



Minutes from Board of Directors' Meeting
February 28th, 2021, 3:00 p.m., Bocage Racquet Club

Board Members Present: Stephanie Le Grange, J. E. DuBois, Patricia Talbot, Rodney Terral, Shawna Gardiner, Troy Goings, Mary Claire Hotard, Rusty Jabour, Randy Ligh, Ellen Martinez, Yvette Marshall, Jonathan Mitchel, Marjorie Person, Jennifer Tolbert, Bee Vo.

Non Board Members Present: Marty Engle

Not Present: Leslie Halphen

Stephanie Le Grange called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

Consent items:

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Committee reports (with no activity or just info): Finance, Juniors, Marketing, Members Services, USTA Programming, Leagues.

MTN: Rodney moved to approve the consent items. Mary Claire seconded the motion. Motion carried by an AYE vote of the majority of the board. No nay votes.

Grass Roots: 103 rsvp's to date Beginner Clinic at City Park & Highland Road Park. Josh & Mary Claire need Volunteers at City Park.

Budget: \$4000. Due to the high demand for this program, the possibility of exceeding budget was discussed & generally approved. Rodney mentioned that we have \$12,600 CPG funds are available for this type of event.

Discussion of creation of Step Up league in April, to transition beginner clinic participants to summer league play. Marty suggested to have new Step Up League right away so they can join Tri and Mixed for the summer with Registration beginning March 28th through April 18th.

Jonathan said we added a "button" on the website last year for new players and have received over 110 responses of people interested during Covid.

President's Update:

Strategic Plan – Short term and Long term goals/plans need to be better defined. Troy & Randy to chair a new ad hoc Strategic Plan committee to further explore possibilities & report back to the Board. Possibilities may include working with BREC to upgrade existing facilities, especially lighting, but also possibility of GBRCTA creating own Foundation, hosting own fundraising tournament and managing its own tennis facility (cited to recent Lafayette & Shreveport CTA initiatives).

MTN: Jonathon moved to approve the forming of a Strategic Plan Committee. Rusty seconded the motion. Motion carried by an AYE vote of the majority of the board. No nay votes.

BREC Commission meeting last Thursday and possible BREC follow up Zoom meeting next month with Tennis and Pickleball community to discuss plans for new Airline Highway BREC facility.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Discussed and generally approved customary get well gift for Freddy Bailey, LTA.

We are going to cancel March 14th meeting and keep April 18th meeting at Bocage. Stephanie requests all committees to meet in between now and April meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:12 PM.
Minutes recorded by Patricia Talbot, Secretary

*Note: next meeting date is Sunday, April 18th, 2021, 3-5pm – Bocage Racquet Club