*Martinez Bocce Federation*

Board of Directors Meeting - MINUTES

# Tuesday, July 6th, 2021 (7:00 PM)

**3139 Pine St., Martinez**

**CALL TO ORDER: GT (7:01 PM)**

**ROLL CALL: D. Allen, M. Anselmo, D. Bagno, K. Brocca, T. Bruce, M. Crosley, M. DeFraga, V. Delpine, T. Fiorica, K. Machado, S. McClure, K. Murray, B. Pentacoff, G. Travers**

**GUESTS: None**

**MINUTES: June 2021**

**TREASURER’S REPORT: MC**

* Budget is in-progress. It will be ready to go over at our next meeting. Balance is $95,223.26, with some pending transactions.
* We bought a new, automatic AED unit…very easy to use. The old one had seen its day. It cost $1,400.
* We bought oyster flour for $1,000.
* We bought 3 new picnic tables (for $1,400) to replace those that are deteriorating.
* We bought a new court broom, as well.
* We have a balance towards using the Kiwanis Club from last year that we can use to pay for meetings there going forward.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**  **DB**

* Loaves and Fishes is holding their tournament on September 11th.

**SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

* **Scheduling**
  + Scheduling went well…no mistakes in the book this year.
* **Maintenance**
  + New tables are on the way. Manny has been using oyster flour to fill holes and groom the courts. The garbage company needs to do better about emptying the cans; they are not being emptied regularly. Mr. Travers will contact the company.
  + The garbage cans keep getting broken. We need a new locking system. Stainless steel hasps are $15 each. We should replace all of them. If the cans are left unlocked, they get damaged. Mr. Machado will replace them all.
  + Manny is having trouble scraping the courts because rooks are starting to come through. We have had complaints about the walls not working well on Court #13.
* **Rules**
  + Our standard rule of “two teams up, two down” based on end-of-season finishes for each division does not apply this season. Teams that opted out in 2021 will return in 2022 to the same divisions they were in as of 2019.
  + No reported issues with smoking so far this season.
  + Some people have been playing in high heels or barefoot. This is a safety issue. Our insurance is up to date with a new policy. This has better coverage and is cheaper than our old policy.
* **Disciplinary**
* **Finance**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* 4th of July tournament recap
  + We gave out $1,000 in case prizes and netted $226. Thanks to everyone who assisted!
* Artificial court (design, placement, costs)
  + We currently have no oyster shell and the long-term prognosis for regularly getting shell is grim, due to dwindling supply sources and environmental regulations. We spend $32,000 annually in court maintenance. Artificial courts would greatly reduce long-term maintenance costs and allow us to spend money on other needed projects. It was proposed to make one court artificial to see how it plays. We have a bid from a contractor for $8,700 (time and materials) per court, plus $2,400 for the turf…figure $12,000 per court (other bids as high as $25,000). A trial artificial court would be installed late October or November. The City has unofficially indicated that it would be willing to pay for ½ of the costs if we transition all the courts to artificial. If the trial court is successful for 2022, we would replace half the courts after the 2022 season and the other half after the 2023 season, to spread out costs. Courts should hold up a minimum of 8 years before surface needs to be repaired/replaced.
  + The Board discussed the pros and cons of having artificial courts. Cons: will the court be too hard; will it remain flat/stable; breaking from our traditional surfaces; desire to wait and explore options/what other facilities are doing; drainage problems; question whether Court #9 (if we change that one) will play the same as other courts would; can Volo be played on artificial courts. Further discussion about which court to transition, Court #9 (which many players dislike) or Court #10 (which other players dislike because of the slope). Board members expressed a desire to have a written commitment from the City and to see an example of a current artificial court.
  + A motion was put forth to transition Court #9 to artificial surface at the end of this season, with a budgeted cost of $12,000. The motion was passed, 8 votes to 6.
* COVID grant funds
  + Martinez will be receiving $6 million in COVID relief funds. The MBF can qualify to receive some of that money, based on our status as a non-profit organization that was adversely affected by COVID-19. We can state that we lost money from having our 2020 season cancelled and from having teams opt-out this season. We will ask for $100,000, which will help with upgrades, such as security/a fence.
* Special events
  + It was unanimously agreed by the Board to begin scheduling tournaments/events.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

**DIRECTOR COMMENTS:**

**DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, August 3rd (7:00 PM, Location TBD)**

**ADJOURNMENT 8:37 PM**

**EMERGENCY NO. (925) 933-1313**