

Herons Glen Bocce Association Annual 2020 Minutes

January 9, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Ron Glasgow, President. He welcomed all the attendees who came to the first of two meetings that day because of a conflict with the couples evening Bocce schedule.

It is an important meeting because there was an election of three more board members so that there would be a total of seven directors on the HGBA board. He said he was going to give information on the history of the bond.

He asked for an approval of the 2019 annual meeting minutes, Henry Belanger made a motion that they be accepted and Peter Signal seconded the motion, the 2019 minutes were approved.

Ron Turcot read the treasurers report. The opening balance on 1/1/19 was \$9692.34. The closing balance after expenditures and donations and the reserves is \$10062.30.

Art made a motion to approve the financial statement and Charlie seconded the motion.

Ron Glasgow gave the President's report. He said that with the addition of Bill Bedore's couples bocce on Thursday evening, bocce is the most successful activity and amenity in the Glen. He explained that when the board members got together they made a wish list for capital improvements, and there were many items on the wish list, but it was narrowed down to nine items with bocce making the cut. These are improvements or changes that should be made within the next five years. He talked about the five options possible to improve the bocce courts, 1) just replacing the four current courts. 2) put 5 courts on the current site covered on both ends to the foul lines with lights and fans and bleachers. 3) to build the same 5 courts with a full roof. 4) to build 6 courts at the current site by taking eight shuffleboard courts and building two additional bocce courts. 5) to build six bocce courts on a remote site. These various options range between \$175,000 and \$300,000, the board is willing to spend \$300,000 toward the bocce courts and we are three or four on the priority list.

Because of the low interest rates, probably all nine projects can be completed if the bond is approved and the \$1286 payment should actually go down. If the community vote no on any of the nine projects none of them will get done.

At 2:45 we took a break for the members to vote for 3 directors and they're choice of the bocce courts configuration.

After the break Ron went on to discuss old business and new business. Under new business Tony Mcgary informed us that the Legends is having their invitational competition on January 20. It will involve four communities, and Herons Glen will send 12 men and 12 women. No couples. Additionally Ron spoke about the Bocce banquet to be held on March 26 in the ballroom. It will be a comedy review this year, so we have to find a way to make money for charity without selling tickets to play the games as in years past. The charities chosen are the Special Equestrians, and Moms Helping Hands and the donation will be split between the two.

It was decided that rather than saving the new bocce balls for the start of the league play on Tuesday we will use them on Saturday for the CanAm tournament.

The 2 o'clock meeting was adjourned.

The 4 o'clock meeting started off the same way with the President, Ron Glasco's call to order and an acceptance of the minutes of the last meeting, Tom Byrne made a motion and Patsy seconded the motion.

Ron Turcot went over the budget, Gary Swisher made a motion to accept the budget and Dan Lin seconded the motion.

Ron Glasgow went on to explain that today we were going to be voting on three directors to be in office for the next two years. He went on to explain that two years ago they found that the capital reserve fund was not adequate for capital expenses and to avoid more assessments like the \$1000 assessment that was made for the fitness center, the board would like to refinance the bond so there would be less financial impact on the residents. The interest rates are the lowest in history so probably the \$1286 they will go down.

He talked again about the five different options for the court configuration. There was a question about the courts draining if they weren't covered by a solid roof and Ron explained that the courts would be made of the same har tru material that the tennis courts are made of so that they would drain quickly after rain. He asked the contract company about the fact that the bocce courts are walled and the tennis courts aren't, but the representative said that that was irrelevant that the courts would drain properly, like the tennis courts. He said that the contract company would do maintenance on the bocce courts for free when they come to do maintenance on the tennis courts, but the

daily maintenance of the bocce courts would still be done by the aging bocce volunteers.

He asked everyone to go back and vote for the three candidates of choice and the court configuration.

The election of officers was complete today, but voting on the court configuration will be extended for a week. The ballot box will be in the Hgrd office

The votes were counted and the three board members that will be serving a two-year term are Rick Scharf, Bob Sheehan, and Tom Schneider.

The meeting was adjourned and the HGBA board met to set up the teams for league play that will begin on Tuesday, January 14, 2020.