BOCA WEST
COUNTRY CLUB

MINUTES

MEETING:	Racquet Sports Committee
DATE:	October 15, 2024
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Steve Roth, Chairman; Joan Attermann, Vice Chairman; Jerry Appelblatt; Camille Bauer; Marc Finkelstein; Glen Friedman; Mel Hellinger; Alan Lustrin; Judith Romanow; Karen Sussman; Jane Zenker; Robert Zenn
MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE:	Jeff Cohen; Janet Serle;
PARTICIPANTS:	John Joyce, Director of Racquet Sports; Matt McInerney, Assistant Director of Racquet Sports; Maria Tato, Racquet Sports operations manager
ISSUE DATE:	October 18, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 11:01 am.

1. Steve Roth welcomed all members to the meeting and wished them a happy new year.

    a. The Minutes from the September Racquet Sports Committee meeting was unanimously approved.

2. Chairman's Opening remarks:

    a . S. Roth led open discussion on Racquet Sports etiquette, emphasizing that signing-in to play tennis or pickleball is mandatory.
        i. The committee discussed acting as ambassadors to encourage players to sign in if members are not aware of the rule.
        ii. It was discussed that there would be some level of discipline if a player did not sign in, like asking them to leave a game to go sign-in.
    b. Open discussion of requiring a mandatory class for all Racquet Sports participants that would be used to review all the rules and set expectations, like the golf department.
        i. J Joyce and staff will investigate the possibility for this year or next.

3. Matt Linderman, BWCC General Manager joined the meeting and discussed the project that will take place in the coming years to redo the tennis courts and add additional pickleball courts.
    a. He extensively reviewed the possible designs of the new facility, and it was met with great enthusiasm from the committee.
    b. The final design is still being tweaked before the presentation to the membership in January.

4. John Joyce, Director of Racquet Sports, reported the following:

    a. Wednesday November 13 is the season kickoff tennis exhibition and racquet sports dinner Theme: Music Medley - 255 already signed up
    b. Saturday November 16th, Season Kickoff Tennis Tournament w/lunch - 48 signed up
    c. Sunday November 17th, Season Kickoff Pickleball Tournament w/lunch - 139 signed up
    d. Thursday November 21st, Season Kickoff Pickleball Exhibition
    e. Chris Evert will be the speaker at the PAP Corp Breakfast 10/22
    f. Chirs Evert will also be the speaker at the Women's member/guest
    g. Hiring two more Pros to help with Pickleball and Tennis
    h. Kitchen Dinks league has 312 signed up, but some could be duplicates, working to clean this up. Start date 1/9. The draft date will be sometime after November 14th.

<u>Racquet Sports Staff Member reports</u>

1. M. McInerney reported on the status of the Pickleball and Tennis leagues:
    a. In pickleball there are 3 different leagues that have started this fall

i. Premier Pickleball
ii. Power Pickleball
iii. Dink Masters Leagues

b. Most of these leagues have multiple teams in and they started this month.
c. In men's tennis we currently have:
    i. Grand Slam league
    ii. The Senior League will start later this year.

2. Maria Tato discussed Play for Pink:
    a. Organizing this event has just begun with a fund-raising goal of $30K
    b. They are asking for additional volunteers to help get prizes, donations and help.
        i. Both men and women volunteers are requested.

3. The committee discussed how the Membership could be able to use the lit pickleball courts if they did not sign up by 4:30PM.
    a. It was discussed that when the international staff are full-time, we might be able to stagger the schedules to be able to have someone in the office until 7-7:30PM to allow for last minute usage.
        i. The staff is looking into the feasibility of it and coming up with the best solution if that is not possible.
    b. Maria explained that this issue will be resolved with the new facility as staffing and hours of operation will change.
    c. At some point in the future, we might be able to do something through the app or website but that is not available currently.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 6th at 1:30PM in the Board Room.