



THE RANCH (Belvedere Tiburon Joint Recreation Committee)

Minutes - Tennis Sub Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 18, 2016 7:00 p.m.

Dairy Knoll, 600 Ned's Way, Tiburon

The public is invited to attend.

Call to Order: 7:00pm

Committee:

Jerry Riessen – The Ranch Representative	Present
Erin Burns – The Ranch Representative	Present
Jane Jacobs - The Ranch Representative	Present
Carol Lee - Community Representative	Present
Dan Oppenheim - Community Representative	Present
Maria Elena Russo - Community Representative	Present

I. **Public Comment**

No Public Comment

II. **Introduction of Sub-Committee Members**

A. The Committee members introduced themselves and briefly outlined what they hoped to accomplish on this sub-committee

III. **Reports**

A. The Ranch Executive Director, Andreucci, outlined briefly about The Ranch and how offer programs to the community, the current Tennis Instructional Program and a little history on the program , a bit about different user groups, current and proposed court usage, and agreements in place.

B. William Higgins, of Higgins Tennis, Inc., discussed his background, qualifications, teaching philosophy, instructional program and instructors at The Ranch and his history with The Ranch.

Reports Attached

IV. **Action item**

A. Riessen outlined the four items the Tennis Sub-committee has been tasked with exploring and making recommendations to The Ranch Board.

a. The best allocation of court usage for both the summer and school year.

b. The best way to manage open court time.

c. How to effectively notify the public of court availability.

d. The recommended structure to manage The Ranch's tennis instruction program.

Public Comment:

Members of the public commented on: the exclusive agreement with Higgins Tennis and the desire that we allow others to teach on the courts and on the current fee structure we have for lessons and a concern that we could see a better return from the use of the courts.

After some discussion on available court time and an expanded reservation system, the committee members felt they needed more information on court reservation systems. Andreucci has been asked to gather information for the next meeting.

Additionally, the committee members had questions regarding the agreement we have with Higgins Tennis and specifically can we easily terminate the contract in 20 days. Both William Higgins of Higgins Tennis Inc. and Cathleen Andreucci of The Ranch felt they were entering into an agreement through February 28th, 2018. Andreucci has been asked by the Chair, Jerry Riessen, to have the town attorney look at our contract and advise if it is binding.

There was discussion about getting detailed financial data about the tennis program so the sub-committee could make recommendations to the board on our fee structure and potential to make more money. Andreucci feels this is outside the scope of the sub-committee and is fully the responsibility of The Ranch Board to oversee the budget. Tennis is a small portion of a much larger budget where fee structures cross program lines. Riessen will get advice on this from the board at our next meeting.

IV. Adjourn 9:00pm