

## GOTC Meeting Minutes April 24, 2019

GOTC President Bob Konvit called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. There were 56 members in attendance, 21 women and 35 men.

### Officer Reports

#### President's Report:

- Bob introduced the new GOTC members who were in attendance: Mitch Bernstein, John Agamie, Charlie Nasto, Dolores Nasto, and Anne Pellon.
- Bob introduced the GOTC Board members: Vice President Diane Dawes, Treasurer Chris Leary, Recording Secretary Janet Mahony, and Communications Director Joe Barkauskas.
- Bob reminded the men that there would be a men-only meeting following tonight's general club meeting.

#### Vice President Report:

- Diane Dawes reminded the women that the women-only spring luncheon and meeting will be held on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at noon.
- Diane noted that the women's spring scramble is scheduled for Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Due to issues with the first email on this subject, Joe resent the email to the GOTC women.
- Diane suggested that we use the GOTC bulletin board to inform and alert members of club events.

Treasurer Report: Chris Leary reported the detailed expenses and deposits which were made to the club's account since the end of year 2018:

- Balance as of 12/31/2018 was \$2,235.56.
- The only expense incurred was \$15 for bank paper statement reports.
- Deposits totaled \$2,000.00 for 2019 GOTC dues; \$1,720.00 from 86 members by check, and \$280.00 from 14 members by Venmo. There was \$.08 interest on the account.
- Balance as of 4/24/2019 is \$4,225.64.

#### Communications Report:

- Joe Barkauskas reported that there have been problems sending emails on the Xfinity account, so he has set up a new Google email account to use for future GOTC business. The new account will send emails from "Tennis Club".
- Mitch Bernstein suggested that the club use a smartphone messaging app like WhatsApp or BAND, for example, to communicate between club members instead of email. Mitch agreed to speak about this as new business at our next club meeting.

### Committee Reports

Court Maintenance Report: George Leary reported that:

- A request for daily early morning cleaning of all 4 courts, including weekends, has been submitted to Dennis Boccasio.
- A new ball keeper scoreboard for court 2 and a center net strap have been ordered.
- A request for daily cleaning and refilling of orange water coolers has been submitted to Dennis Boccasio.
- Several requests have been made to replace the windscreens on the lower courts to reduce the effects of the wind. [See Ralph Dawes' comment below.]
- Several dead spots have been reported by both tennis players and pickle ball players.
- The code for the box at the courts that contains first aid products is 1111.
- Ron Dohman said that the height of the nets on the upper courts measures 35" in the center; it's supposed to be 36". George said that Dennis is aware of this, adding that we should not try to adjust the nets ourselves.
- Regarding the wind screens on the lower courts, Ralph Dawes, who is on the GOCA Facilities Committee, stated that the Facilities Committee intentionally did not install all the wind screens on the lower courts. He

said that these screens do not actually reduce the amount of wind on the playing area of the courts. Pat Degan emphasized that the wind screens are meant for privacy and are not effective against wind.

Publicity Committee: Judy Johnson reported that she underwent rotator cuff surgery last year and she has recuperated after a long rehab. She is easing back into tennis and hopes to be able to play again soon. She also commented that she loves representing the GOTC in the Beacon. She asked that you should send any pictures, news items, or ideas to her to include in the Beacon. The articles she writes are due on the 12<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the month of publication. She sends the articles to Joe to post on the GOTC web page so club members can read them before they're published in the Beacon. Judy acknowledged all the time and effort our club has put into dealing with other clubs for tennis court time.

Social Committee: Diane Dawes reported for Social Committee chairperson Cheryl Mangiacapra. The 2019 GOTC Calendar lists the dates of all the club's social events, including monthly pizza parties. Diane said that members should use the Sign-up Genius to sign up for each pizza party via the web. By a show of hands, 18 attendees at the meeting requested that they be able to sign up manually on the sheet posted on the board outside the upper courts. Chris Leary stated that manual sign-ups are more labor-intensive to manage. Geri Gelens requested that the club consider having a pizza party in May. Diane expressed concern for giving Cheryl more work to do. Barney Giacobello and Karen Tunnera volunteered to organize a pizza party for May. Jackie Price mentioned that the end of year holiday party will be held on a Thursday due to some problems we had last year with another party that was held in the ballroom at the same time as our party.

Sunshine Committee: Diane Dawes reported for Sunshine committee Cheryl Mangiacapra. She reported that Ellen DiChiara's dad passed away a week ago, and Ellen sent a thank-you card to the club thanking them for their condolences. If anyone knows of the need for the club to send a card, please relay it to Cheryl.

