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# Ad Hoc Tennis Committee Meeting Minutes

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February 8, 2021

## **Call to order**

A meeting of the Ad Hoc Tennis Committee was called to order online on Monday, February 8 at 6:10 pm by Fred Phelps, Chairman. Members in attendance included: Paul Zinewicz, Martha Healy, Fred Phelps, Roy Wentworth and Erin Challinor, Cheryl Hancin-Preston (ex-officio).

## **Citizen Comments**

No other members of the community were present online or attempting to enter the meeting.

## **Old Business**

**Minutes** for meeting January 11 were reviewed and accepted as written unanimously.  
(Wentworth/Challinor)

## **New Business**

### **Fundraising.**

Some committee members have signed on to the google doc and assigned themselves to make (50) fifty calls.

One committee member stated that when they made calls, the recipient denied receiving the email asking for funds. For that reason, it was decided to email all again and committee members will follow up after that.

Paul contacted the Connecticut Council for Philanthropy and learned that most give to charitable causes not to municipalities. Cheryl stated that the city is considered a nonprofit for many grants.

Fred researched tennis celebrities in Connecticut, James Blake has not answered his email. Ivan Lendl is in Florida for the winter.

It was suggested that we reach out to the Pilot Pen tournament for contacts. If that takes place it is a week before the U.S. Open.

The committee is considering to appear before the City Council during budget season in the Spring and ask for more monies from the Capital Improvement budget for tennis. We are fundraising, yet Covid-19 has changed the landscape for all and this is a city owned facility.

## **Budget Update**

Cheryl reported that no additional funds have been received at this time.

## **Action Items**

All will access spreadsheet and note who they have called and any changes in the contact person, emails, etc.

Paul will check with the Tennis Hall of Fame for fundraising ideas and in addition, the Stan Smith Charitable Giving.

Cheryl will send out the email fundraising letter again and will let the committee know when it has gone out.

All will make calls 10 days to two (2) weeks after the emails have been sent and attempt to complete fundraising calls by the March meeting.

Martha will contact the Lorde Foundation

Martha will contact friends of Wally Lamb to obtain his contact information.

Cheryl will check the states bid list for Jay Pro tennis net and poles.

March meeting shall be set up a week before to follow all city charter and the F.O.I laws.

**Next Meeting; February 8 at 6 pm on zoom**

## **Adjournment**

6:32 pm Motion made and accepted  
unanimously (Wentworth/Healy)

Respectfully submitted,

Martha B. Healy  
Secretary

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Date of approval