

Tennis Executive Board Meeting

March 23, 2023

Notes

In attendance: Steve Friedland, Lauren Filipek, Mike Kaplan, Helene

Kleinwaks, Ted Pelekanos, Monica Strauss

Excused: Linda Lafer, Marcia Weinberg

Pickleball Update

Steve Friedland led a discussion of where the committee is and the ongoing process. Scheduled days will remain the same as last season with each club having 3 days.

The community will vote mid-June through August on the proposal to build stand-alone courts on the grassy knoll in front of the clubhouse. Both clubs will need to work together to garner support for this referendum. A request for Board members to attempt to enlist non-tennis club members to solicit neighbors in support of the project was made. Most Board members voiced their intent to participate. No objections were made to the request.

Treasurer's Report Monica reported a starting balance of \$3360.80. Initial membership deposits reflect a current balance of \$4500.80

Membership Report 2023 To date there are 38 registered club members: 24 women and 14 men. We anticipate that we should have about 100 members as people return from Florida. It was noted that the club is not open to non-residents, other than those very few former residents who were "grandfathered" in. Guests may be invited to play by members during non-club hours provided they sign the guest book and waiver at the concierge desk.

Opening Meeting Agenda Suggestions-

Steve encouraged board members to email him with any items they would like to see included in the opening meeting agenda.

Website Ted Pelekanos has volunteered to update our club website and is working with the management team to that end.

Tennis Instruction-

Steve will contact our club pro about continuing to deliver instruction to our members.

A discussion ensued about holding informal clinics during the week of April 24-30 to encourage residents who might be interested in playing tennis to attend.

Journal Articles and Flyers

Linda Lafer has agreed to write tennis club articles for the Westlake Journal.

- Event Dates:

Steve shared the following tennis club event dates for 2023:

- A. May 1, 2023 – Opening Meeting Pizza Party
- B. July 29, 2023 – Autism Day, Breakfast Round Robin, Wine & Cheese, Buffet Dinner
- C. Sept. 30, 2023 -- Tennis Season Ending Event Party
- D. Oct. 10, 2023 – Closing Meeting Pizza Party
- E. Discussions are ongoing with the Pickleball Club to exchange several scheduled Saturdays for Fridays to enable us to schedule round robins on those days. We will also have several round robins on Sundays.
- F. Mary McCann has agreed to be the master scheduler for the women. She shared that she currently has 3 women who have signed up to schedule and is confident that as membership forms are returned we will have a full complement of volunteers. Ted Pelekanos is the master scheduler for the men and also has 3 volunteers.

Rating Committee

A committee has been formed to evaluate our current rating system and determine if it needs to be revised. The six-member committee consists of Steve Friedland, Elliott Yezer, Michael Kaplan, Marcia Weinberg, Lauren Filipek and Mary McCann

Autism Fundraiser

Steve reported that the annual fundraiser will be an all day event beginning with Round Robin tennis in the morning, a wine and cheese party in the evening followed by the dinner dance. Members will be encouraged to reach out to local businesses to garner support for the event.

Steve and Anne Marie met with Tony Russo and have created a dinner menu.

Meeting Dates

The Stewart Room has been reserved from 3:00-4:30 for our executive board meetings on the following dates:

April 20, May 18, June 22, July 20, September 21 with August meeting date to follow. **Other Business**

Adjournment

NOTES
EXECUTIVE TENNIS BOARD MEETING
APRIL 20, 2023
3:00 PM

IN ATTENDANCE:

STEVE FRIEDLAND, MARCIA WEINBERG, MONICA STRAUSS, TED PELEKANOS, HELENE KLEINWAKS, LINDA LAFER, MIKE KAPLAN

ABSENT: LAUREN FILIPEK

Prior to Committee Reports, Steve impressed upon the Executive Board that this Board represents the interests of Westlake Tennis Club and no other Club. Also reaffirmed was that Ted Pelekanos is our WebMaster with Mary McCann as his back up.

