*Martinez Bocce Federation*

Board of Directors Meeting - Minutes

# Tuesday, August 6, 2019 (8:00 PM)

**Martinez Kiwanis Club, 750 Allen St., Martinez**

**CALL TO ORDER: GT (8:01 PM)**

**ROLL CALL: M. Anselmo, T. Fiorica, K. Machado, K. Murray, A. Surges, H. Torres, G. Travers, V. Delpine, B. Pentacoff, M. Crosley**

**GUESTS:** Keith Tate

* A discussion regarding a smoking incident and resulting confrontation between Mr. Tate and Mr. Machaco. Board member Machado was recused from the Disciplinary Committee (DC) in relation to the incident. Fiorica was appointed in his stead. DC communicated to Tate by email that he received a three week suspension. Subsequently the sentence was reexamined and the DC talked to many witnesses. Conflicting stories. Mr. Tate was observed smoking on the courts since the time of the initial incident (smoking last night). Mr. Machado: I have stayed out of this since this incident. I have had no discussion regarding this incident since it happened.
* Mr. Tate: This was blown completely out of proportion. The smoking issue was corrected instantly. The incident was because I refused to shake his hand, which admittedly was poor sportsmanship. I’ve been a member of the MBF for 35 years, with no complaints.
* Mr. Tate went over his efforts as a Board member and expressed his dismay that one person could make an untruthful statement about his conduct and that this could lead to a suspension. He expressed his upset about the bylaws not being followed. Mr. Tate claimed Mr. Machado was upset because Tate wouldn’t shake his hand and that the argument had nothing to do with smoking.
* Mr. Travers expressed that the bylaws have now been followed. They weren’t initially because Mr. Tate expressed his guilt in the matter.
* Mr. Tate admitted that initially he was smoking on the courts but denied that he was smoking on the courts the previous night (before the Board meeting).
* However, pictures confirmed that he was smoking on the court the previous night.
* General Board discussion of the incident. Mr. Machado contested Mr. Tate’s version of the initial incident. Maude Tate complied with Mr. Machado’s initial request to smoke off the court. Mr. Machado indicated that, in the initial incident, Mr. Tate refused to follow instructions to decease smoking on the court…and included profanity toward Mr. Machado. After the match, Mr. Tate refused to shake Mr. Machado’s hand and said something inflammatory. A verbal argument ensued. Mr. Machado admitted that he raised his voice and reacted angrily to Mr. Tate’s verbal abuse.
* Mr. Machado recused himself from the penalty phase of the deliberations. The Board questioned Mr. Fiorica about whom the DC talked to. The Committee’s determination was that Mr. Tate should be suspended for two weeks. Mr. Travers mentioned that the official letter (email) to Mr. Tate made it clear that smoking was not permitted on the courts and that any further instances of smoking would be met with additional punishment. Mr. Travers read the two email letters that were pertinent to the incident. General discussion about the role and actions of the Committee and about Mr. Tate’s actions in the past.
* Board discussion of Mr. Tate continuing abuse of the rules regardless of our warning to him. More discussion of Mr. Tate’s attitude when confronted with the rules regarding smoking. Board discussion of the second incident (the previous night).
* Motion that the Board agree with the initial recommendation of three weeks suspension. Motion passed. Suspension includes all MBF functions. Board discussion of punishment moved to Mr. Tate’s smoking the night previous to the meeting. Again the initial letter to Mr. Tate made it clear that further violations would result in further discipline. Multiple witnesses and photos confirmed that Mr. Tate was indeed smoking again on the night before the meeting. Board member motioned that a further three weeks should be added to Mr. Tate’s sentence based on the second incident (for a total of six weeks suspension). The motion was unanimously passed. Mr. Tate will be suspended for three additional weeks for the second incident (six total weeks).
* Discussion about whether to warn the other two members of Mr. Tate’s team who were observed smoking on the courts last night. Observation generally made that, other than members of Mr. Tate’s team, MBF members have stopped smoking on the courts. It was decided that Mr. Tate’s team members will be officially warned.

**CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence report given.**

**JULY MEETING MINUTES:**

* Discussion of incident whereby two teams flipped coins to decide games. Vic talked to the teams. One team was down to two players and forfeited. No malice found. Minutes unanimously accepted.

**TREASURER’s REPORT: M. Crosley.**

* Reconciliation detail given to Board members…this will be given to Board members every month. Thanks expressed to Ms. Crosley for her efforts. Treasurer explained certain transactions/details in response to Board member comments. Discussion of expenses/transactions related to the two-day tournament. At this time, the MBF does not need to pay any penalties for past tax mistakes. Treasurer’s report unanimously approved.
* Tournament feedback (as related to Ms. Crosley): final game should not be held on Court one; Substitutions should be allowed in-game; double elimination, not single elimination, in playoffs; entry fee less (?); advertise surrounding area, not just Martinez; send out the save the date notice early (4 months in advance); establish volunteer committee; disclose W-9 requirement ahead of time; cater the second day; various food feedback; in general, overwhelmingly positive feedback.

**SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

* None given.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

* July 4th Tournament Recap
  + Turned out well. Cost us $247. Everyone had fun. 32 teams worked out well.
* Two-Day Event Recap
  + See above discussion.
* Scoreboards
  + Tabled for next meeting. Ms. Brocca not in attendance.
* MBF Hall of Fame
  + Mr. DeFraga not in attendance. Discussion shelved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* Incident Review – Keith Tate
  + See previous discussion on pages 1-2.
* Long-term Direction of MBF
  + Tabled for next meeting.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

**DIRECTOR COMMENTS:**

* Synthetic courts? Not in the near future. Discussion next meeting.
* Loud music on the courts (Sunday). Most people don’t complain, but some do.
* Board member Delpine commented on Clayton federation’s negative attitude regarding federation wanting to join County championship.

**TIME & DATE NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 4th, 2019 @ 8:00 PM**

**ADJOURNMENT: 9:50 PM**

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