

5/29/24 Meeting Notes

Attendees: Linda McKenna, Tom Martine, Scott Bernstein, David Shaw, Joe VanZutphen, Maria Arndt

I. Linda gave an overview of the club budget

Current bank balance = \$1012.05

Annual Budget

Members	Dues	Balls	Webite	Remaining
56	\$1,120.00	\$900.00	\$45.00	\$175.00

Since we would like to have a discretionary budget of about \$500 for parties and other expenses throughout the year, it was proposed that the annual membership dues be increased to \$25 or \$30 for next year. We will vote on it at the next meeting when more leaders are present.

II. Schedule is set to change beginning June 1.

All morning play times will start at 7:30am. In the past, we went to 7:00 am by mid June, but we will play it by ear. Some members have asked about evening play. When the lights are replaced along with the construction of the new pickleball courts, we will revisit the idea of evening play.

III. Drop-in for 4.0+ separated from 2.5-3.5 beginning in June.

Linda voiced a concern that separating the groups, especially in the summer when there are fewer players, may discourage players from signing up when they see not enough players on either list. Scott thought that we should just try it out for a while, and everyone agreed.

IV. Interclub Play w/ other West Valley Communities:

West Valley League (enough 3.0 women to make a team) - Linda has been in contact with West Valley Women's League, and we may have enough 3.0 women to participate for the next season (Oct. - March). More info to come. The men's league is totally separate from the women's, and if there is interest in our club, we can get the contact info for the men's league.

Sun City West - Linda has reached out to SCW Tennis Club. SCW has a spring tournament every year (Swing Into Spring) and invite other communities to participate. We have been put on their list and will be notified for next year's tournament.

Pebble Creek - Linda is meeting with a board member of the Pebble Creek Tennis Club next week to see if we can plan some interclub playing events for the upcoming season.

Verrado - Linda made a suggestion to invite Verrado players to become members of our tennis club and pay \$5 guest fee each time they play. Joe and others voiced concerns about the potential of getting too many non-Victory residents using our facilities on a regular basis, which may go against HOA guidelines. One suggestion was to send out a survey to Verrado tennis players to find out how many would be interested. After further discussion, it was concluded that we may occasionally invite Verrado players informally as guests, but perhaps we should not consider including them as regular members.

V. Opening New Boxes of Balls

Linda mentioned that someone is destroying the box when opening new boxes of balls. We need the boxes in tact to be used when dead balls are shipped out by Allan. It was decided that a sign should be made and posted on the wall where the balls are kept.

VI. French Open Finals Watch Party (June 8th and 9th)

The watch party will be in the Sports Den at 9:00 am Sat and Sun.
Donuts on Saturday & Breakfast food on Sunday or vice versa.

VII. Pickleball Lines - Promise to remove the lines

We have an email from David Raissle promising to remove the pickleball lines “once the new courts are in play.” We need to follow up and strongly suggest doing it at the same time as the new courts are painted. Joe will try to set up a meeting with David to discuss this and other items on our wish list (see below).

VIII. Wish List for 2025

- Outlet(s) on Court 3 & 4 for the ball machine
- First aid kit for injuries
- Water fountain near the new ramada
- Storage solution
- Shade solution over the benches between 1&2 and 3&4
- *See attachment A - Linda showed a diagram of where the new courts with windscreens will be constructed, and it was agreed by all present that no sections of the windscreens that were removed last fall needs to be replaced.

IX. [Online Reservation](#) (for courts & ball machine)

Linda has found a free online reservation system to reserve courts and ball machine.
It is currently set up to reserve up to 7 days in advance
50 future event limit / 50 user limit for free account

The club currently has 18 court use times for club organized events per week.
18 x 2 = 36, which leaves 14 reservations that can be made under the free plan.
That seems enough for now.

100 events and unlimited users = \$9 per month (consider in the future)

It was decided that we will try this system out and see how it goes.

X. Possible Charity Idea

Linda was contacted by Joel Piaskowski at SCW and was introduced to an organization called [PASS](#) who runs an after-school program for underserved students from Title 1 schools in the Phoenix area. It's a tennis-centered program that takes place at the Phoenix Tennis Center. He would like for our club to consider becoming involved with this charity in whatever capacity we are comfortable with. Linda proposed the idea of including this Charity for our upcoming fall tournament somehow, but none of the attendees seemed inspired by the idea. There were *crickets* and the assumption was made that our club is not ready at this time.

XI. Fall Tournament 2024

Linda presented the below list of things to be done for the tournament and asked for volunteers to take the lead in planning and executing any or all categories. Linda declined to be the "organizer" of any portion of the tournament but said she is willing to help if someone steps up to take the lead.

Sponsors & Prizes

- Victory Tennis t-shirt gift cards for prizes?
- Contact sponsors and collect items
- Organize donated items and make them presentable to the winners
- Raffle?

Marketing

- Talk to Ryan Burda to seek help in making & posting flyers
- Send emails to all members & send periodic announcement via team app.

Goodie bags for the players?

Tournament details

- Send out the announcements
- Sign-up form
- Receive & organize entries
- Collect tournament fee
- Devise a playing format
- Write up play rules & instructions
- Assign courts & time slots
- Decide how to keep track of scores on tournament day

*separate email can be set up: i.e. tournament@victorytennis.org

After Party - Sunday (award ceremony / food / drinks)

Recruit and organize volunteers for the day of the tournament & for clean up.

Tom said he has been in contact with some of the sponsors, and he will update us as he hears back from them.

Tom also requested that we order medals to present to the winners as we did last year.

Linda will order the medals - 1st & 2nd place for Men's Doubles / 1st & 2nd place for Women's Doubles

***The playing format** was discussed and it was decided as follows:

Saturday AM - Women's Doubles - 16 players each playing as individuals

Saturday PM - Men's Doubles - 16 players each playing as individuals

They will be randomly placed on the court by drawing cards (Tom) to start.

Winners move up a court and split, losers move down a court and split.

At the end of the playing time (approx. 2 hours, # of rounds TBD), the person with the most games won is the winner.

Sunday will be a day of social mixed doubles (8 men and 8 women sign up) round-robin format in the morning, with the award ceremony and party with snacks and drinks afterward.

Joe **bravely** stepped up and said he will lead the planning and organization.

Immediately following Joe, Maria said she would be happy to help him.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attachment A