REPORTS:

STEVE FRIEDLAND:

Pickleball Ad Hoc Report:

Denis Glaude, Pickleball's representative on the Ad Hoc Committee, has resigned. The Ad Hoc need a representative from Pickleball. At the next BOT meeting the Board will be unveiling their plan, which has been approved, to proceed with the 'grassy knoll' area for pickleball. Approximately a year ago, Gary Schumacher, recommended by FWH, surveyed both the grassy knoll and the complete refurbishment of the tennis courts. At that time, he estimated approximately \$96,000 to complete the grassy knoll project and \$175,000 - \$250,000 for each double tennis court. That estimate has probably increased significantly during the past year. With the community's reserves at its lowest level in many years, the conversion, if the vote for the grassy knoll project fails, would not be stated until 2025 or 2026. The grassy knoll project could begin in early 2024, if approved.

Opening Presentation: a draft of the Opening Presentation was reviewed. The Round Robin listed for 9/16 will be changed to 9/9.

Autism: Steve met with Tony and they have agreed on a price of \$30 PP for the 2023 July 29 Event. Main dishes will include, fish, chicken and pasta w/vegetables; cookies, soda and water are also included.

MONICA STRAUSS:

Finance—Our current check book balance is \$5,550.80. We started with a balance of \$3,360.80.

Membership---We currently have 73 members, 26 men and 47 women which includes 3 new members.

TED PELEKANOS, will be the Men's Master Schedulers (Bob Curia is the backup). He has already prepared a list of the men's schedulers as well as the court schedules for next season. Going forward, Bob Curia will be the point man for the men's rating matches and will arrange all the men's inter-community

matches. Careful attention must be paid as to when these matches are scheduled due to the sharing of the courts with pickleball.

Ted will be Mary McCann's backup for posting the women's weekly schedules. Mary will also be the backup for posting the men's weekly schedules.

Ted will also be tweaking the tennis website.

MARCIA WEINBERG:

Has contacted Claude DeRogatis concerning future structured clinics. He affirmed that he will be available.

Ranking Committee: the new Ranking Committee, consisting of Marcia, Mike Kaplan, Lauren, Elliot Yezer and Mary McCann, will be getting together shortly to discuss a solution to a) the issue of dwindling members in the B group and b) discuss the possibility to reassigning the players in the existing groups and condensing the groups.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:45

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcia Weinberg

NOTES
EXECUTIVE TENNIS BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023
3:30 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE: STEVE FRIEDLAND, MARCIA WEINBERG, LAUREN FILIPEK, MONICA STRAUSS, HELENE KLEINWAKS, TED PELEKANOS

ABSENT: MIKE KAPLAN, LINDA LAFER

REPORTS:

STEVE FRIEDLAND: PICKLEBALL AD-HOC COMMITTEE UPDATE

A new member has been added to the Ad-Hoc Committee, Lennie Antonelli.

A flyer will be inserted into the June issue of the Journal concerning the Pickleball voting procedures. John Shegda, head of the Marketing Committee, will present new strategies for this vote. At the May 25, 2023 meeting, The Board of Trustees will voice its support for an independent pickleball location.

A full refurbishment of the tennis courts cannot be done until 2026, when the community's reserve funds will have been replenished.

MONICA STRAUSS: TREASURERY AND MEMBERSHIP

We currently have \$5,484 in the checking account.

Our membership is as follows: 87 members which includes 4 new members. The breakdown is: 54 Women and 33 Men.

LAUREN FILIPEK: RANKING COMMITTEE REPORT

Since the last Executive Tennis Board Meeting, the Ranking Committee has met twice. The consensus of the Committee is as follows: in order to provide for more competitive games and have larger pools of players to draw from, the Committee is recommending the following:

Women:

A/0 and A/1 levels will be combined (creating 18 players): this group will be called 1

A/2 and A/3 levels will be combined (creating 18 players): this group will be called 2

B1, 2 and 3 levels will be combined (creating 12 players): this group will be called 3

Men:

A/0: 7 players: this group will now be called 1

A/1: 11 players: this group will now be called 2

A2 and B1, 2 and 3 levels will be combined (creating 12 players): this group will now be called 3

(30 active players and 3 social)

A letter will be sent to the membership calling for a special meeting to be held Monday, June 5th in the Ballroom at 6 P.M. for a vote on this proposed change to the By-laws. If approved, the change will go into effect with the next schedule.

