Minutes of the June 6, VITPB commission

The meeting was opened at 5:35 PM.

Members present - Butorac, Erickson, Prittinen, Prosen and Strand

Members absent - Hennen, Johnson

The minutes for the May meeting were accepted.

Tom B moved, seconded by Bob, to have secretary Niecie send her minutes

notes to George, who will transcribe and email them. Motion passed.

Several issues regarding the bylaws were discussed:

1.How should we define who is a member? (One must be a member to serve on

the board? In response, Tom B moved, seconded by Tom P, that a member be

defined as a person who has paid at least a 3 month membership during the

previous 12 months or the equivalent in court fees, or has contributed 20

hours of volunteer work in the office during the same period. Motion passed.

2. Should the board elect its members, or should they be elected by the

membership of VITPB? The consensus was that the board would elect its

members.

3. Tom B moved, and Tom P seconded, that board members be limited to two

consecutive four-year terms that begin when the new bylaws are approved.

Motion passed.

George reported that he has posted several messages on the bulletin board in

the office regarding facility hours and contact information for the board

and other issues, and that the board members should check them for accuracy.

Website issues -

Tom B will ask his secretary to meet with Jim to fill in the vacancies on

the website, which would include lesson schedules, the posting of the

minutes and other things because the website that is not kept current will

be ignored.

Pickle ball

Several pickleball players who pay by the hour have asked to have their rate

reduced from six dollars per hour to three. Following discussion, N Strand

moved, seconded by Bob that the rate remained at six dollars per hour.

Motion passed.

Bob requested a list of the pickleball players who are members, and whether

they are our three months six months or one year members. (Ask Kristin or

Jim for it.)

George received the complaint that the regular pickleball playing times had

been removed from the schedule without consulting the players.

Court lighting

George express concern the court lights are occasionally being left on

needlessly, and Tom P questioned the placement of the last lights to be

installed.

Advertising on the website.

George asked for clarification on the cost and the duration of the ads

agreed to.

Matt Hennen pay. George is under the impression that Matt has resolved his

pay issues with John Bachman. Please confirm, Matt.

7A contract renewal. Bob says Jim is working on it.

George reported that a new vacuum for the rugs is needed. Jim should contact

John Bachman?

Ball machines. Using parts from our two ball machines, George and his

neighbor were able to repair one ball machine so that it is fully

functional. The second machine has been scrapped.

The brushes on the machine used to clean the courts apparently need to be

replaced. Jim should contact John Bachman.

Courts locked unpredictably.

George received complaints that the indoor courts were locked on Friday

evening and Saturday morning of the Memorial day weekend during times that

are normally scheduled to be open. The consensus was that if the manager

plans to shorten hours for any reason he should prominently post a notice of

the change ahead of time. Bob says he would have come open the courts if he

had been asked, but unless that option is posted no one will know about it.

Tom B mentioned the option of a keyless entry. No discussion.

Summer tennis and indoor courts plus suggestions from Jim.

Jim reported by email on three issues, the first two recommending increasing

the cost of court time and the need to increase the fee for lessons. These

two items were not discussed at length, but no one objected to the concept.

The third issue involved his suggestion for handling the conflict that

sometimes arises between pickle ball scheduling and the need for indoor

courts due to weather for the tennis in the Parks program. That issue is

briefly discussed and Niecie offered an alternative plan. George then

suggested that she combine her plan and Jim's in an email to the board so

that the members could promptly make a comparison and vote by email.

Tom B suggested that we not meet in July, but because of the need to update

our bylaws as soon as possible, George urged everyone to read the proposed

bylaws with the filename that ends with the C as soon as possible and

comment to the group by email - as Niecie has done.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

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