Venetian Golf and River Club  
Tennis Committee Meeting Minutes, March 5, 2018

Present:
Committee:  
G.A. - Gary Alexander  
P.P. - Pam Perry  
P.G. - Paul Gress  
J.D. - Jackie Del Negro  
J.M. - Jane Morris  
C.B. - Carol Bishko  

Staff:  
C.S. - Charlie Sandomenico  
S. K. - Scott Kissell

Call to order:  
The meeting was called to order at 4:02pm; a quorum and proof of publication was established.

No comments from public at this time. Amended – one Comment from public

Additions to agenda:  
Roller purchase  
Residents’ suggestions  
Residents’ concerns  
Administrative issues

Approval of minutes: 

Old Business:

Awnings between courts and above bleachers  
C.S. showed photo of awnings with temporary support. Thanked P.G. for his efforts in finding a permanent solution. Will be completed with metal or plastic supports. Awning cloth is in good condition.

Pickle ball courts  
S.K. said a CDD recommended engineer reported that a site plan is being worked out; 7 parking spaces would be needed (64’ by 64’). P.P. mentioned that the land given by the city to Habitat for
Humanity is probably going to be given back and usage will be for a park which includes pickle ball courts as well as a dog park. It was decided to put the pickle ball court issue on hold until it is determined what is going to take place on the Knight’s Trail land.

**Court availability calendar**

C.S. had handouts showing there is very little problem with court availability in part because of increased injuries and illness this season. Team adjustments are helping with availability. There will be a Men’s 80’s team next year playing on Tuesdays. There is a possibility of a Women’s 4.0 team which would play on Tuesdays too. Now there are three 60’s Men’s teams playing on Wednesday, but there has been some talk about moving the day to Thursday which would pose a problem for Venetian.

**Carol Bishko’s email**

no longer an issue

**Ladies Tennis Day signups**

C.S. has condensed the calendar and March 24th will be the Ladies Tennis Day event followed by a mixed doubles exhibit, the end of season award ceremony and cookout on the courts.

**New Business:**

4th Annual Golf Tribute Invitational hand out distributed.

**Suggestions from Residents:**

Fans under awnings between courts. S.K. and C.S. will look into purchasing fans and hooking up to the electrical outlet at the water machine.

Gates at back of courts 1-4 would be helpful when balls go over the fence. C.S. reported this is a costly venture and structurally not prudent.

C.B. noted at other clubs there are victory banners. In the past, Venetian has had trophies on display and could do so again with shelving in the pro shop. Trophies and/or plaques for our league teams as well as tournament winners within Venetian was a well received suggestion. Team photos at the beginning of the season was also proposed within the committee.
**Residents’ Concerns:**
There is inconsistency in the court reservation rule of providing all players’ names at the time of booking. C.S. does keep an eye on this and sends reminder emails when necessary. C.S. gave some background behind the rule. P.P. suggested exploring a ramification to rule breakers; perhaps players names must be supplied 24 hours prior to court time or lose the court. C.S. and S.K. will meet to formulate a plan and present at next month’s meeting. Added from public inconsistency on names on courts and guest fee issue.

Discussion of repeated outside guests; guidelines depend upon during season (2X per month) and off season (4X per month). For the fitness area, a guest must present a temporary badge; this doesn’t happen for tennis so players are on the honor system. C.S. has in the past made violators aware of the rules and will incorporate this topic in the Fitness Friday email. S.K. will address this issue in next month’s newsletter.

There needs to be a review of the dog rules around the courts.

On the CDD website, the tennis committee listing is not complete.

**Administrative Report:**
C.S. summarized the various competitions held this season and the success of each. There is a Ladies’ Day event coming up on March 24th which completes the tournaments within Venetian. Of late, league play has been the key focus. Word of mouth has been the most successful means to participation in the club events. The season has been a good one.

Too much mulch around the courts has been a problem; plastic screening can be installed around the bottom of the fence.

The ball machine remote was sent for repair; is back with antenna issue fixed.

P.G. was thanked for his work on the paver bricks sidewalks. Solar lights will be installed.
Biodegradable styrofoam cups are being explored but the expense needs to be considered.

C.S, spoke about his recent Sr. Grand Prix visits to several clubs; Venetian fairs well.

Discussion of a large overhanging umbrella in the gathering area. No decision.

In response to players’ complaints of dead spots on the courts, S.K. presented two bids for rollers, both $7500. C.S. reported on specifics of court maintenance. There is money in the CDD budget for this expenditure; and with the new shed, there is a place to store it. G.A. moved to purchase a roller; J.M seconded; motion passed. A Welch Tennis Roller will be purchased.

Motion to adjourn at 5:19 made by C.B. and seconded by G.A.

Respectfully submitted,
Jacquelyn R. Del Negro