

**Rome Tennis Club
MINUTES**

MEETING NAME

RTC Board meeting: Officers and LLC

DATES/LOCATION/TIME
 Date of Meeting: March 13, 2007
 Location of Meeting: RFPRA Fitness Center
 Time Meeting Began: 5:30 pm
 Time Meeting Adjourned: 6:30 pm
 Date of Transcription: 05/12/2007

COMMUNICATION

SIGNATURES

Chairman: Bill Thornton, RTC President
Recorder: Nina Lovel, RTC Secretary

ATTENDANCE

Members & Title/Function:	P	A	Others in attendance:	P	A
Bill Thornton, President	X		Barry Gable	X	
Mike Burnes, President Elect	X		Urs Maire	X	
Jed Gillespie, Treasurer	X		Jean Bell	X	
Nina Lovel, Secretary	X		Brenda Champion	X	
Richard Shiflett, Immediate Past President	X				

	Agenda / Items Discussed	Outcome	Follow-up
1	Call to Order, Welcome	By Bill Thornton at 5:30 pm.	N/A
2	Approval of minutes from last meeting	Minutes approved.	N/A

3	Jean Bell per request to speak with Board	<p>Jean Bell and teammate Brenda Champion attended the meeting to voice a complaint against League Coordinator Cathy Klingensmith's filing of a grievance against their team for a default in a recent match. Grievance Committee members Barry Gable and Urs Maire also attended. The Grievance Committee had determined that no rule had been violated so the grievance was invalid. The Board agreed that the grievance had been filed without grounds, as it had been filed over an accident of communication when a player did not get the message to attend a match. The grievance was deemed by the board to be frivolous and Bell's team was assured that they were not receiving a reprimand. Bill Thornton will discuss with Cathy Klingensmith that her filing of this grievance did not give an appearance of good leadership, and that as local league coordinator she must understand that she is held to a higher standard of sportsmanship than other players. Both captains were encouraged to strive for better communication.</p>	N/A
4	<p>Community Development Grant obtained by Cathy Klingensmith – partial proposed expenditures:</p> <p>(a) Flyers promoting Play Tennis Rome Middle and high schools' court fees for practices, matches and season-ending tournaments</p> <p>(b) Equipment for Linda Holder youth tennis initiative</p>	<p>Cathy announced receipt of a \$6200 Community Development Grant and the listed expenditures were approved:</p> <p>\$331 has been paid to Thaxton Printing for these flyers</p> <p>\$500 was approved for the middle and high schools' court fees</p> <p>\$475 was requested and approved for this; Jed requested that every effort be made to acknowledge the contribution by Rome Tennis Club. CVTA used to fund this project but no longer does.</p>	Disbursements will be made as approved.

5	Update from Bill Thornton re: meeting with David Bain	Bill reported that he recently met with David Bain to go over specifics about the upcoming tournament.	N/A
6	Tournament Committee meeting: Bill T	Bill announced that Jack Zeiger had agreed to be the chairman of the Tournament Committee and the group of volunteers was being assembled and would begin meeting right away to ensure that the May State Championships tournament goes smoothly.	Tournament committee will proceed.
7	One voice	Because e-mail makes it easy for RTC members to send messages to all board members at the same time, the Board agreed that each member might give a courtesy acknowledgement of receipt to these emails but that any official response will only come from Bill Thornton, President. This was to reduce the opportunity for confusion with different replies.	Bill will be the official spokesperson for the Board of Directors.
8	Contract with RFPRA for May state tournament	This contract has not yet been finalized.	Ongoing.
9	Insurance for state tournament	The RTC Board has an insurance policy in place that should cover this.	N/A
10	2008-2009 Tournament bids	Bill Thornton asked Richard Shiflett to serve as chair of a committee to prepare and submit upcoming bids for GTA and Southern tournaments, and Richard accepted.	Richard will proceed.
11	<EXECUTIVE SESSION> Job description for local league coordinator	Because copies of the most current draft of the job description had not been provided by the secretary, this discussion was deferred, to be conducted via email and a future called meeting.	Discussion and approval will proceed via email and a future called meeting if necessary.

12	<p>Other business: E-mail request from player Mary Maire to reconsider new rule that prohibits captains rescheduling matches.</p> <p>E-mail request from player Theresa Yandell re: Etowah Skate Park.</p> <p>Request from treasurer for approval of expenditures</p>	<p>The Board reviewed an e-mail complaint from Mary Maire dealing with a new rule prohibiting captains from rescheduling matches. This had created a problem with recent back-to-back matches on a Saturday. No action taken but LLC Cathy Klingensmith will be asked to minimize the number of Super Saturday play dates.</p> <p>Disorderly conduct by participants at the Etowah Skate Park has been reported by several tennis players, as well as by Jaleel Riaz, who teaches tennis there. Because the RTC Board has no jurisdiction over this skate park, complainants will be asked to deliver their complaints to the Rome Floyd Parks and Recreation Authority.</p> <p>RTC treasurer Jed Gillespie recommended that the RTC Board be required to approve any expenditure larger than \$250. The Board unanimously agreed to this.</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>Skate Park complainants will be asked to contact RFPRA directly.</p> <p>Approved, will proceed.</p>
13	Adjourn	Adjourned at 6:30 pm.	N/A