

**HOP BROOK TENNIS CLUB, INC.**  
**BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING**  
**April 25, 2021**  
**Via Internet Video Conference**

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Ted Almy, President.

Present: Ted Almy  
Jim Peters  
Mark Howland  
Charlie McCormick  
Tracy Tietje  
Althea Schwartz  
Tom Duffy  
Todd Raymond

Regrets: NONE!

**MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING**

- The minutes from the 3/28/2021 meeting were approved as reported.

**FINANCIAL and MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

- Todd reported that all bills in hand have been paid, and that he expects the second bill from the tennis court company to arrive soon.
- Todd also reported that at last check of the PO Box, it appears that at least half of the annual dues have been paid.
- In the interval since the last Board meeting, the Board voted by email to accept the application from Dan and Brigid Arcari, sponsored by Mark Howland. Dan will be a Full member and Brigid will be Single-sport Tennis member.
- By unanimous voice-vote, the Board approved the application for membership from Dave and Karin Sebolt, sponsored by Marc Philo. Dave will be a Full member and Karin will be Single-sport Tennis member.
- Mark stated that he would invite three prospective new members to a Sunday brunch.

**BOCCE COURT**

- Tom reported that a 50 foot by 10 foot area has been excavated, leveled and topped with a layer of rough gravel.
- Tom stated that the next steps are to frame the court with the 2x12 wooden boards, add a finer layer of gravel and then add the har-tru. The court will be backfilled and new grass planted. Total lumber cost is about \$750.
- The club will need a hand-pulled roller. New ones cost about \$800.

## **TENNIS**

- Jim reports that the seat for the very old tennis court roller is loose and cracked and thus dangerous. (Carbon-dating places the origin of the roller sometime during the Paleozoic period.) With few options to find a used roller, and the very high cost of a new roller, the Board opted to spend \$295 to buy a new seat from the manufacturer.
- It was also recommended that the club start a savings line item toward the eventual purchase of a new roller.
- Jim also suggested a small bit of grading work at the corner of the clubhouse near the paddle courts to make it easier to drive the roller through that point. As Jon Bahre's excavator is onsite, Jim will ask Jon if he can do this.
- The Board set May 16 as the official opening day for the summer tennis season and for the first Tennis Drop-in Brunch.

## **SOCIAL EVENTS**

- Ted will send a sign-up request for members to host the Sunday Tennis Drop-in Brunches.
- Russ and Judy Ciafone are actively planning for the June 19 Italian Dinner and Bocce Tournament. Lasagna will be the main course. A committee of members is working with Russ and Judy.
- The Board discussed the idea from the last meeting to hold Friday night Pickle-ball events. Ted recalled what had been a long-standing and very successful Friday night bar-be-cue event, with members bringing their own dinners to cook. The Board agreed to take this approach, inviting all members to bring their desired foods to cook, to socialize, and to play tennis, paddle, pickle-ball and bocce. A first date needs to be set and an announcement sent to the membership.

## **PICKLEBALL**

- The Board set Saturday, May 15 at 9:00 AM for the work party to assemble the pickle-ball court.

## **CLUB WEBSITE**

- Tracy reports that work is proceeding very well and that there will soon be enough accomplished to offer a demonstration to the Board.
- The new member application and sponsor nomination form will be on a page of the website and will allow information to be typed in before printing for signatures. It was also clarified that the Board members, by virtue of voting on new-member applications, are meeting the requirement of having signatories supporting the applicant(s).
- The website will have a public area and a members-only area, the latter to be accessible with a uniform password.
- The Board agreed that once the website is functioning, meeting minutes will begin to be posted there. The Board did not see merit in the effort to post minutes of earlier meetings.

- There was discussion about designing a sign-up function for people to fill in their names for drop-in events such as the weekend paddle groups that Jim organizes or a similar set-up for tennis.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Mark reported that the Clean-up Day was a great success, with nearly 30 people working hard to accomplish all the tasks that were set out. He stated that the shed clean-out and the kitchen clean-out were particularly arduous and messy tasks.
- It was noted that the paddle court wind screens have been delivered, and that Pat Sullivan is devising a method to install them.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

- The next meeting of the Board will take place on Sunday, May 16 2021, at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Howland  
Secretary