

WESTLAKE TENNIS CLUB

NOTES OF MEETING OCTOBER 3, 2019

In attendance: Kevin McCann, Helene Kleinwaks, Linda Lafer, Art LePori, Jay Shapiro, Monica Strauss, Marcia Weinberg

Not in attendance: Albie Shapiro

Reports:

Kevin McCann: Some suggestions for 2020 end-of-the year get together...Clam Bake, or standard BBQ; Island Beach Party.

Helene Kleinwaks: 75-80 ppl will be attending the Closing Meeting (appx \$675)

Linda Lafer: Submitted an article for the Journal re our Dinner Dance with pictures; there will be another after the Closing Meeting. Afterwards, the next article will appear in April at the beginning of the Season.

Art LePori: smooth transition of the website to Anne Marie Stengel and Mary McCann. Art express that he will always be available if we need him. The Board expressed their gratitude to Art for all the hard work that he did on the website.

Jay Shapiro: discussed how nice it is to play up...we spoke about how it can't always be done, schedulers their best to be fair: within your group or 1 up or 1 down.

Monica: we have \$3,300 in the checking; that's without the Closing Meeting or Schedulers luncheon.

Marcia: a note will be placed on the website reaffirming that tennis will be scheduled through the last week of October...November 2 is a Saturday and that is the last day of scheduled play.. A draft of the Closing Presentation was passed around, suggestions were made and will be incorporated.

Meeting was adjourned at 3 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcia Weinberg

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2019

The following were in attendance: Marcia Weinberg, Albie Shapiro, Monica Strauss, Linda Lafer, Helene Kleinwaks,

The Meeting was called to order at 3 PM

Reports:

Albie Shapiro: Our courts are in need of repair and Albie again expressed his frustration over the lack of response from American Tennis (the company who did our tennis courts). Albie will contact Steve to inform him that in the near future the courts will need to be totally redone.

Linda Lafer: Did an article for the Journal concerning the Autism Dinner. That same article will be published in the Jackson Times.

Helene Kleinwaks: Posed a suggestion for 2020....give some thought to either an elaborate BBQ, or perhaps a clambake later in the season instead of the Annual Dinner Dance. The Board will revisit those suggestions next season. For the Closing Meeting this year, she will do some comparison shopping for the sandwiches.

Jay Shapiro: Mary McCann and AnnMarie Stengel should be invited to one of our Board Meetings. The Board wants to thank them for their great job in learning Art LePori's job.

Monica Strauss: The Membership is as follows: 58 Women and 58 Men. Total 116, of that 6 are new members and 1 rejoin. Our checking balance is \$5,503.09.

Marcia Weinberg: The Board was brought up to speed concerning the tennis teaching pro living at Westlake. Albie and I had a meeting with him and advised him that he was not permitted to bring non-residents into Westlake to give them lessons. The Master Board was given a synopsis of that meeting.

Ratings...as of this date, 5 ladies have moved up and 6 have not. Several more to go.

We will have our appreciation luncheon Wednesday, October 2nd at the Grille.

The pizza/tennis that had been rained out has been rescheduled to Monday, August 26th, 6 pm.

The Dinner Dance is 9/19. We will try to set up a meeting with Lynn LePori and Sue Sullivan to review finals.

The Meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Marcia Weinberg

July 9, 2019 Notes of the Westlake Tennis Club Executive Board Meeting

Members Present: Linda Lafer, Art Lepori, Kevin McCann, Albert Shapiro, Jay Shapiro
Monica Strauss, Marcia Weinberg

The meeting began at 2:00 p.m.

Membership/Finance

Monica reported the following:

There are 113 members (This compares with 128 during the corresponding period for 2018.) Included are 4 new members and 1 member who re-joined. There are 56 women and 57 men.

The Club's checking account balance is \$5485. This is \$500 less than for the comparable period in 2018.

Transition to the new Website

Art reported that after a number of "glitches", it appears that the new Westlake website is now functioning well. He thanked ????? for her help during the transition and indicated that Mary McCann would be willing assist/serve as a backup. (Currently, Art is handling email blasts, posting of weekly schedules, etc.)

NOTES OF BOARD MEETING MAY 6, 2019

Present: Marcia Weinberg, Helene Kleinwaks, Kevin McCann, Art LePori, Monica Strauss, Albie Shapiro

Absent: Jay Shapiro, Linda Lafer

Reports:

Helene Kleinwaks: as of this date, 55 people have committed to attending the Opening Meeting on May 13th.

Albie Shapiro: There are 'dead' spots on the courts- Albie will send a note to Steve Hodges. Caps will be ordered for the rollers.

Art Lepori: Will get together with Ann Marie Stengel to review the process of posting to the Website.

Monica Strauss:

Membership:To date we have 100 members , which includes 3 new members (52 women, 48 men). We are 13 members short for the same time last year.

Finance: We received a check from the Grille in the amount of \$184.59 as a result of a program they had which would reimburse the Tennis Club 10% of the take from a day in March 2019 if you dined at the Grille and mentioned the Tennis Club. Our current balance is \$5,788.79.

Westlake Family Sports Day: Sunday, June 9th. Claude DeRogatis, together with volunteers will be in attendance to help facilitate lessons for children, courts 3 and 4 and on 1 and 2 games will be played. Joann Goldberg will supply large garbage cans to be used in some of the games. Monica will be meeting with Claude, Wednesday, May 8th, as well as other tennis members to coordinate.