Until this vote is taken, ratings (scheduled to begin June 1st) will continue.

TED PELEKANOS: WEBSITE.

No changes

STEVE FRIEDLAND: TENNIS INSTRUCTION

Three clinics have been scheduled with Claude DeRogatis, our Club Instructor:

Monday, May 22, 11 A.M. and 5 P.M.

Thursday, May 25, 11 A.M.

STEVE FRIEDLAND FOR LINDA LAFER: JOURNAL

Proceeding with monthly articles for the Journal....promoting the Tennis Club and various events taking place

STEVE FRIEDLAND: ACTIVITING NITE, AUTISM, ETC...

Activity Nite: June 8th in the Ballroom. All clubs gather to present the benefits of joining. The Tennis Club has once again requested a table.

Autism: July 29th, Saturday; all is set for this worthy event. We will be charging \$55.00 for attending. The process of soliciting donations from realtors, restaurants, etc., has begun.

Round Robins: When we have a Round Robin on a Saturday, the Pickleball Club will have the Friday before (by prior arrangement with Denis Glauf).

OTHER BUSINESS:

LAUREN FILIPEK:

Spoke about an app for the tennis members called team reach. This would be a way for tennis members to communicate with others in the Club (arranging games off schedule, etc) . At the next meeting, more detail will be forthcoming concerning this app.

No tennis on Memorial Day, July 4th or Labor Day.

Next Meeting June 22.

Meeting Adjourned 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcia Weinberg

NOTES
EXECUTIVE TENNIS BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2023
3:00 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE: STEVE FRIEDLAND, MARCIA WEINBERG, LAUREN FILIPEK, MONICA STRAUSS, HELENE KLEINWAKS, TED PELEKANOS

ABSENT: MIKE KAPLAN, LINDA LAFER

REPORTS:

STEVE FRIEDLAND:

A call was placed to Claude DeRogatis regarding Intermediate Clinics.

For Linda Lafer: The monthly article for the Journal will include pictures from our last Round Robin.

The July 18th Round Robin will be cancelled. It's too close to the Round Robin for Autism on July 29th.

The September 16th Round Robin will be rescheduled. This is the beginning of Roshashona.

Helene Kleinwaks was recognized for the great work she does in coordinating the Round Robins.

Closing Meeting: Tuesday, October 10th. Since the Grill is open, we are obligated to use it for food. Pizza with the grill is about \$6 per person.

AUTISM: To make this event worthwhile, we need 160 paid people. We currently have 90. An email will be sent to the Tennis Club reminding them of this worthy event and also advising that this is now open to the entire community and it usually sells out rapidly.

The entertainers and their wives will be comp'd for this event.

Local realtors will be contacted regarding a donation. If we receive at least \$100 donation from them a poster will hung by the stage advertising their firm.

July 4th: Volunteers will be positioned near Court 1 and outside the Fitness Center near the Pro Shop to solicit donations.

MONICA STRAUSS: TREASURERY AND MEMBERSHIP

We currently have \$5,212.32 in the checking account.

Our membership is as follows: 91 members which includes 5 new members. The breakdown is: 55 Women and 36 Men. We are 4 under this time last year.

MARCIA WEINBERG: SCHEDULING

The original 'Westlake Tennis Scheduling System" dated June 20, 2018 will be revised to reflect the renaming and consolidation of our players. Instead of 7 groups we will now have groups 1, 2 and 3. This updated form will be distributed to the general membership with a cover letter. These documents will explain that due to the limited number of courts and time slots, requesting specific court times will no longer be accommodated.

