

Executive Committee Minutes November 6, 2024

Present: Terry Easson, Marty Houle, Linda McCloskey, Doug Easson, Rob Foy, Kathy McMillan

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 in Room 4.

Motion to approve Agenda for this meeting.
Marty Houle / Rob Foy

Carried

Motion to approve minutes of March 4, 2024, as presented.
Marty Houle / Rob Foy

Carried

Reports

President

Silveridge Tennis has three standalone teams this year. The 3.0 Men continue to be standalone the same as last season and the 3.5 Men and 3.5 Women have added their own standalone teams this season. Our 2.0 Men and Women are combined with Sunland Village East (SVE) and our 2.5 Men and Women are combined with The Resort. Silveridge has no 1.5 Men or Women players yet. Our 4.0 Men and Women were combined with SVE last year but only the 4.0 Women are combined with SVE this season. The 4.0 SVE Men dropped Silveridge this season due to a numbers issue. So far we have no Men here at the 4.0 level but if we get any, we will need to find a place for them to play.

The November Informational Meeting is scheduled to be held this Sunday November 10th at 7:00 p.m. Our meeting conflicts with the Premiere of the Yellowstone season opener. Terry has had a few people approach her about them wanting to see Yellowstone. A decision was made to postpone our Informational Meeting to a later Sunday. Terry will check with the office to see when the Social Hall is available for a Sunday Night meeting.

Terry is very excited and pleased about the Renter's Association agreeing to fully fund our purchase of the benches we were interested in. The benches will need to be ordered and after providing the Renter's Association with a receipt, a cheque will be provided to us. A suggestion was made that we see if there is interest in having the benches sponsored. For example: in loving memory or from the Jane Doe Family, etc. Terry sees these types of plaques a lot and enjoys reading the inscriptions. Tennis will need to ensure we install a plaque recognizing the contribution for the benches from the Renter's Association. There is already a similar plaque on the Kitchen Shack

Vice President – Marty is happy to report can consumption was good over the summer and the Royal Order of Can Crushers Local 6144 has already crushed a lot of cans and took a load in. Thank you to Kenny Tripp for letting us use his truck. A total of \$152 was received.

The can crushers were approved for a pizza party but due to timing it never happened. Marty thinks all the can crushers should be here in January so he would like to have the Pizza Party then. Also wants to open it up to everyone to make it into another Fun Day.

Treasurer – Linda McCloskey reported we currently have 26 members paid (4 from last year). Treasurer report filed for audit.

East Valley Rep/Tenniscodes Coordinator – Kathy McMillan had nothing to report. Terry has also been made a Coordinator.

Property Manager – Doug reported the courts are in good shape. He wanted to thank everyone who came out to help wash the courts and clean the kitchen. Doug is looking at getting rid of the old gas blower. A suggestion was made to see if Silveridge Maintenance would want it. Doug is looking at purchasing another blower with an extra battery charger. The Executive agreed to this request.

Fundraising – No fundraising being planned at this time. Further to President's Report, may do some fundraising with the benches.

Rating Committee – Mike LeBlanc not in park yet. There are a few players who would like to be rated right away so this will need to be arranged.

Web Site – Rob Foy worked with the suggestions Terry provided him for changes to the website. There are still some things that need to be done. Further suggestions are welcome. This is an ongoing process.

Player Development – Terry wants to contact Scott Scheigert to see if he is interested in doing some coaching clinics like he did last year.

Scheduling – Don has started posting the weekly schedule on the bulletin board. There was a conflict with the times for Social Play. The schedule said 10:30 to 12:00 but Terry said 9:00 to 10:30 in her weekly update. Should be earlier time slot right now until later in year when it gets cooler in the morning. Don has been notified when all the teams want their practices, and he will include these times in future schedules.

Recruitment – The numbers for tennis are shrinking (not just at Silveridge but at all parks) and we need to try to do something to recruit more players. Should be putting something on Facebook, Silveridge Connect and the Welcome Newsletter about welcoming new players of all skill levels.

Need to do things that will attract people to want to play tennis. Discussion was held and a decision was made to host the first Fun Day of the season on Sunday November 24th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Rob has volunteered to provide music and snacks will be provided.

We need to also make sure training is provided for people new to the game of tennis. A Learn to Play Tennis Clinic should be organized. Should be held on a Saturday in the morning. Will need to see if Scott Scheigert would be willing to help with this.

Team Representatives – No reports.

Old Business

Tennis Shirts - Terry will try to get some samples and bring them to the rescheduled Information Meeting.

New Business

Can Containers for Ballroom -. There isn't a recycle can container beside every garbage can in the Ballroom, so cans end up being placed in the garbage containers. Lu, the Silveridge Activities Director, asked if we could provide an even amount of can receptacles to garbage containers to help try to prevent this.

Memorial Board -. A concern was raised about losing track of people who should be included on the Memorial plaque for former tennis players who have since passed on. A discussion was held. Rather than risk potentially offending someone by not recognizing a deceased person, a suggestion was made to get rid of the Memorial board and use the Bulletin Board outside the kitchen to recognize deceased persons each year as we are made aware. Decision made to bring this issue forward to the Annual General Meeting in March 2025 to see what everyone thinks.

Sharing Water System with Pickleball - Pickleball applied for funding through the Renter's Association to purchase a type of vacuum that will take water off the courts. It won't clean the courts, just vacuum up the water. There is the potential for Tennis to maybe share use of the machine and then we could lend Pickleball our equipment that we use to clean our courts. We have not been approached by Pickleball yet about this, but wanted to give Executive a heads up, in case we were. Would need to consider liability issues for any sharing of equipment. If something broke, who would have to pay to fix it?

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Easson, President
In Absence of Secretary