Marcia Weinberg: A draft of the PowerPoint Presentation was distributed and suggestions were offered. Talking points were brought up. Art will receive the Presentation next week. We also discussed the schedule and starting times. Last year, especially for Rating Games, the ladies were starting well before 8 am. We need to inform the Membership that 8 am is the starting time. We have neighbors surrounding the tennis club and starting earlier could be disturbing to them. Several years ago our start time was 7:30 and complaints were received; so we needed to change the start time to 8 am.

Club Nite, Wednesday, May 8th, was discussed. Applications and information flyers will be on hand for those interested.

Meeting was adjourned 3:30.

Respectfully Submitted, Marcia Weinberg

April 16, 2019 Notes of the Westlake Tennis Club Executive Board Meeting

Members Present: Helene Kleinwaks, Linda Lafer, Art Lepori, Kevin McCann, Albert Shapiro, Jay Shapiro, Monica Strauss, Marcia Weinberg

The meeting began at 1:30

Membership/Finance:

Monica reported the following:

Members: 44 Women
36 Men

Total: 80 (11 less than the corresponding period for 2018)

Balance in Checking Account: Beginning of 2019: \$3402.70 – This compares with \$3405 at the same time last year. Today's balance: \$5146.84

Injury Waiver

Monica questioned whether former residents who, while they have moved continue to participate at the invitation of the Club, would be covered by the injury waiver clause found on each Application for Membership. This question would also arise if the Board decided at a future date to open participation to other non-residents (similar to what the Golf Club has decided to do) The conclusion was that the provision, as written, does cover anyone who completes the Application – resident or non-resident. (The applicable wording in the by-laws, however, will also be reviewed)

Westlake Family Sports Day

Monica outlined the activities that will take place for children on June 9 at Westlake between 1-5 p.m. This will involve many of the Clubs at Westlake including the Tennis Club. Free refreshments will be served at no cost to participants and there will be music, clowns, etc. As for the Tennis Club, for the one hour of activity, there were several suggestions made by Board members including tossing a tennis ball into a can or bucket, walking while bouncing a ball on the racket, etc. Prizes will be given out for that event and several others. Albie will inquire whether it will be possible to lower the net for the event making it easier for youngsters to play.

Tennis Club Events for 2019

April 29: Opening Day Tennis

May 13: Opening Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

June 1: Round Robin – Evening (Pizza)

June 9: Westlake Sports Family Day

June 12: Intro to Tennis – Claude – 6:00 p.m.

July 10: Tennis Instruction – Intermediate Clinic – Claude 6:00 p.m. (Fee: \$6.00)

July 20: Round Robin – 9:00 a.m. (Cont. Bkfst)

July 27: Autism Fundraiser – All day: Breakfast, mixed doubles, wine/cheese and dinner

August 7: Round Robin – 6:00 p.m. (Pizza for players only)

August 24: Round Robin – 9:00 a.m. (Cont.breakfast)

September 7: 9:00 a.m. - Round Robin (Cont. breakfast)

September 19 : 6:00 p.m: Dinner Dance

October 7: 6:00 p.m. Closing Meeting

Declining Membership

The issue of declining membership was discussed at several points during the meeting. It triggered a discussion and also a review of an email from a Club member, Ted Pelekanos, one of whose suggestions was to reduce the categories of ability levels, thereby facilitating players to participate within their own rating categories. The other recommendation in that email was to form a Pickleball Club which would become part of the Tennis Club but which do their own scheduling, etc. While there was a general consensus among Board members that this would be a good thing for Westlake, it would require the construction of a pickleball court which would need BOT approval. The concept of overlaying permanent lines over the tennis court was raised several years ago and turned down by the Tennis Club (with BOT approval) as those lines along with the regular tennis lines would be very distracting. The use of temporary taping, which was also tried at that time, could have caused damage to the court surface.

Linda believes that the BOT may now be considering construction of a Pickleball court and will check to see if this is the case. Marcia will respond to Mr. Pelakanos' email accordingly.

Other suggestions to increase Club membership

Kevin suggested that one way to increase membership might be to reach out to some of those folks who play indoors in the Winter at difference locations. (Manasquan, Monroe, etc.) He will make some inquires among those he has played with to gauge interest. Albie suggested that there may be some players from other Senior communities, many of whom have participated in Inter-Community tennis, who might be interested to join our Club. He will make inquiry. It should be noted that the Club's By-Laws will need to be reviewed to see if non-residents would be permitted to play and, if not, what would be involved in amending.

Publicity

Helene will work with Art to prepare a flyer reminding folks of the Opening Meeting as well as Club Nite. Art will also do a flyer outlining all the activities of the Club in an effort to enlist new members and ensure we keep the current ones.

Linda wrote one article for April and one for the May issues of the Westlake Journal. The June issue will provide more detail on the Club's events, including tennis tips from Claude

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Court Conditions/Schedulers

Albie will check court conditions and also ensure that there are spare parts for the nets. He also noted that canopies had been installed over the benches – a welcome addition. Finally, he will be meeting shortly with the Men's schedulers.

Tennis Instruction

A resident, whose business card states that he is Tennis Instructor, posted his business card on the Club's board outside the tennis courts. While we all agreed that this should not have been done without prior discussion with the Tennis Club, the conclusion was that there was really nothing that could have prevented his action. The Club continues to endorse Claude as our Club pro who, it was agreed, goes above and beyond in his services to the Club and its members.

The meeting ended at 4:30

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