A special meeting held Friday, June 16th. Sue Sullivan attended that meeting to discuss a possible solution to the problem of time slots and courts between men and women. This meeting was held specifically to discuss this problem. An agreement was reached between Ted and Sue as follows: On Wednesday, either 8 or 9:30 one of the men's courts will now be given to the women. On Thursday 8 and 9:30 one of the men's odd number courts will be given to the women in exchange for the women to schedule the mixed doubles.

LAUREN FILIPEK:

Year End Party: Various themes are being discussed. No final decision yet.

Mixed Doubles: Unless otherwise notified, those that play in Thursday's Mixed Doubles will not be scheduled for a regular game of tennis that day.

TED PELEKANOS: WEBSITE.

No provider has been selected.

Ted will post pictures from our latest Round Robin to the Website

Next Meeting July 20, 2023

Meeting Adjourned 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcia Weinberg

NOTES
EXECUTIVE TENNIS BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2023
3:00 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE: STEVE FRIEDLAND, MARCIA WEINBERG, LAUREN FILIPEK, HELENE KLEINWAKS, TED PELEKANOS, MIKE KAPLAN

ABSENT: MONICA STRAUSS, LINDA LAFER

NOTES OF THE JUNE 11, 2023 WERE APPROVED.

REPORTS:

STEVE FRIEDLAND:

Steve spoke with Claude DeRogotis. At this time, due to health issues, he will not be able to conduct an Intermediate Clinic.

Autism: We currently have 150 people attending. Our numbers are slightly off from prior years as well as donations. Steve suggested that perhaps next year this Fundraiser will be open to the surrounding communities. At Saturday nights dinner, Suzanne Buchanan will speak for a brief period.

After our August Executive Meeting a memo will be sent to the membership advising that there will be 2 spots available on the Board.

The memo concerning Preferential Times will be sent to the membership next week explaining why those time can no longer accommodated.

Steve submitted the reports for Monica and Linda in their absence.

Treasury-- We currently have \$5,225.52 in the checking account. Steve gave to Monica \$8,500 in checks submitted for the Autism Fundraiser.

Membership: We have 92 members of which 6 are new. Breakdown: 55 Women, 37 Men.

For Linda Lafer: She will be writing up the article focusing on the Autism Fundraiser which will appear in the September issue of the Journal.

Ratings: To date, for the women 6 games were held, 5 moved up, 1 did not and for the men 0 moved up

LAUREN FILIPEK:

Year End Party: Her committee has decided on an Oktoberfest theme with games, etc.

On behalf of the Ranking Committee, Lauren will distribute the memo to the membership reminding them that requests for a rating game must be submitted by August 1st,

TED PELEKANOS: WEBSITE.

Still no progress on the website.

By prior agreement, Tennis and Pickleball switched days, Friday, July 28 and Saturday, July, 29 to accommodate the Autism Breakfast Saturday morning.

To date, one contractor has looked at our courts to give an estimate for repairs.

Next Meeting August 2023

Meeting Adjourned 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcia Weinberg

NOTES
EXECUTIVE TENNIS BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 2023
3:00 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE: STEVE FRIEDLAND, MARCIA WEINBERG, LAUREN FILIPEK, HELENE KLEINWAKS, MONICA STRAUSS, LINDA LAFER

GUEST: BOB CURIA

ABSENT: MICHAEL KAPLAN

NOTES OF THE JULY 20, 2023 WERE APPROVED.

REPORTS:

STEVE FRIEDLAND:

Ted Pelekanos submitted his resignation from the Tennis Executive Board. His access to the Tennis website has been cancelled. In addition to the two board vacancies coming due in October, we will also look for a third member (to replace the vacancy caused by Ted resigning before the expiration of his term).

In September, emails will be sent to the membership advising them of these 3 seats on the Board and asking them to consider joining their Board.

Bob Curia was invited to attend this meeting due to his ongoing efforts with the Board of Trustees concerning the reopening of the Tennis Courts. We wanted to let him know that we greatly appreciated all that he does. We also asked him to think about becoming the Men's Master Scheduler as well as running for the Tennis Board.

