNIS CALENDAR Print a Copy			Pro League Schedule Matches Start at 4:00pm
Month	Date(s)	Event	
January 2009	1 st	New Year’s Day Round Robin & Lunch	12/19/08 The Landings
	5 th	Monthly Tennis Committee & Captains 3:00pm	01/09/09 Heritage Palms
	5 th – 11 th	Men’s & Women’s Singles Championships	01/30/09 Grandezza
			02/13/09 Lexington Country Club
			02/27/09 Colonial
			03/13/09 Bonita Bay
			Admission is free!
			Come out and support your Gulf Harbour tennis pros!