

CTC BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, May 10, 2023
MELODY SMITH'S HOUSE 12:30 PM

ATTENDEES: Board Members: Edna Carlin, Melody Smith, Sharon Woodruff, Jeanne Crofton, Nancy Clark.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes of the February 14, 2023 meeting were read and approved. Minutes of the March 29, 2023 meeting were read, amended, and approved as amended.

This Board meeting was called by President Carlin and Vice President Smith for the purpose of entering into the record the following points that were not mentioned at the March 29, 2023 Board meeting regarding the request for an exception to replace for the Fall 2023 season a current high level rostered ALOT player who lives in Sun City Center with a high level player who does not live in Sun City Center.

Comments by the President and Vice President:

1. The March 14, 2023 no vote on Kings Point Gold Card members concerned adding KP members to our Tennis Association, not to replace CA residents on CTC leagues or allow exceptions.
2. The exception request was for 7 home matches, one season only. The TA and CTC are 2 separate clubs with different rules and should not be interchanged during each club's Board meetings.
3. CTC Board members were not given the information about the 2021 CA Waiver Amendment ahead of time so could not verify its accuracy. Therefore, we cannot confirm the argument or definitively say that the exception clause in the CTC by-laws is in violation of CA policies. No actual email communication from the CA Board was provided; the explanation was from Lyn Reitz, Community Manager.
4. Since the CTC Board files its by-laws with the CA annually, if there were a concern the CA would have sent our club notification in 2021.
5. It is our opinion that a short term exception for CTC is not the same thing as a CA membership waiver. The CTC has had a long difficult fight in its history to be recognized, and all members, including the Board, should be concerned with a rush of judgement on our by-laws being in violation of the CA policies. We all want to continue to enjoy competitive tennis in SCC and this exception policy, while voted down this time, may need to be used for the benefit of our entire club in the future and should be preserved.

Responses to the above comments:

1. The March 14 TA Kings Point vote that denied a proposed by-law change to allow KP Gold Card holders membership in the TA expressed an unwillingness to allow people outside of the CA to play SCC tennis.
2. The KP issue and the exception request to roster a non-CA player on an ALOT team, even for just one season, are similar in spirit. As Board members we represent the CTC general membership, and believe they would not approve of such an exception. Although the TA and CTC are separate clubs, rostered ALOT team players must belong to the CTC and meet the membership requirements of the TA as well.
3. The President, Vice President, or any Board member can ask the CA Board to verify the accuracy of the information provided about the 2021 CA waiver amendment. A CA Director was asked first for an explanation of the policy stating “Club waivers will no longer be granted.” (CA Policy Manual Section V, Paragraph C, #6). Not knowing the history of the amendment, that Director referred the question to Ms. Reitz because she attends every Board meeting and has been an employee much longer than any present Director has been on the CA Board.
4. It is unrealistic to expect that the CA Club Liaison Director reads every club’s by-laws from beginning to end and that notification would have been automatic if our by-laws were in violation of that policy. More likely, the CA requires by-laws to be on file in case an issue arises.
5. It is our opinion that the words waiver and exception seem to be interchangeable in this case, which is why the exception was denied.

FUTURE MEETINGS: The next CTC General Membership meeting will be held on November 9, 2023 at noon in the Eberhart Room. Our reservation request for March 14, 2024 was granted, but our November 2024 date was not available. Edna will put in a new request for November 21, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Clark, Secretary