Web Page Committee: Diane Dawes reported for Jo-Ann Scotto:

- Electronic sign-up for membership began at the beginning of January. Electronic payment, such as Venmo, transfers your payment directly into the GOTC checking account. This avoids any checks being lost accidentally or delays in deposits.
- Just to remind all members, electronic sign-up replaces a GOCA requirement that each member signs a 'hold harmless' indemnification statement yearly. Paper statements would require storage. The final item on the printable form and the electronic form asks for your acceptance of the GOTC by-laws. The indemnification clause is" **Each member of the Greenbriar Oceanaire Tennis Club (GOTC) agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the club officers, the Greenbriar Oceanaire Community Association (GOCA) and the Greenbriar Oceanaire Management Company from all claims, damages, losses and injuries that may be incurred as a result of their voluntary participation in activities of this club, including any actions performed by them for the club, as well as traveling to and from and/or participating in/attending all club activities.** Next year the sign-up will include this actual statement in addition to the acceptance of ALL by-laws.
- The by-laws are included on the GOTC web page.
- Any member who signs-up using the paper sign-up form requires the GOTC treasurer to enter the information manually. It would be a significant help to the treasurer for members to enroll online. This would result in less chance of errors in phone numbers and email addresses when transcribing.
- Joe Barkauskas will be revamping the GOTC home page so it is less cluttered.
- The electronic sign up for the first pizza party of the season is already being prepared. The Social Committee will manage electronic sign-up for the socials events.

Tournaments: The 2019 GOTC Tournament Committee will be chaired by John Valla for the men and Carol Valla for the women. Chris Leary referenced the 2019 GOTC Calendar where the tournaments are scheduled for the Men's A and B Singles, the Men's A and B Doubles, the Women's Singles, the Women's Doubles, and the Mixed Doubles. The number of tournaments that are held will depend on the number of players who sign up to participate. Todd Harris said that with the new proposed format for the men's round robins during the season, there is an opportunity to move up the tournaments schedule. This will give more people an opportunity to participate in the tournaments. Todd will discuss this with John and Carol when they return in May.

## **Old Business**

Approval of GOTC Meeting minutes of 11/28/2018: The minutes from our 11/28/2018 meeting were approved.

Defibrillator status: Diane Dawes provided an update from Ellen DiChiara that the defibrillator has been completely installed in the gazebo between the upper and lower courts. Diane asked for a show of hands to determine that 30 attendees want to become certified in use of the defibrillator.

## **New Business**

Reserve court hours for 2019: Bob stated that the members know the reserve court hours. The purpose of putting this item on the agenda is to ensure that everyone knows the changes that were made since last year in terms of providing more morning court time for the Pickle Ball Club. Joe B. said that the schedule is on the GOTC web page. In response to a question about Wednesday afternoons, which were given to the women last year by the Pickleball Club in exchange for the two upper courts on Wednesday morning in the 2018 season, it was stated that the GOTC still has the use of the courts on Wednesday afternoon.

Official GOTC Tennis Season: Bob stated that the official GOTC tennis season is April 1<sup>st</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup>. During this time, reserve court hours for the men and the women will be in effect, and tennis balls will be provided for reserve court play.

Men's March Madness: Jim Fanizzi announced the results of the 2019 Men's March Madness tournament. In the men's singles, Ken Baulderstone defeated Jack Kosnik. In the men's doubles, Wayne Suggs & Don Millevoi defeated Todd Harris & Ben Amoruso. Chris Leary suggested that next year, a women tennis club member should work with Jim to organize a Women's March Madness event.

Use of GOTC dues to subsidize social events: Bob said that he has received some concerns from club members about the cost of attending our social events in the spring, fall, and the holiday party, compared to what other clubs charge their members for similar events. He said that the other clubs are using their member dues to subsidize those parties so that the member cost is reduced. He suggested that our club consider using dues to pay for the entertainment at these parties. Such expenses would still be considered on a case-by-case basis. Diane Dawes will draft a proposal to be discussed and voted on at the next GOTC general meeting.

## **Other Business:**

Ralph Dawes said that the Pickleball Club has asked the GOCA Facilities Committee to consider erecting a practice wall against the inside fence of one of the tennis courts. He asked for a show of hands to determine interest from the attendees. All attendees voted against the idea.

Chris Leary would like to consider ordering new GOTC shirts for the men and the women members. A show of hands indicated an interest in the idea. Chris will look into what's available.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm.

Submitted by Janet Mahony, GOTC Secretary