He also advised us that since the closure of our courts, the community of South Knolls invited several of our players to play at their community.....thank you South Knolls!

Autism: The Autism fundraiser was a success. We netted \$8,300. A check for \$500 was received from Kathy Romeo for her "Fairy Hair" event...Thank you.

An email will be sent to the Board for a progress report re vendors for repair/replacement of the Tennis Courts.

MONICA STRAUSS:

We currently have in the \$5,089.46 checking account.

Our membership is as follows: 52 Women, 37 Men for a total of 92 (this includes 5 new members). Last year we had 95.

LINDA LAFER: An article will appear in the next issue of the Jackson Times promoting the positive aspects of Westlake as well as the charitable work done for Autism through the Westlake Tennis Club.

LAUREN FILIPEK:

Year End Party: Her committee has decided on an Octoberfest theme with games, etc. A price list was submitted by the proposed vender for this event. Tony wants a chance to bid on this. Lauren and her committee will meet with him to see what his price would be. Monica advised that inasmuch as we cancelled our Round Robins, we could afford to subsidize this event up to \$700.

Our October 10th Closing Meeting: Helene Kleinwaks and Lauren will arrange a meeting with Tony to talk about the food for this meeting.

Lauren has arranged for a meeting of the Ranking Committee to discuss the new change that was implemented earlier this year. This meeting will be 9/5/2023.

Next Meeting September 21, 2023

Meeting Adjourned 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcia Weinberg

NOTES
EXECUTIVE TENNIS BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023
3:00 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE: STEVE FRIEDLAND, MARCIA WEINBERG, LAUREN FILIPEK, HELENE KLEINWAKS, MONICA STRAUSS, LINDA LAFER, MICHAEL KAPLAN

NOTES FROM THE MEETING OF AUGUST 24, 2023 WERE APPROVED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

STEVE FRIEDLAND:

Autism: Linda Lafer was commended for the beautiful article that appeared in the Jackson Times as well as the Westlake Journal concerning Autism.

A donation was received from the Veterans Club in the amount of \$250.00

Monthly Meeting: This Meeting will be the last monthly meeting for the season.

Another email will be sent to the membership advising them of these 3 seats on the Board and asking them to consider joining their Board.

Tennis Courts: Still no definite decision has been reached. The Tennis members should continue attending the one-on-one Meeting.

By-Laws: should be amended next season to reflect that there can be between 7-9 members

MONICA STRAUSS:

We currently have \$7,879.59 in the checking account.

Our membership is as follows: 55 Women, 37 Men for a total of 92 (this includes 5 new members). Last year we had 95.

LINDA LAFER: In the October issue of the Journal an article will appear concerning the Tennis Club and the work that Kathy Romeo did to raise funds for Autism. Two more articles are scheduled for November and December.

LAUREN FILIPEK:

Year End Party: We currently have 66 paid people for the event. Checks were given to Monica totaling \$3,060. Tony from the Grille will charge \$45 per person to provide food for the Octoberfest. The cost of the band is \$550. There will be a photo-op location as well.

Ranking Committee: As a result of condensing levels, a problem has occurred with Group 2 for the ladies only. The disparity within that group is too large and prevents some of the players from having competitive matches. The RC will speak to the ladies of that group after the Closing Meeting to receive their input.

HELENE KLEINWAKS:

Closing Meeting: The Grille will be supplying subs for this meeting at a cost of \$20 per person. This includes chips, soda/water, paper goods. The Board has decided to just have cold subs. An email will go out to the membership asking them to respond to Helene about their attendance and to indicate which sub they wanted. The choices are turkey, roast beef and tuna. 10 extra subs will be ordered.

Meeting Adjourned 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcia Weinberg

Notes

Tennis Executive Board Meeting

Monday, October 16, 2023

In attendance: Steve Friedland, Lauren Filipek, Jerry Bruner, Helene Kleinwaks, Linda Lafer, Mary McCann, Monica Strauss, Kathy Windram

Reports:

Election of New Officers-

Steve nominated Lauren for the position of President. With no other nominees, she was elected by acclaim.

