BOCA WEST
COUNTRY CLUB

MINUTES

MEETING:	Racquet Sports Committee
DATE:	May 15, 2024
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Joan Attermann, Vice Chairman; Jerry Appelblatt; Camille Bauer; Marc Finkelstein; Mel Hellinger; Alan Lustrin; Judith Romanow; Karen Sussman; Jane Zenker; Robert Zenn
MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE:	Steve Roth, Chairman; Jeff Cohen; Glen Friedman; Janet Serle;
PARTICIPANTS:	John Joyce, Director of Racquet Sports; Matt McInerney, Assistant Director of Racquet Sports; Maria Tato, Racquet Sports operations manager
ISSUE DATE:	May 23, 2024

- The meeting was called to order at 1:33pm.
- Minutes from previous meeting in April were approved by Marc Finkelstein
    - Seconded by Camille Bauer.

1. Vice Chairman's Opening Statement:
    A. Joan Attermann, Vice Chairman, began the meeting and welcomed all the committee members.

2. John Joyce, Director of Racquet Sports reported on the following:
    A. Racquet Sports Event Updates:
        a. Memorial Day Tennis
            - Saturday, May 25th.
            - 48 tennis players signed up.
        b. Memorial Day Pickleball
            - Sunday, May 26th
            - 56 pickleball players signed up.
        c. Pickleball POP has been discontinued for the season.
        d. There will be three weeks of BW Children's Foundation Pickleball Clinics.
            - Volunteers are needed.

    B. Renovation Updates:
        a. The 2024 -2025 budget is for redoing the tennis fences, the courts, the drainage etc.
        b. 11 new pickle ball courts with a stadium court is in the pipeline for **2025-2026.**

    C. Positive results came from the meetings with the captains of pickleball, tennis and the league directors and Matt McInerney.
        a. John expressed his desire to have all major pickle ball events at Boca West if possible.

3. Staff and the VC reported on the following:
    A. Maria discussed the different possibilities of the uniforms for the tennis and pickle ball teams.

    B. J. Attermann discussed the Play for the Pink date, expected to be scheduled around the same time as last year to not conflict with Golf Play for Pink dates.
    C. An email to be sent to the Racquet Sports members to request volunteers for the Play for Pink Committee was discussed.
        a. The committee is hopeful to get numerous donations and sponsors for this event
        b. J. Romanow discussed that Boca West Realty members support the Play for pink Golf event and should also do so for Racquet Sports.

    D. J. Attermann shared the results of the captains meeting held with S. Roth and J. Attermann:
        a. S. Roth along with the Racquet Sports Staff made goals for the committee which will be reviewed at a later meeting.
        b. Committee members were asked to share thoughts and questions with the group.

4. Committee open discussion on the following:
    A. R. Zenn asked when the remainder of the lights for the OLD pickle ball courts would be installed.
        a. R. Zenn stated that lights were only on one side of the courts and the courts could not be used.
        b. J. Joyce explained that the lights are in the works but they are dealing with permit issues.
        c. J. Joyce said lights may be postponed due to the renovations expected over the next two years.
        d. J. Joyce added that renovations would be scheduled to cause the least inconvenience possible to the members.
    B. A question was asked about when guest and social members can play and what the related charges were.
        a. John informed the committee of the guest and social member policy.

    C. A question was asked if fans would be installed at the pickleball area.
        a. John indicated that this was in progress.

    D. Jerry Appelblatt suggested that shoe cleaners be installed by tennis courts 15, 16, 17.

    E. Jane Zenker mentioned the following:
        a. The Boca West recording says we have 8 pickle ball courts and should be updated.
        b. We should consider a Padel court/s when doing the renovation.
        c. Game arranging needs to be re-evaluated in regards to members making their own games.
        d. The golf mandatory seminar should be given to ALL members of Boca West.
            - Often social members play golf and this should be a prerequisite to play.
        e. The staff should let the members know where the defibrillators are located.
            - Perhaps there should be an announcement prior to game arranging or play.
            - Maria mentioned that there were signs indicating where they were located.

5. Several committee members thanked John, Matt, Rob and Maria for what they consider to be an amazing Racquet Sports management.

    A. This sentiment was echoed by the committee, who is grateful for all they do.

- The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 pm
- The next meeting date is June 10th at 1:30 PM.