

HOP BROOK TENNIS CLUB, INC.
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
June 6, 2021
Via Internet Video Conference

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Ted Almy, President.

Present: Ted Almy
Jim Peters
Mark Howland
Charlie McCormick
Tracy Tietje
Althea Schwartz

Regrets: Tom Duffy
Todd Raymond

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

- The minutes from the 5/16/2021 meeting were approved as reported.

FINANCIAL

- Concern was noted about having only one key to the PO Box and not wanting to have checks languishing there. Ted stated that he would inquire with the Post Office about having a second key.
- Mark reported Jeanne Striefner's request for greater detail on new member invoices so that she would be in a position to answer questions from the new members.
- A few members have asked about more modern ways to pay for dues, dinners, etc. The Board agreed to look into options such as on-line banking, Venmo, etc.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

- Mark stated that the Directory is updated and ready to be published excepting that:
 - we do not yet know if all the new members who received their invoices have paid them,
 - dues letters have not yet been sent for three recently approved members,
 - one couple's application has yet to be circulated and voted on,
 - we do not yet know if any 2020 members have not paid their 2021 dues.
- The Board agreed that the directory should be published to include all current members and all people in the midst of becoming members, rather than be held up until all of these answers are known. Changes can be made if needed.
- Mark noted that there remain five other parties who have expressed interest in joining the club. Various members are in contact with these folks and continue to promote the club.

BOCCE COURT

- Remaining steps to complete the project include painting or staining the boards, leveling and compacting the underlayment, spreading, watering, leveling, and compacting the Har-Tru, and backfilling and seeding topsoil around the frame.
- Ted and Jim plan to do the painting or staining on Tuesday, 6/8, and Ted will call the membership to a work party for Friday, 6/11. Ted will also rent a gas-powered compactor for the Friday work.

JUNE SOCIAL EVENT – ITALIAN NIGHT AND BOCCE TOURNAMENT

- We do not have a current head-count, as Russ Ciafone is away and responses are in his mailbox. The club stands ready to provide tables, chairs and tents if necessary, should the count exceed the pavilion's capacity of about 66 people.
- The event committee has developed club bocce rules and sent them to Mark for distribution via Constant Contact.

FRIDAY NIGHT B-B-Q SOCIALS & SPORTS

- The Board agreed that the originally discussed start date of 6/11 for these events is now too imminent to be feasible, and also noted that the bocce court is not ready.
- The Board agreed to set 6/25 as the kick-off night for these events.
- Ted will send out an announcement to describe these events and to ask people to sign up as hosts for each week.

CLUB WEBSITE

- Tracy reported that the website is ready for the Board members to make a final review and provide comments.
- The Board committed to provide comments within the week.
- It was agreed that the website will include the minutes of the most recent annual meeting and the most recent three Board meetings.
- Regarding the reservation system, the Board favors keeping the current system for now, but continuing to evaluate other systems, with a target date of September/October 2021 for switching to a new system. It was also suggested that an additional reservation page be added to allow the bocce court to be reserved. It was suggested that time slots of one hour in duration would be appropriate for the bocce court.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Members have asked if the tree stump at the edge of the parking area can be removed, as it is often hit, with some damage to cars. Ted has made arrangements to have the stump ground up in the coming week.
- A daughter of one of the new members is an accomplished singer. It was suggested to the Board that she would be happy to entertain at a social gathering. The Board is favorably disposed to this idea. Ted will follow up with the member.

NEXT MEETING

- The next meeting of the Board will take place on **Tuesday, June 29, 2021, at 7:30 PM.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Howland
Secretary