Three board members: Jerry Bruner, Mary McCann and Kathy Windram were all nominated for Vice President. A vote was taken and Mary McCann was elected.

Monica Strauss agreed to continue as Treasurer and Membership chair. With no other nominees, she was elected by acclaim.

Kathy Windram volunteered to be Secretary and she was also elected by acclaim.

With the new officers elected, Steve was thanked for his service as President.

Steve resigned from his position on the board and left the meeting. The board agreed to discuss his replacement.

Resurfacing of the Tennis Courts-

Jerry Bruner shared a diagram of a proposed plan for the tennis courts drafted by himself and Ted Pelekanos, President of the Pickleball Court.

Several concerns were raised with proposed plans:

- Tennis would prefer to maintain use of Court 1 rather than Court 4 for shade during the heat of summer
- A discussion took place regarding having Court 4 lined for four pickleball courts while maintaining the lining and net for tennis play, allowing the club use of a 4th court for a very limited times during intercommunity and round robin play.

Jerry was asked to bring these changes back to Ted for further discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM

Next meeting: October 30, 2023

Respectfully submitted, Lauren Filipek

Notes

Tennis Executive Board Meeting

Monday October 30, 2023

In Attendance: Lauren Filipek, Frank Jacene, Helen Kleinwaks,
Linda Lafer, Mary McCann, Monica Strauss, Kathy Windram

Discussed tentative tennis events schedule as follows:

Function	Date	Location
Opening Meeting	April 29, 2024	Ballroom
Autism Fundraiser	August 3, 2024	Ballroom
End of Year Party	September 28, 2024	Outside/Ballroom
Closing Meeting	October 14, 2024	Ballroom
Round Robins Schedule:	June 1, 2024 July 14, 2024 August 3, 2024 September 8, 2024 October 5, 2024	Tennis Courts (if open) Note: Autism is also 8/3/24

Note: Ballroom Function Dates are pending approval of Westlake.

2024 Tennis Board Meeting Schedule:

01/08/24, 02/12/24, 03/11/24, 04/04/24, 05/06/24, 06/10/24, 07/08/24, 08/12/24, 09/09/24,
10/07/24, 11/11/24, 12/09/24.

All meetings will be held in the Stewart Room at 3pm, unless otherwise notified.

Motion to Approve October 16, 2023 minutes all Executive Members approved minutes.

Round Table Discussions:

- Additional tennis schedulers are needed. Anyone interested please contact Mary McCann.
- Tennis Board agrees important to have transparency with tennis members.

Monica Strauss's Report:

- There are 55 Female Members and 37 Male Members for a total of 92 members including 5 new members.
- Ending Balance \$3,734.02

Additional Discussions:

- As per Westlake Golf and Country Club Title 3 to be a member of Westlake Clubs you must own and/or reside at Westlake.
- Westlake is working on rolling out a new on-line application to be placed on Westlake's website called 'Clubessentials.' Volunteers are being recruiting who have experience with web design etc. This is in beginning stages. More information will be available as this moves forward.
- Ranking Committee is meeting this November to discuss potential improvements to rating. However, there will be no rating games until Westlake Courts are opened.
- Several Tennis Board members will be reaching out to Jackson Township to see if there are plans to improve tennis courts etc.
- Board Members will continue to reach out to the Board of Education to use the school courts during the summer.
- Next BOT 1 on 1 meeting is scheduled for 11/06/23. Tentatively the plan is to have a member of the Tennis Board be the spokesperson with the backup of tennis members to show their support.
- Requesting new Communication Committee to be established so that the board, tennis and pickleball would have accurate up to date information as well as the opportunity to question and clarify understandings as the process moves forward.
- Pickleball has shared their vision of the courts as well as insight that they received.
- Note: Jerry Bruner has resigned from the Tennis Board.