Venetian Golf and River Club

Tennis Committee Meeting Minutes, - CORRECTED

May 7, 2018

Present:

Committee
M.A. – Mary Abbruzzese
P.P. – Pam Perry
N.S. – Noel Samuels
J.D.-Jackie Del Negro
C.B. Carol Bishko
K.L. Karen Lahn

Staff
Charlie Sandomenico
S.K.-Scott Kissell
VCDD Representative
S.L. Susie Lentile

Call to order:
The Meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m., and a quorum and proof of publication was established.

Comments from Public:
P. Appalonia, C. Silverblatt, M. Weisert

Addition to Agenda:
M.A. – Email regarding tennis during prime time-prime season

Approval of Minutes:
APRIL  A motion was made by N.S., & seconded by K.L.  Motion carried.

Old Business:

• P.P. regarding guest fees for tennis.  8 local clubs have fees $10-15/per visit.  Fees will generate revenue for courts maintenance/events etc.  Guests use 2X per month during season and 4X per month off season.  Would like to propose to add tennis fees for guests.
• S.K. WCI had a tennis guest fee. When the CDD took over the eliminated the fee. Per C.S. CDD started with a fresh set of rules when they took over the facilities. Per N.S. fees collected were approx. $600-700. P.P. stated that in the past 2 months, based on the number of guests playing tennis, there were a total of approximately 50 guest times at the courts.

• C.S. some clubs waive guest fees in the summer. N.S. when would be the prime play Oct. 1 – March 31? S.K. Concerns with time of year and what happens when shop is closed. What about house guests vs. day guests. C.B. commented that guest play got out of hand this year. Commented that guests state they enjoy playing here because it’s free. S.K. stated that now when reserving courts guests first and last names have to be added to courts (as well as members playing). Will be able to track how many times a guest play when preparing reports from the reservation system. Guests also have to check in the tennis shop prior to play.

• P.P. received multiple emails from Venetian owners as follows;
  -Regarding fees, should charge day guests not house guests
  -No reason why we shouldn’t charge guests – assumed we were. We pay a substantial amount to play here.
  -Charge fees and limit times a guest can play in season.

• Cheryl Silverblatt and Pat Appolonia commented that Sarasota Nat’l and Longwood Run charge whenever they play at those facilities.

• S.K How to justify owners with out of town guests staying at hotel vs at their home. Should we exclude immediate family?

• S.L. When using multiple courts after hours guards stated no list of names is needed, guard lets them in when they state they are playing tennis.

• K.L. & J.D. noted that when they were at Venice Golf & CC for an event all 96 names of participants were listed with guard. S.K. noted that people cannot be stopped from coming in due to the CDD rules that roads are public so a list is not necessary here.

• N.S. mentioned we should talk about fees, not making a motion but just what it would be, $10? Time of year 11/1 – 3/31?

• C.S. $10 on and off season, guest 2X month in season and 4X month off season. N.S. mentioned a lower fee off season. P.P. keep it simple and charge the same fee all year.

• S.K. Need a purpose to present about fee to the CDDs, is it for revenue or stop owners from having guests? C.S. What about interclub? S.K. What about leagues?

• P.P. Guests talk about how they feel it’s unlimited play here. Guest play has to be monitored and fees can help with (tennis) expenses.
• S.K. Should fees apply all year and when would be on off season, 11/1-4/30 on season, and 5/1-10/31 off season?

• M.A. commented that fees should be charged all year and the same fee. N.S. commented as to why should we charge on off times when courts are empty?
• C.B. Charge same fees all year, guests should not play for free.
• K.L. Charge fee all year
• J.D. Charge fee all year and the same fee
• P.P Charge same fee all year.
• S.K. Should there be a time of day to charge i.e. 8 AM – 6PM?
• P.P. If no one is around to collect owner who brings guest should collect fees. Comment from M. Weisert – Whoever books court could be responsible for fees.
• S.K. Fees all day, committee agrees. S.K. no fees for house guests and $10 all times of day.
• S.K. asked about a limit on the number of guests a member can bring? i.e. 1 owner,3 guests? N.S. shouldn’t limit. S.K. commented that no limit on number of guests for a member. P.P. we pay to support courts, question why CDD would not want to charge outsiders? C.S. does not feel it would be a concern, C.S. and S.K. would support fees and go by committee decision.
• S.K. Reason why are we charging fees? To generate $$? Need to enforce CDD parameters of what fees are – discourage guests with high fee – residents are footing the bill.
• N.S. Move forward with fee and to make a motion to charge guest fees: “CDD to charge a fee of $10 for tennis guests” seconded by P.P, vote to charge by attending tennis committee majority Yes, one No=N.S..

Old business regarding Demo Day regarding Pickleball courts and sound:

• Per S.K. it was surprisingly quiet and that tennis balls were making more noise than the Pickleballs. Engineer with sound readiness equipment. Question as to 2 or 3 courts and it would take up about 10 parking spots in back of tennis courts 5 & 6. P.P. mentioned that Nokomis school is putting in Pickleball courts could they be utilized. However, it was mentioned that you cannot play off school hours.

Old Business regarding guest sign-up sheets:

• N.S. mentioned sign-up sheets for guests has been implemented and C.S. will continue with sheets. PP. Kudos to C.S. and staff for coming out with the sheets and following up on guests signing in.
• S.K. to send communication to membership about the fact that all names must be added when signing up for tennis. C.S. noted 90% of players are adhering to entering names. S.L. we members have to get in the habit of signing people up.
• P.P. to Charlie, “what do you do with the names?” C.S. will add names from the lists into the reservation system and will be able to produce reports with information on names and numbers of times guest(s) play/.
• N.S. mentioned a difficulty she has with booking courts via cell phone. However, those at the meeting did not have a problem.
**New Business**

- Off Season Friday Sally Effron’s group registered as Interclub Group due to the number of players coming in from various clubs for play? Issue discussed in fee issue. Not interclub with only Venetian as the team.
- M.A. presented an email forwarded by a member. The member asked that it be presented to the board. Email sent from another member to 25+ guests. The email mentioned that a non-resident can be a guest no more than 2 times a month from November 1 – April 30th. Since it didn’t look like a second club was going to be involved in the Friday group the email asked how many would consider playing 2X a month at the Venetian on Fridays at 9:30 AM from 11/1 through 4/30. M.A. mentioned that is prime time and was not appropriate. C.S. said it is not going to happen. S.K. asked Charlie to call the member who originated the email. C.S. mentioned that holding 4 courts on Friday during prime season @9:30 is denied.

C.S. mentioned Mixer-Mania Saturday 4/12, Grand Slam Mixer June 16th and July 4th Fireworks Mixer.

**Next Meeting:** Monday October 15, 2018 – 4:00 PM

**Adjournment:** N.S. made a motion to adjourn, seconded by P.P. 5:15 PM

- Missed agenda item: C.S. item regarding court nets. Court #5 net will be replaced in October.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Abbruzzese, Secretary