

LHTG Board of Directors Meeting

June 3, 2024

Present: Steve Bringman- Co-President; Denise Higgins, Finance Director; Michael Cramer, Director at Large; Pam Flaherty, Tournament Director; Paula Griffin, Communications Director; Nancy Phipps, Social Co-Director and Rosemary Marty, Social Co-Director.

Not Present: Joe Greene; Co-President

Members present: Eric Garcia, Bob Burbank, Jan Boatwright, Linda McDermott, Russell Smith, Sally Sanguinet, Bob White, Dan Hopper

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 pm by Steve Bringman.

Directors Reports

Denise reported the LHTG bank account has a balance of \$2928. She filed the tax documents which essentially state that as a 501c7 the group does not receive >\$50,000 in income each year. The Cinco de Mayo tournament expenses were \$1500, \$500 revenue, for a net loss. Discussion ensued on the pros and cons of raising the tournament entry fee and the lunch fee. Looking forward to the Oktoberfest tournament it was believed that it will break even.

Michael Cramer reported that he has coordinated volunteers to run the ball machine each Saturday morning through summer. Turnout has been good. Question from a member in attendance (Bob Burbank) as to having the ball machine available for checking out on an individual basis. It was mentioned that anyone in the membership can check out and use the ball machine. The ball machine is owned by the Association and keys to its secure location are obtained from the Association. Options include buying it back from the Association and having a shed built to house the ball machine. Bob B. agreed to write a short paragraph to promote the idea of building a shed to house the ball machine. Eric and Steve agreed to pursue this with Association management. Paula Griffin circulated a draft of a new format for weekly communications in a newsletter format with photos and other visuals.

Nancy Phipps mentioned the low turnout for the Cinco de Mayo tournament contributed to the financial deficit. 3 Hermanos had to be given a guaranteed number of lunches. In the future we could raise the cost of the tournament to be closer to the cost of the food.

Comment from member (Eric Garcia) if the tournaments could be better marketed as a social event.

Pam F. requested that the Board revisit our by-laws and operating procedures and to look at the club structure. She proposed a new Director position to focus on activities and increasing/ retaining membership. It could take a few years to grow the membership. Motion made by Pam to establish one of the At Large Director position to be directed to a Membership Director. Seconded by Nancy Phipps.

Presidents Report

Steve reviewed the past few years' actions by the Association and other clubs/groups (pickleball, corn hole, shuffleboard) that have kept him busy with representing the interests of the tennis community and LHTG. He mentioned that he and Dave Mateer have a meeting soon with Kyle regarding the shuffleboard trial occupying court #10. Steve requested that members send an email to Kyle regarding how the loss of court #10 to Shuffleboard has disrupted your group play (e.g. have to leave the Lincoln Hills courts and play at Jimenez Park).

2025 Board elections are coming soon. Need to be searching for new Board of Director members.

Open Forum

Eric Garcia commented that monthly board meetings would be helpful. More membership surveys, volunteerism, and LHTG visibility also could be helpful. Recently recruited two new members at the New Resident Orientation. Working on organizing a Tuesday night social mixed group, in addition to Alan Criswell's Thursday night social group.

Paula Griffin mentioned that more USTA and SATA teams would increase the visibility of tennis activities at LH to outside potential residents. A barrier to forming more teams is the 11:00 am start time. SATA teams start at 9 am or 10 am. Suggested that the 11 am start time guideline/requirement be re-visited.

Steve adjourned the meeting at 2:24 pm

Next BOD meeting: TBD

Next General Membership meeting: TBD