BOCA WEST
COUNTRY CLUB

MINUTES

MEETING:	Racquet Sports Committee
DATE:	January 8, 2025
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Steve Roth, Chairman; Joan Attermann, Vice Chairman; Jerry Appelblatt; Camille Bauer; Jeff Cohen; Glen Friedman; Alan Lustrin; Judith Romanow; Karen Sussman; Jane Zenker; Robert Zenn
MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE:	Marc Finkelstein, Mel Hellinger, Janet Serle
PARTICIPANTS:	John Joyce, Director of Racquet Sports; Matt McInerney, Assistant Director of Racquet Sports; Maria Tato, Racquet Sports Operations Manager
ISSUE DATE:	January 17, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM.

1. **Chairman's Opening Remarks:**

   A. Steve Roth welcomed all members to the meeting.
   B. The December Committee Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved.

2. **John Joyce, Racquet Sports Director, reported the following:**

   A. December/January Events were reviewed:
      a. Play for Pink
         - 12/14: Tennis and 12/15: Pickleball.
         - Over $30,000 raised, which was more than double last year.
         - J. Joyce thanked the Committee members and Maria Tato for their excellent work on the tournaments.
      b. 12/23-1/1: Cardio Tennis and 12/23-1/1: Junior Tennis Clinics had great turnouts.
      c. 12/28: Family Pickleball Tournament
         - 80 members and guests.
      d. 12/30: Family Tennis Tournament
         - 80 members and guests.
      e. 1/9: XGLOsive Pickleball Event.
         - There will be 1 session: 6:30 -8 pm.
      f. 1/11: Men's Tennis Member Guest will have approximately 50 participants.
         - Discussed low attendance and the possibility to exclude this tournament next year.
         - Tournament participation will be evaluated.
      g. 1/12: Pickleball Member Guest.
         - 3 sessions completely sold out.
      h. 1/23: Tennis Exhibition and Dinner
         - 5 pm Exhibition and 6 pm dinner.
      i. 1/24: Tennis Pro Am Tournament 40 pros and 40 members.
      j. 1/29: Women's Tennis Member Guest
         - Full with wait list.
         - Chris Evert will be present as a speaker at the event.
      k. Pickleball Captains meeting on Thursday, January 9th at 10 am.

   B. John Joyce asked for feedback on the following topics which were discussed.

      a. Pickleball championship like Tennis - combined 160

      b. Requested feedback for lessons to be allowed during Christmas week and President's week before 11 am as courts are full and members cannot get on. It was recommended that we do not do lessons before 11 am during holiday weeks until we get more courts where we can accommodate that.

c. Pickleball teams want a group lesson at 4 pm on Monday (matches played on Tuesday).
    - Need to set expectations since this is not possible.

d. Kitchen Dinks league has over 270 signed up.
    - Start date is 1/9.
    - C. Bauer mentioned last year many players went to Mr. D's. after the final match
        - The venue was not prepared for an influx of that large number of people.
        - It was suggested and John J agreed that he would notify the venue ahead of time and perhaps pre-plan an actual celebration.
    - This year's final match is on March 20th.

e. The Racquet Sports Mid-Season dinner was discussed as it had a low turnout.
    - John Joyce and staff agreed to upgrade the kickoff dinner
    - Will consider doing more for the awards dinner.
    - J. Joyce believes that we should limit the number of dinners to two.

C. S. Roth informed the committee that the Code of Ethics is being reviewed with Legal.

3. **<u>Racquet Committee open discussion:</u>**

A. Janet Serle was not present, but it was noted that she continues to work with Maria on team uniforms for our Club.

B. Karen Sussman asked about the status of Tennis and Pickleball Center upgrades.
    a. S. Roth responded that they are being reviewed by the Board and would be presented to the members in the next few months, including a vote for approval.

C. Rob Zenn thanked M. McInerney for his efforts that were above expectations.
    a. Noted that he stayed very late to dry courts and made sure the match could continue.
    b. One of the many small ways Matt goes above and beyond.

D. S. Roth closed the meeting by thanking everyone for their participation.
    a. He reminded the Committee that our last meeting will be in February
    b. He encouraged members to continue their participation in this committee and others.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 5th at 1:30PM in the Board Room.

This will be the last meeting for this committee and a new committee will be convened in April.