

Los Altos Tennis Club

Minutes of the meeting April 4, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Beth Watt. She welcomed: Pat Frischmann, Tom Gregory, Lynn Hunton, Doris Lehr, Bob Pearl, Bill Powell, Frank Smyth, Marijke Vallaeys (acting secretary), Mary Ann Weingartner,

1. **March Minutes: Pat Frischmann (acting secretary in March)** : no corrections or additions, the minutes stand approved
2. **Treasurer: Doris Lehr:** The report as presented is accepted
For more details see report
3. **Membership: Mary Ann Weingartner:** we have now 130 members.
 - Renewed members: 97 (75%)
 - New members since August 2006: 24 (18%)
 - Lifetime members: 7 (5%)
 - Status to be determined: 2 (1%)

Other information:

- Los Altos/LAHills residents: 91: (70%)
- Non-residents: 39: (30%)
- Females: 90 (69%)
- Males: 40 (31%)

Income from 2007 membership dues totals: \$3230

The membership roster was mailed to the membership in the March newsletter.

The board congratulated Mary Ann on an excellent and detailed report

4. **General Meeting and Dinner: Beth Watt**

69 members have signed up, most are members.

We are okay with the city; and have a license to serve liquor.

There will be 12 round tables (6 people each)

- ✚ When the members arrive there will be ½ hour socializing and cocktail time
- ✚ Followed by the dinner
- ✚ At the appropriate time Beth Watt will introduce the board, make some announcements
- ✚ After that, it's up to Jack and Bob's program
- ✚ At the end of the evening: door prizes

Sub reports:

- ✚ Food/Wine: Bill Powell

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B.P. is working together with Doris Lehr and Mary Ann Weingartner who brought samples of wine and cream puffs, very much appreciated and approved by the tasters.

🗨️ Program: Jack Bates and Bob Pearl

Jack was not present. Bob asked if any knew some nice tennis poems. We'll do some research and if we find something send it to Bob.

Beth Watt will call Jack to find out about the ½ hr program

🗨️ Decorations: Beth Watt for Anne Abrams

Anne and Carol Moulton will take care of all the decorations, Italian style. They suggest we wear the Italian colors: white, green and red. When Beth sends out the directions she will mention that dress code suggestion.

🗨️ Door Prizes: Beth Watt

B.W. went to Swetka's : they might donate a coupon for restringing a racket; she also plans to check out some restaurants to see if they would donate. Anyone else who has an idea or who wants to ask for a prize, please contact Beth first so we don't duplicate.

🗨️ Survey: Bob Pearl, Beth Watt

Some good questions are ready to be published on the SurveyMonkey.com (10 questions for free), more came up during the meeting. Tom asked why we couldn't use the Yahoo poll. We would have to enter all the names of the members. There is such a group, the Google group, set up by Marijke and she will check if they have a poll possibility.

5. Relay for Life (Saturday June 23): Doris Lehr

There are no objections to change the date and run the June tournament on June 10. Frank Smyth agreed to run this Combo Doubles Tournament. The purpose is to make money, but how? If we explain that the contribution is for a charitable event, that 50% goes to Relay of Life, we could increase the entry fee (\$25).

On that day we have to make sure all the courts are available, and fill them all. According to Bill Powell we can easily double the number of participants, like we did in the past. We can do this by making publicity. We will have sign-up sheets at the General Meeting. There will be an ad in the Town Crier, and we will use our newsletter and website. Another idea to make money: a raffle at the tournament.

6. Public Relations: Pat Frischmann

Tom Gregory thanked Pat for an outstanding article in the Town Crier.

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Pat Frischmann : we also have to thank Jane Turnbull and her friend for getting the ball rolling. They sent emails to the council and the school board complaining about the locked courts.

She and Beth Watt met with the principal, with Joe White and the maintenance director. They agreed on everything except unlocking the gates.

The LA High School asked our help in lobbying the town to pay for maintenance costs. Pat and Beth reminded the school that LATC donated nets two years ago.

The board members agree that it would be a good idea to help the school if we could get more access to the courts.

Mary Ann W.: this looks like a hostage situation!

And what about the money they don't have to spend on the two courts they are demolishing? They could shift that money to the school and open more courts for public access.

Tom G: the club never made any promises when the courts needed resurfacing, and when the HS asked for our support. There was definitely some miscommunication; the HS is convinced we promised to help but reproach we never followed through.

The HS also reproaches the city that they reneged on their promises to repair the lights. There is a lot of resentment but the main question is: DO WE WANT TO HELP THE HS?

If we do, it will be for strategic reasons: we need those tennis courts

If not, it is because we don't like the hostage situation.

General feeling: we should be on the side of the HS

But at the same time encourage and urge the town to do the maintenance of the courts.

Pat F. will write a letter to the town.

7. **Tournament: Frank Smyth**

May 12: Mother's Day : mixed doubles

June 10: Relay for Life Combo

Bob Pearl would love to see men doubles and women doubles. Frank will organize this in the fall

Fusion Tennis: usually 6 people show up to perfect their basic skills

Every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month

8. **Singles Ladder : Tom Gregory and Lynn Hunton:**

There is one new member: Dan Stucker

Four participants haven't paid and will be dropped unless... Lynn will first call them

His telephone number is 650-941 0171

9. **Ladder Ladies Doubles: Beth Watt**

Not active since there are so many USTA matches going on.

10. **Ladder Men Doubles: Bob Pearl**

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11. Ladder Mixed Doubles: Tom Gregory

12. USTA: Bill Powell

LATC is now an official member of USTA

Bill announced that the 60 + doubles season will start but a captain is needed.

13. Interclubs: Beth Watt for all the teams

All teams are doing terrific and playing at Cuesta is just great!

14. TFC: Jack Bates (not present)

15. Newsletter: Beth Watt

Please send in the articles by next Monday, April 16

16. Website: Marijke Vallaey's:

Patrick Vallaey's installed the Google checkout and it is now online. He will change the membership form so members can email their application.

He plans to put the database online too.....but patience, please.

Beth Watt: how about putting all the info on the website for it is redundant to have a paper and an online newsletter. Printing and mailing is expensive.

What will the members think of the change: This is a good question to put on the SurveyMonkey.

Someone suggested asking \$10 more membership fee if they request a paper newsletter

17. Profiles and History: Pat Frischmann:

The next profile is of a new member

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Marijke Vallaey's