

HBTS-TENNIS COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

June 29, 2011

Call to Order

The HBTS-Tennis Committee (HBTS-TC) meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday, June 22, was cancelled due to room conflict and rescheduled for Wednesday, June 29. As so few members attended the meeting, no official business was conducted. However, in respect of the time of those present, a review of agenda items was conducted and notes were made to share with the Tennis Committee. Below is a general summary of discussion.

In attendance (alphabetic order) were: Kelly Baker, Roan Baker, Alli George (arriving late), Cyndy Linton and Jean Tashlik.

Minutes -- No discussion or vote regarding May meeting minutes.

Officer Reports -- No officer reports were given.

Standing Committee Reports

Director of Tennis, Kelly Baker provided update on a number of topics:

- Courts conditions have continued to improve over the past month. A few heavy rains, coupled with better irrigation, have done a lot to settle the new clay. Kelly mentioned that one of the challenges was learning why water coverage on the courts was weak. After speaking with Arthur, Kelly had the irrigation system pump evaluated and discovered there was a pump problem. Maintenance Department repaired the pump and coverage is better than ever (currently enjoying 90% coverage on courts...that's as close to "perfect" as we believe we can get). As always, anyone having concerns with court surface, lines or fences, please contact Kelly.
- The issue re landscaping outside the courts is still being researched. According to tennis court experts, vegetation next to the court is ill advised. Kelly has suggested rocks, or something similar, be placed around the court perimeter. Kelly will continue to work with Wendy to get this project completed.
- Ball machine instruction has been provided to individual users, upon request, or within team clinics. Kelly said records indicate that the ball machine is being used 3-4 times / week.
- A tentative HBTS mixer schedule was reviewed and added to the calendar. Social Coordinator (Dana) is working to finalize proposed GPTA mixer date/time of Saturday, September 17.
- Camps: HBTS Summer Camp continues through August 19 (M & F). A week-long Tennis Camp for Juniors will begin Monday, July 11 (9:30 – Noon).
- After-School Program: Tiny Tots and Future Stars programs are on hold for rest of summer. High School and Tourney Prep programs have been combined for rest of summer.
- Pro exhibition tennis clinic at HBTS (pros Mikael Pernfors and Tobias Svantesson, Aug. 5 OR 6) still uncertain.

Special Reports

Quads, Jean Tashlik

- Quads is going well. Fri., June 24 was cancelled due to rain. Quads program may be extended one week as make up date.

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GPLTL, Cyndy Linton

- Placement Committee met, Board Meeting is 7/19, and Captains' Meeting is 8/12.

USTA, Alli George

- Alli asked how we might be able to improve communication between HBTS and USTA coordinators. As no one from HBTS is currently acting in this capacity, Alli agreed to take on the role of primary liaison. Cyndy will provide Alli with a list of local USTA contacts.

Unfinished Business

- Feedback Box has been mounted in Rec Center reception area. Next goal is to promote its use.
- 'No Smoking at Courts' signage not yet in position. Cyndy will continue to work with Pam.
- Tennis Committee Bylaws—suggestion was received to change the Committee's approach from developing "bylaws" to developing "guidelines." And from changing officer titles from "president, vice-president, etc." to "chair person, co-chairperson, etc."

New Business

- Lights at Courts—several evening tennis players reported that the court lights are going off earlier than the posted 8:45 pm. HBTS GM approved a review of light timer setting and authorized an adjustment as soon as possible. Kelly is working with the Maintenance Department.
- Night Lights at Courts—in conjunction with court lighting issue, a recommendation was made that some sort of 'night lights' be installed near court breezeway so players can safely exit the courts after the overhead lights have gone out. Kelly will discuss with Wendy.
- Tennis Player Directory—a suggestion was made to compile a HBTS tennis directory so players have a convenient way to contact each other to set up match play. Cyndy volunteered to draft a document that could be used to collect this information.
- Drinking Water on Outside Courts—an email question from committee member was read regarding "possibility of having orange water jugs put out on the outer courts." General discussion cited challenges of placing water jugs each day on the 4 outside courts. If providing this service couldn't be done in a consistently fair manner, so all players on the courts would benefit, we might end up doing more harm than good. However, any ideas on this topic, that considers everyone who may be affected, will be considered.

No official minutes were taken at June 29 meeting as too few Tennis Committee members were in attendance. These notes, from general review of agenda, are presented by Cyndy Linton, Chairperson, Tennis Committee.

Next Tennis Committee meeting will be July 27 at 7:00.