

Tennis Board Meeting

Q4-2024 Meeting Minutes



11 December 2024 / 2:00 PM / Center for Higher Learning

ATTENDEES

Tennis Club Executive Board in attendance: Brian Shultz (President), Mike Zamora (Vice-President), Kevin Donovan (Secretary), Cory Levetan (Treasurer) and Kevin Milbert (Member-at-Large).

Tennis Club Members in attendance: John Crook, Lowell Keppel, Dennis McWilliams, Katie & Jay Millerhagen, Sharon Cramer, Frances Armstrong, Angela Gabard-Benson, Jolene Grow, Carol Moy, David Marks, Don Beardsworth, Debbie Fenske, Benny Biesmans, Susan Manganaro, Rod Tryko, Betti & Bob Thoma, Susan Lundberg, Tammy Neda-LaFleur, Karen Fly, Maranda Carson, Theresa Farrell, Peggy Jacobs; via Zoom: Larry Damm, Brad Ashinoff.

Meeting Notes

Call to Order

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:10 pm by Brian Shultz, President.
2. Brian welcomed the quorum of Tennis Club members present at the meeting and attending via Zoom.

Old Business

1. Review of Meeting Minutes: Kevin provided a brief review of the 2024-Q3 meeting minutes and then made a motion for approval. The motion passed.
2. Treasurer's Report: Cory provided a financial report and membership update.
 - a. The Tennis Club has a current operating balance of approximately \$4,143 with 65% of 2025 membership dues collected. The Club's goal is to maintain an operating balance of \$5,000.
 - b. The Club has a record 200 paid members in 2024 as compared to 184 members in 2023. Cory requested members submit their 2025 dues before the year-end deadline to avoid a \$5 late fee.
3. Activities Committee Report: Kevin Milbert provided a summary of the recent social activities and a look ahead for 2025 social events. The Club will hold one social event each month and are posted on the Club's website.

- a. The Club held four events since the Q3 meeting report: Wild Card Draw, Manley's FTTT, Fall Social and Men's Doubles Tournament. The Fall Social was attended by approximately 100 members and included lunch and a record 57 raffle prizes.
 - b. Next tennis club social event is the Mixed Doubles Tournament held over the weekend of January 11 & 12.
4. State of the Club Presentation: Brian provided a report on recent Club activities and accomplishments. With the dedication and efforts of the Board and all the Club volunteers, the Tennis Club has accomplished multiple improvements, including:
 - a. Record membership growth, increased social activities, creation of a club logo, distribution of logo bag tags, the Tennis Warehouse discount merchandise program, strong support of the ball recycling program, and the purchase of a new ball machine.
 - b. Negotiated a preliminary court sharing agreement with the pickleball club and worked to foster the good working relationship between our clubs, HOA and the Outdoor Sports Ad-Hoc Committee. Working cooperatively with these groups helped to realize a Mita water station, consideration for tennis court resurfacing and LED lights, and retaining the tennis courts for tennis play in the long term.
 - c. The Club will continue its efforts to grow membership, offer fun and new social activities, maintain our facilities, and move the Outdoor Courts master plan forward as quickly as possible so the tennis courts are returned to dedicated tennis use.
5. Court Maintenance: Mike provided a summary of major tennis court and equipment maintenance activities.
 - a. New scorekeeper devices are installed on all courts and new pegs will be provided.
 - b. Working with BlueStar on the Kiva court entry gate repairs, on-going light bulb replacement and Court 4 net replacement.
 - c. Irrigation water overspray and court flooding has been addressed at the Kiva courts and the Club will continue to monitor the area.

New Business

1. Guest Requirements - Susan Manganaro requested the Executive Board revisit the requirement to limit the number of non-residents playing on USTA and WVU teams post court sharing agreement with the pickleball club. Brian stated that he will contact BlueStar management personnel to discuss non-resident fee collection and team requirements.
2. Mita Court Usage - Jay Millerhagen asked for daily court usage data by pickleball club members as it appears the shared court usage is down during the second trial period. Brian stated that we are not collecting data on court usage and that prior to the first trial period, RMC-2020 data indicated only 2 occasions existed where a Mita tennis court would not have been available (but would have at Kiva). This data was the rationale for setting the 2pm court sharing daily start time.

