BOCA WEST
COUNTRY CLUB

MINUTES

MEETING:	Racquet Sports Committee
DATE:	April 18, 2023
MEMBERS PRESENT:	David Shifrin, Chair; Steve Roth, Vice Chair; Jerry Appelblatt; Howard Attermann; Camille Bauer: Sandy Boilen; Michael Budd; Marc Finklestein; Glen Friedman; Lisa Glassner; Karen Sussman; Jane Zenker, Robert Zenn
MEMBERS ABSENT:	With Notice: Jeffrey Cohen
PARTICIPANTS:	John Joyce, Director of Racquet Sports; Matt McInerney, Asst. Director of Racquet Sports
ISSUE DATE:	April 26, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM

- Chairman's Report (Dr. David Shifrin):
  - David Shifrin welcomed new and returning members, explained that all members were expected to be ambassadors, meaning that tennis players should be willing to play with others of lower skill levels if requested by John Joyce in game arranging. Similarly, strong pickleball players should offer to play with beginners and intermediates prior to 9:00.

- Director of Racquet Sports Report (John Joyce):
  - Considering changing Pickleball Club Champs from one day to two with a rain date.
  - Racquet sports dinner was well attended, 225 attended.
  - Described "wish list" of possible improvements, depending on budget considerations, including eventual renovation of tennis courts, repaving of original four pickleball courts because of surface cracks (to be done by original installers at no cost), completing lights to courts 1-8, renovating pro shop and O' Brien' s Court.
  - Lotteries to be used instead of first-come, first-serve for popular events.

- Karen Sussman: Suggested creating an interclub pickleball league for members who prefer not to travel. Reaction was positive.

- Jerry Appelblatt: Inquired about on-line court reservations when the pro shop is closed.

- Camille Bauer: Suggested fountain drinks instead of current canisters (more sanitary, and more presentable).

- Robert Zenn: Raised the question of Gold Card members who are the children of social members. Steve Roth pointed out that they are required to wait until 11 AM which is the rule for social members.

- Lisa Glassner: Should we no longer allow free guests of Fridays? Should a fee be applied? Question as to whether that should apply in summer months.

- David Shifrin brought up the possibility of creating pickleball on Har-Tru courts. Howard Attermann offered to visit area Har-Tru courts and report his impressions at the next meeting.

- Glen Friedman: Will look into a company called "Live Barn" for possible livestream events for both sports. Glen also suggested an interclub tennis league similar to Karen Sussman's idea for pickleball.

- Steve Roth, Vice Chair: Conducted a discussion about "Committee Criteria". Requested suggestions soon because report is due on May 1st. Printed forms distributed with current plans.

- Subcommittees: Social Committee and Play For Pink to be headed by Lisa Glassner.
  Sandy Boilen will head Retail. Sandy reported retail sales have doubled from the previous year, due in part to enthusiastic pickleball materials. David Shifrin asked for a volunteer to head IT (to be determined).

- Good and Welfare: Each member given the opportunity to critique the meeting and offer suggestions, including format.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 PM.

Next meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 9th at 1:30PM in the Board Room.