BOCA WEST
COUNTRY CLUB

MINUTES

MEETING:	Racquet Sports Committee
DATE:	May 9, 2023
MEMBERS PRESENT:	David Shifrin, Chairman (zoom); Steve Roth, Vice Chair; Jerry Appelblatt (zoom); Howard Attermann; Camille Bauer; Sandy Boilen; Michael Budd; Jeffrey Cohen; Dr Marc Finkelstein; Glen Friedman; Lisa Glassner; Karen Sussman; Jane Zenker; Robert Zenn
MEMBERS ABSENT:	None
PARTICIPANTS:	John Joyce, Director of Racquet Sports; Matt McInerney, Assistant Director of Racquet Sports
ISSUE DATE:	May 31, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 1:32pm

Minutes from April 18, 2023, committee meeting were approved.

1. Steve Roth, Vice Chair Opening Comments:
    a) Steve welcomed everyone, including David Shifrin, Chair and Jerry Appelblatt who joined us via zoom.
    b) Steve announced that the June and September board meetings will also be available via zoom.
    c) Steve is continuing to compile the Committee Goals and reminded everyone that specifying the goals will help us to better measure our success as a committee.
    d) Steve also announced that he is planning to do some research regarding our current "lottery system" that is in place for heavily responded pickleball and tennis events to see if there may be a better system. He will report his findings at an upcoming meeting.
    e) Steve also suggested that a subcommittee be put in place to further evaluate our guest policies, specifically regarding pickleball.
        i. As of now, the committee consensus is to continue with a "no guest" policy prior to 11am for tennis and 10am for pickleball during the season.

2. John Joyce, Director of Racquet Sports:
    a) John announced that he is continuing to work on the 2023/2024 budget and hopes to have approval by August.
        i. At that point in time, he will hopefully have the green light to having 12 additional tennis courts resurfaced, as well as 4 pickleball courts.
    b) John announced that Boca West Pickleball will be welcoming a touring pro this season, Christa Gecheva.
    c) John informed the committee that beverage fountain machines are still being considered next to the tennis and pickleball courts.
    d) John announced that the staff is looking into some type of intra-club competition for Pickleball for the upcoming season.
    e) John would like to begin an ongoing tournament for men singles players as they are a larger group than in the past
    f) John shared his enthusiasm regarding Boca West hosting the Pickleball Maccabi Games and fundraising gala October 21 & 22, 2023.

3. Howard Atterman:
    a) Howard researched har-tru pickleball courts and played at another club to see what play on that alternate surface represented.
        i. Howard felt that it was better for people with knee issues, but a lesser alternative for people with back issues as the ball doesn't bounce the same on har-tru.
    b) The committee shared that most competitive pickleball players will not play on a clay surface.
    c) It was unanimously concluded by the committee not to change our current pickleball surface on our courts, nor acquire a tennis court for the purpose of creating clay pickleball courts.

4. Karen Sussman, Glen Friedman, Lisa Glassner:
    a) Karen shared her feelings regarding our current pickleball guest policies and feels that they should remain "as is".
    b) Glen Friedman & Lisa Glassner shared feedback from racquet sports members who feel that the current policies should be modified in favor of the members.
    c) Once again, the matter has been tabled for further discussion.

5. Jane Zenker:
    a) Jane questioned the issue of having our professional staff attend our matches.
    b) The response was that most league rules do not allow coaches to be present so it wouldn't be possible.
    c) Booking team lessons on a set day & time in the beginning of the season was suggested.

6. SUB COMMITTEE:
    a) Social Committee – Chair, Lisa Glassner
        i. Lisa discussed the potential first time fundraising event for Racquet Sports, Play for Pink.
        ii. Play for Pink is currently an annual event for Boca West Golf.
        iii. Having Racquet Sports host the event was enthusiastically received by the committee, as well as our professional staff, and all agreed to put the event on this season's calendar.
        iv. The target date will be sometime between early January & mid March.
        v. Steve Roth suggested that the event be a "week-long" fundraiser and that was also well received.
        vi. Both tennis and pickleball players will have opportunities to participate in the event.
        vii. Sandy Boilen will begin to work on accumulating additional pink attire in the pro shop in anticipation of the event.
        viii. All agreed that we will keep the pressure/expectations low for our 1st Annual Play for Pink Racquet Sports event and continue to build on it each subsequent year.
        ix. The committee suggested Maria Tato as our professional liaison.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58pm.

Next committee meeting – Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 1:30pm in the Board Room

Minutes respectfully submitted by – David Shifrin