- Members asked if it is permissible to play tennis on the Mita courts after 2pm when there are no pickleball players using the courts.
- Members asked if another court usage analysis is warranted now that we have a record number of tennis club members and a new Trilogy WVU team has increased the demand for tennis courts.

Brian stated that he will review the current court usage data and revisit the court sharing agreement with the pickleball club representatives.

3. Tennis ball Recycling Program - Kevin Milbert stated that the program is running smoothly and we have recycled over 22,000 tennis balls.
 - Kevin thanked Linda Heining who introduced our Club to the program and managed this successful program.
 - Management of the program will be the responsibility of the Executive Board Vice President. Kevin requested members contact him if interested in working as a program volunteer.
 - Kevin reported that sponsorship of the program reduces the Club's cost for ball recycling. For the past three years, Lowell Keppel has been the Club's sponsor. Kevin and Brian thanked Lowell for his generosity and reported that three Club members have agreed to take over the sponsorship role: Debbi Spannato, Susan Lundberg and Connie Halldorson.
4. Spring/Fall Social Costs - Kevin M. stated that the cost of hosting these two major social events has become too expensive for the Club and made a motion to test removing the member paid lunch portion from the Spring Social and instead allow members to gather as they wish at Solaz, Vs, or elsewhere. The rest of the Spring Social would proceed as usual. After some discussion, the motion passed unanimously. The Spring Social is scheduled for March 30, 2025.
5. Court Rules Updates - Kevin D. requested two changes to the existing court rules.
 - Kevin D. made a motion to extend the round robin trial period into January that allows round robin to be scheduled on up to four concurrent courts. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Kevin D. made a motion to limit WVU team practice to two courts reservations more than 7-days in advance with a third court reservation allowed following the 7-day reservation restriction. The rules change will begin in January. After discussion the motion passed unanimously.
6. Executive Board Meetings - Kevin D. reported that the HOA Board has updated the Club Bylaws for all Trilogy member clubs and has removed the requirement for quarterly meetings. Kevin stated that the new Bylaws template requires an annual meeting for board officer elections and clubs may call special meetings at any time. Kevin proposed the Tennis Club hold two meetings per year (April and November) when most residents are in town which would hopefully help ensure quorum-level attendance. The November meeting would be the Annual meeting. After some discussion the motion passed by a majority vote from a quorum of members present at the meeting. Kevin announced the meeting dates for 2025: April 9th and November 12th.

- Betti Thoma suggested moving the meeting dates to coincide with tennis court power washing since the courts are unavailable for play and this may increase meeting participation. The Executive Board will consider this schedule change.
7. 2025 Executive Board Nominations - Kevin D. announced the 2025 board candidates and Brian asked for a member vote to elect the candidates to the nominated position. The candidates were elected by a unanimous vote from a quorum of members present at the meeting. The 2025 Executive Board is comprised of the following members in good standing:
- President - Kevin Donovan
 - Vice President - Kevin Milbert
 - Treasurer - Cory Levetan
 - Secretary - Katie Millerhagen
 - Member at Large - Maranda Carson

Brian congratulated the new board officers and expressed his confidence that they will continue the activities and growth of our tennis club.

8. End of Year Thanks - Brian thanked the board officers and volunteers for making 2024 a successful year. Gift certificates to V's were provided to Round Robin Schedulers: Manley Perkel and Sharon Cramer; RMC2020 Administrator: Katie Millerhagen; and retiring 2024 Board Officers: Brian Shultz and Mike Zamora. Kevin D. thanked Brian for his leadership during 3-years as club president, for the many initiatives, and his careful guidance of our club.

Open Discussion

1. Dennis McWilliams asked when new pickleball courts will be constructed and their location. Brian stated that he would not expect any to be completed in 2025 and courts may be located at the existing bocce courts and/or adjacent to the existing pickleball courts. A 5-year outdoor sports capital plan, which has preliminarily been presented to the HOA Board and the Trilogy community is being finalized including budgets and a timeline.

Motion to Adjourn

Brian made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.

The next executive board meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday, April 9th at 2pm in the Center for Higher Learning room.