

Los Altos Tennis Club
Minutes of the meeting October 7, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Beth Watt

Present: Beth Watt (president), Sherry Barba, Tom Gregory, Lynn Hunton, Doris Lehr, Bill Powell, Mary Ann Weingartner, Marijke Vallaey

Excused: Pat Frischmann, Frank Smyth,

Minutes: Mary Ann Weingartner

September minutes were read and approved

President's report: Beth Watt:

The 2009 board positions must be filled. This subject was also discussed at the last meeting.

President: Beth Watt - term completed

Vice president: Bill Powell

Treasurer: Doris Lehr

Membership: Mary Ann Weingartner

Secretary: Pat Frischmann - term completed

IC 3.0: Pat Frischmann

IC 3.5: Beth Watt

Ladder: Tom Gregory

Tournaments: Frank Smyth ??

Men's doubles: Bob Pearl ??

TFC: Jack Bates ??

Who will fill the president's position? It is difficult to ask a new member and nobody on the present board wants to do it.

Meeting once a month is apparently difficult, the attendance is low. There is an apathy among the members and most don't want to be involved in leadership.

The commitment is too big....

Tom suggests to do business online through the yahoo group.

Objection from Lynn: he fears that the social aspect of the board will disappear.

In the past board meetings used to be a social gathering, sharing food and

....yes.... conducting a meeting.

It was suggested to ask Jean Hassoun for some insight information about running a club. He has great ideas.

Tom Gregory will start the process in January. We will still meet 4 times a year but most of the business will be conducted online. He wants to do it for 3 months, then hand it over to the next board member.

This could be a way to get young members involved.

There was a motion to create a new board position: e-president. This will be a rotating assignment.
Seconded and approved by all.

Treasurer: Doris Lehr:

See report

The balance shows that during the two previous years we reduced the large treasury balance and that was exactly the goal of Beth as president of LATC: spend the money on the members. This goal has been achieved and the result is much appreciated by all.

Membership: Mary Anne Weingartner

See report

As of October 2, 2008, the number of members in good standing for 2008 totals 140.

1. renewed members – 98 (70%)
2. new members since August 2007 – 34 (24%)
3. lifetime members - 8 (6%)

Other information based on members in good standing:

1. Los Altos/ Los Altos Hills residents – 100 (71%)
2. Non-residents – 40 (29%)
3. Females – 90 (64%)
4. Males – 50 (36%)

Of the 129 dues received

1. Google checkout – 35 (27%)
2. Personal checks – 94 (73%)

Tournament: Frank Smyth (not present, but sent a report)

- Frank reserved 6 courts for November 16 at LAHS.
- Tom will help Lynn on Saturday morning to get everything to the courts
- Everybody on the board is willing to help, see messages sent by the yahoogroup

The sad trend is that few LATC members participate. One way to remedy is publicity. Everybody agrees that we need more publicity. Towels, T-shirts
To get more of our own members involved in the Fall Tournament , there was a motion to have a prize of \$100 to the top team.

The motion was seconded and all approved.

Beth will sent a group message to the membership.

Suggestion: split husband and wife, they like to play with others too!

Ladder : Tom Gregory: going strong and there are a couple of new guys...

Mixed ladder, Men's doubles ladder: Tom Gregory and Bob Pearl

not much activity.

The board wonders if Bob Pearl is still interested. According to Tom, the men's doubles play a lot but just don't report scores.

USTA: Bill Powell:

Nothing to report, nobody has come forward offering to be a captain.

The lack of own courts is a deterrent

Interclubs: Beth Watt

Going strong.

Cuesta raised the fee from \$54 to \$61. The participants will have to pay \$4.50 instead of the \$4.00. There is the possibility that we will have to raise the fee to \$5.00 in the beginning of next year.

Website: Marijke Vallaey's

- The membership form will be updated on the web
- Cost for domain name: \$10/year
- Cost for server: \$14/ month

Newsletter: Marijke Vallaey's

please submit articles by Monday, October 13

Monday Morning : Sherry Barba

There is a reference to LATC on the Los Altos Newcomers website. Is this all right? The answer is yes.

Varia: Doris Lehr

Doris received and was asked to hand out schedules of the 49ers.

She also received an invitation to attend the USTA board meeting in November in Sacramento. She handed the invitation over to Bill Powell.

The meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Marijke Vallaey's

