

MLPBC Executive Meeting

2022/12/14, 10:00 am

849 Lyons Ct

Present: Mike, Joe, , Jay, Roy, Christine, Kathie, Colette

Absent: Tony

1. **January Registration** will be held on Monday, January 2nd, 2 – 4 pm at Rampart Courts. One can also register on-line with Court Reserve and pay with a credit card. Chris will post on 195. Joe will announce in the Accents. Otherwise contact Mike Klatt.
Activities Expo will be held at the Queensway on Friday, January 6, 2 – 4 pm. Kathie and Colette will man the PB booth.
2. **Ladders** – the executive has decided to cancel Ladders until we have 4 Courts.
3. **Fun Tournament** will be canceled till we have 4 courts.
4. **Club Championship** will be held February 24 – 26. Joe and Chris will coordinate. Members can register on Court Reserve in their level. Joe will check with Don Gowland re trophies.
5. **Court Schedule** will remain as is till April. Kathie suggested she would like to do more mentoring/training for Novices. And invite a pro for some skills lessons.
6. **Logo and Apparel** – Mike suggested (not mandated) that everyone wear name tags since there are so many new players.
Chris suggested we form a committee to search for 3 or 4 more submissions for a new Club logo. We could sell merchandise with our new logo on our website, through a 3rd party (to be researched).
7. **Construction Status/Timeline** – The new **Courts** will probably not be finished by Spring. The site plan included a concrete wall at a cost of \$30K to \$40K. This was changed to railroad ties at a cost of \$3500. Members are complaining about the smell from these creosote-treated ties as well as a burning sensation in mouth and throat from vapors in the air. We are worried about dangerous health consequences related to exposure to these ties.
The **sunshades** will be replaced by the Insurance Co. but there still is no news as to when this will be done. The ML Board will decide if our temporary canopy can remain until we get our permanent structure.
The **windscreen** has not been replaced because of the wall construction. It was suggested to place a windscreen only at the end of the Court for the moment.
Soundblocking – we are waiting for the permit for Acoustifence. The berm is an excellent sound barrier.
Construction - There is no news from Mitch at the moment regarding the moving and construction of buildings. Permits have not yet been received to move buildings.

Problems to be addressed- Net on Court 1 is ripped near top edge and needs to be repaired.
Back fence between courts has sustained damage from players running into it and pushing off.
How to prevent this?

Chris has a **Lobster machine** to sell, if Club is interested.

8. **Court Reserve Status** – the Board recommends all players download the Court Reserve app and **sign in every time you play**. Chris will compose an email to all members listing the benefits of using this app for the overall functioning of the Courts. When dealing with 250 to 300 members... signing up for events, as well as rsvp'ing for events, waitlisting, financial dealings... Court Reserve lightens the burden tremendously. Cost to the Club for the use of Court Reserve is approximately \$25/month over the year.

Training - Chris expressed a need to train others to manage the app. i.e. administrators and sub-administrators. Also, training members on using Court Reserve is needed and will be addressed.

The Executive decided that when a Level is not slotted in the schedule, a member can play at the next level, above or below, for that day. But NOT play if that level is already crowded. The Executive also reiterated that no-one should play more than one session/day. Players intent on playing only in the morning can play at the Open slot at 8 am.

9. Volunteers – all agreed that we must send out a Thank You note to all members who have indicated an interest in volunteering. The Executive shared the responsibilities of reaching out to the volunteers for different committees and being the contact person for that committee:

Events – Chris Duren

Facilities/Construction – Mike Klatt

Finance – Jay Zirolli

Fundraising –

Ladders- Roy Buchanan

Membership – Mike Klatt

Player Development – Kathie Gove

Tournaments – Joe Potter

Website – Chris Duren

Other possible committees: Health/Safety, Logo/Apparel, By-laws

10. Financial Obligations/Capital Campaign

Queensway has been reserved for February 4th to kick off the Capital Campaign. Christine has prepared a Capital Needs sheet to give us an overview of potential future costs of Courts 3 – 6 (see attachment). Our estimated Net Fundraising Goal would be \$40,000. Chris has volunteered to join the existing Facilities & Construction Committee, who have been working so diligently over the past summer, overseeing the preparation for Courts 3 and 4. We will be looking for more volunteers to join this massive project and to set up the Campaign. We must start soon.

11. Kathie described the need for a written procedure for paddle rotation and the need to initiate the members to this. Mike and Kathie will be looking into developing a system.