

## **LCTA Board Meeting Minutes**

April 11, 2023

In Attendance: Tom Strizich, Steve Meloy, Jeff Martin, Katelyn Schaub, Piper Wandler

- A. Approval of March Minutes
  - a. Motion made to approve minutes and passed unanimously.
- B. Public Comment
  - a. No members present.
- C. Club Manager Report - Michaela
  - a. Things are running smoothly.
  - b. Next big project will be to make sure all members have signed contract in the file cabinet with their assigned fob numbers.
  - c. Will need more fobs eventually but have enough for right now. Just completed setting up quite a few.
- D. Pro Report
  - a. Spring Fever - each school received \$1,000 from the tournament.
  - b. Next year would like to get sponsors for things such as food and awards for the tournament, so the entry fees make more money for the high schools.
  - c. Owes two months of non-member fees (about \$300)
  - d. Tom's doing well with East Helena high school - has members helping with practice matches for the kids.
  - e. Summer programs are already filling up. The groups are doing really well right now.
  - f. Will be without an assistant through June due to Tom being out for personal reasons.
- E. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Court fees were up (2nd highest of the year)
  - b. Club Mixer brings in additional revenue, in general, for what it costs to run the event.
  - c. Gas/Electric - budget billing is increasing (up \$300/month)
  - d. The water rate has increased \$21.
  - e. Insurance payments are complete until next July.
  - f. Number of denied credit cards has been minimal since we went through the updates (only 4 this month totaling \$40)
  - g. Checking account trends: Overall gained over \$3,000/month the past 2 months.
- F. Pickleball
  - a. Brian Woods created a proposal for review.
  - b. Taking off all over the place - have been approached by a few different people that have interest in it and have money to potentially support.
  - c. Board to review proposal and start a forum with the membership to understand what others are thinking, why we should or shouldn't do it.
- G. Junior Membership Fees
  - a. Currently, there is no initiation fee for juniors, but they pay 3 months up front.
    - i. Unknown as to why this was started, but possibly a hardship consideration for families/students?

- b. Memberships end when they graduate from high school.
- c. Takes the club managers about 2-3 hours to set up, provide a tour, etc.
- d. If we decide to charge an initiation fee, one idea is that it could apply to the full membership in the future.
- e. Motion to charge juniors \$50 initiation fee that can apply towards adult membership when they're ready. They would remain non-equity members. However, they would continue to pay monthly dues and court fees like other members.
- f. Amended motion to read as follows: Junior members will pay a \$50 initiation to apply toward resident membership, amend the policy to remove the sentence in the policy stating, "junior members can use the facility without monthly dues during the summer" and remove the requirement to pay \$75 (3 months of dues) up front.
- g. The amended motion was passed unanimously.
- h. Jeff will add the updated language to the policies, so it's reflective of what we're actually doing.

#### H. Capital Reserve Fund

- a. Previously proposed this fund for additional money to go here for future expenses (lights, maintenance, equipment, resurfacing, etc.) - current account has \$500 in it.
- b. Anything over \$50k (checking and savings combined) is to be put into this account - transfers will be made on the first of every month.
- c. Could buy some CDs with this to accrue more interest over time (can set to buy automatically at certain account level thresholds) - maybe 1-year terms - Jeff to talk to the bank about the terms.
- d. Proposed motion: motion approved unanimously to repurpose the current activity fund to be used as the Capital Reserve Fund.

#### I. Lights

- a. We'll first clean the lights this summer to see if it resolves some of the lighting issues. Larry will bring in the lift. There's also the option to change bulbs when we're doing this. If that doesn't resolve the issue, we'll look at alternative options. Best next option would be to turn the sets of 2 into sets of 3 lights (about \$5,000 to do this)
- b. Will revisit in the summer and evaluate what it does to the electricity costs.

#### J. Club App

- a. On the hook for another year (May 2024) at \$160/month - haven't been billed for this until December of 2022 - contract had been signed in 2019
- b. Want to get out of this, if possible.
- c. If we can't get out of it, could roll out the app as a test for the next 6 months to see how people like it. Have someone who can help set it up for us.
- d. Tom will make a call to Club Automation

#### K. Annual Meeting F/U: Proxies, Quorum

- a. Talk about reducing quorum to make it a smaller number of members, but give more power, which can be dangerous. However, it would require a bylaw change as well.
- b. Same issue with one person having up to 4 proxy votes - also requires bylaw change.
- c. Try to get more involvement rather than change bylaws or reduce the quorum for the time being.

#### L. Retirement Contribution

- a. Members of the club receive mandatory distributions from their IRA. Can make contributions to non-profits directly from account to non-profit that doesn't count as income, so avoid the taxes and can claim the full deduction.
  - b. Funds could be used for capital reserve funds, scholarships, or other designated purposes.
  - c. Likely needs a certain number of users to start with and figure out what it looks like.
  - d. Jeff to champion this idea.
- M. Beeby Memorial Tournament
  - a. Discussion surrounding whether or not to combine with the existing Jack Reddy tournament.
  - b. The Board would prefer to keep them separate, and potentially have the Beeby Memorial Tournament in the fall.
- N. MC and Leroy Beeby Memorial Scholarship
  - a. Steffi Johnson proposed the idea of a scholarship as a memorial to MC and Leroy Beeby. The idea would be to have it for high school tennis players moving into college.
  - b. One thought is to have earnings from tournament fund at least part of the scholarship.
  - c. The Board would like Steffi to keep moving forward with the details, such as how much the scholarship would be worth, who it would go to, applications, whether or not it's renewable, how to administer, etc.
  - d. Jeff will also talk to his wife about it for additional ideas.
  - e. The board supports the idea and would administer the scholarship.
- O. Leroy Beeby Memorial
  - a. May 6th at 11am on court 3
  - b. The club as a whole will be reserved from 9am to 2 pm.
- P. AED
  - a. The current AED is expired and needs to be replaced.
  - b. Tom will talk to the hospital to see if they have an older one they'd be willing to donate.

Next Meeting May 10, 2023, at 7:00 PM at club