

## Tennis Committee Meeting Minutes – April 2, 2008

- **Bring Meeting To Order**
  - In Attendance: Bob Ostrom, Loretta Poppinga, Tim Baldwin, Amy Ciarrocchi, Jim Rollero, John Hess, Marcia DeVries, Alan Canfield, Jeff Belcher, George Kane
- **Follow-up Items**
  - The tennis staff is still not booking courts according to the official tennis rules. We need to address this issue as we can not continue to ignore these court signup rules. Jeff will present his recommendation for changes to the rules for committee consideration.
  - The Committee decided to revise the court sign-up rules and eliminate the 8:00am 1 ½ hour restriction to reflect a First Come First Serve policy for court sign-ups, and extend that policy through April 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - Volney has been assigned the task of finding a source of plastic or other kind of caps or protection on the ends of the bleachers between courts 6 & 7 – Volney is still looking for a solution to this problem. Since members have been injured by the sharp edges of the bleacher, the Committee stressed the need to come up with a temporary fix. Suggestions included using swimming noodles and duct tape. Jeff will get with Volney on this.
  - Additional hooks have been added between courts 5 & 6
  - The pairings for the Saturday round robins have improved and the Committee commends Joel for his efforts to make the pairing better.
  - WCI Cup Challenge Report - Gulf Harbour won all 3 positions in the WCI Challenge.
  - Men's & Women's Double Tournament Recap... the tournament went well, but Jeff suggests that the members need to create signup rules that deal with illness and partners that don't show up. This was addressed in more detail later in the meeting.
  - April 12th Tennis Celebration Plans – Over 100 members have signed-up to date. Most of the plans are in place for the April 12th tennis celebration with Georgine and Sally.

*La Vie Du Tennis  
Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres 6:30pm  
Salad, Seafood & Chicken, Crepes, Pot Roast  
Bananas Foster & Ice Cream  
\$40.00 Inclusive (cash bar)*

John Hess expressed his displeasure with the cost of this meal. It was pointed out that we have added hors d'oeuvres and seafood to the menu this year over what was offered last year at the same price. The cost \$1200. cost of live entertainment is also included in this fee. The total cost before taxes and tip is \$33.00 per person.

- What other issues might we need to address before the party?
  - Trophy's – the Committee is not happy about Jeff's decision to not handout trophy's to tournament winners this season, in favor of WCI merchandise certificates. John Hess volunteered to investigate the cost of purchasing trophies for the tennis celebration. The Committee can then decide if we want to purchase them for April 12<sup>th</sup>. The Committee asked that Jeff consult with the Committee before making these kinds of decisions in the future.
  - In Jeff's absence Joel will speak to the party attendees acknowledging all of the tennis tournament flight winners and talk about improvements to our facility this year, and any other notable Lee County or individual accomplishments by members this Season.
  - Invitations have been provided to Joel, Elaina, and Norm and their significant others to be paid for by WCI or the Tennis Committee in appreciation for their on-going efforts?
  - Jim Rollero suggested we look at adding a projector or monitors to display some 700 pictures he has of tennis players. Bob will talk to Georgine about arrangements.

### **Tennis Director's Report**

- Davis Cup event time will be changed to 3 & 5 PM to avoid conflicts with the women's Intramural tennis league matches.
- Members are still not signing up for their court reservations. They are going to ANY open court... specifically Thursday AM of last week. The Committee voted to require ALL members to sign-in for courts beginning next season.

- Doubles Championships concluded last month. Congratulations to all the winners of each flight.
- Intramural Leagues have begun for both men and women. So far, so good....!

## Facility Report

- Jim Rollero's weekly facility walk throughs are going well. We told Jeff that we want to be his eyes and ears for helping to maintain and improve the tennis facilities.
  - Jeff will remind Volney to cut off and cap (closer to the ground so people don't trip on them) the old irrigation lines that stick up between courts 6 & 7
  - The Bleachers are not getting cleaned off at mid-day. Jeff will talk to Norm about sweeping them after he grooms the courts.
  - You will get with Volney to remove or repair all of the broken concrete landscaping borders and curbing.

## New Business

- The Committee will be creating an official Tournament or Event planning sub-committee, at a future meeting, to establish tournament guidelines for sign-ups, match pairings, seedings, match schedules, deadlines, appeals, etc.
- The Committee voted to create a league captain liaison to report keep up to date with all of the men's and ladies league activities and report back to the Tennis Committee on the equitable distribution of players, set expectations of USTA captains, team controversies, league rules, issues and resolutions, etc. Tim Baldwin volunteered to take on this task for next season.
- The Committee discussed whether we should allow non-club members, or transfer members from representing the Club as USTA team captains. The committee voted to make sure the tennis rules state that only full equity members can represent the Club as USTA team captains.
- The Committee asked Jeff to conduct a USTA team captains meeting next fall before the season begins, to review the rules and procedures for being a team captain.
- April 11 & 12<sup>th</sup> Davis Cup Plans – Signup opening still available – two flights, 3:00pm & 5:00pm
- April 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Wimble Scramble – Sign-up on the bulletin board, Alan will handle Ch95
- June 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> – Bush Open Event is set to go... Alan and Amy will help with the event coordination.
- For Next Year's Budget - The canopy between courts 6 & 7 has pin holes in it and needs to be replaced
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## Upcoming Events

<b>April</b>	2nd	Monthly Tennis Committee and Captains Meeting
	11th & 12th	Davis Cup Tennis Event
	12th	Annual Tennis Celebration Banquet
	26th & 27th	Wimble/Scramble - Tennis & Golf
<b>May</b>	7th	Monthly Tennis Committee and Captains Meeting
<b>June</b>	4th	Monthly Tennis Committee and Captains Meeting
	23rd – 27th	Florida "Bush" Open Championships - National Juniors Tournament – 2 courts will be available for members during the tournament.

**Tennis Information on-line [www.gulfharbour.net/tennis](http://www.gulfharbour.net/tennis)**

The Tennis 2008 Event Calendar is on-line now, Jeff's monthly Newsletter, Home match schedules, Lee County league standings, USTA league standings, recent team highlights