



La Jolla Alta Council Clubhouse Newsletter

June, 2020

Message from Our President

When I look back to the events reported in our last newsletter at the close of 2019, it seemed unlikely that anyone could have accurately predicted the manner in which the events of 2020 have unfolded to date. For many of us, I imagine Covid-19 was a term with which we were utterly unfamiliar, quarantine of the world was unimaginable, and the prospect of wearing masks in public for the foreseeable future unlikely. It has also been a time in which many of us feel unrest from either a political, social, and even mental health standpoint. However, it has also been a time when many of us have become closer as family, friends, and community. As the oft repeated phrase goes, "We are all in this together."

Fortunately, our Board stayed together and managed to figure out a way to conduct business essential to our membership. Zoom meetings became routine, reviewing the changes of the San Diego County Health Orders second nature, and interpreting the best course of action in a conservative and responsible manner our highest priority.

We are presently in a partial reopening phase which comports with the best guidance we are receiving from local officials and legal counsel. It is our intention to allow further reopening in concert with information, guidance and mandates from our various governmental officials, health experts and legal counsel. Thank you

for your continued cooperation in these challenging times, and yes, "We will get through this together."

Rich Heinrich

Canyons

The canyons on both sides of the Clubhouse facilities have continued to be a source of considerable expense and concern for the Board on behalf of the membership for many years. In a nutshell, the membership is responsible for maintaining these canyon areas as "open space" and specified in your respective deeds. We incur expenses for brush management and even had to sue the City of San Diego to improve the stormwater drainage flow in the southern portion of the Alta La Jolla canyon. Anyone desiring additional historical information regarding this topic is directed to the last newsletter which is kept on line at www.ljamc.com.

The Board has more recently begun monitoring the extent of erosion in the stormwater channel on the northern portion of the Alta La Jolla canyon. However, our plans to do so in the Spring of 2020 was thwarted by the Covid-19 restrictions and pandemic. Fortunately, our legal counsel at the Board's request was able to secure a continuation of the existing tolling agreement with the City of San Diego to consider any further action by June 30, 2021. It is the Board's present intention to reassess the erosion in the northern portion of the Alta La Jolla canyon next Spring and continue talks with the City of San Diego regarding the best course of action.

Courts

The courts at the Clubhouse were built in two phases more than 40 years ago. Courts 1,2, and 3 are the oldest and generally show the most wear and need for maintenance resurfacing. Courts 4 and 5 are about 10 years "newer" and require somewhat less frequent resurfacing.

Fortunately, the court maintenance company which we have used for several years was able to complete the most recent resurfacing of Courts 1, 2, and 3 while the facility was closed at the end of March, 2020. Although the membership will eventually be faced with the likelihood of concrete replacement or addition at an estimated cost of approximately \$250,000 per court, the Board feels that we can continue resurfacing for the foreseeable future.

Mixed use play for tennis and Pickleball began in 2017 based upon membership request and gradually expanded due to increased interest and membership involvement. The Courts Committee added volunteer members last year and recommended a proposal for mixed use play for Courts 2 and 3 which was subsequently adopted by the Board and is where we presently stand. Considering that the popularity of Pickleball is widely considered the fastest growing sport especially by an aging demographic, the Board feels it is fairly serving both interests of our membership.

Under the present Covid-19 restraints, court play is limited to members only for singles play, unless the household exception stated by San Diego County Health Officer Orders apply. Reservations are required and specific courts may be assigned by the Club Manager or representative.

Rules

The Board anticipated a long-awaited revision to the Rules and Regulations which was last revised in 2011. However, due to the unexpected Covid-19 pandemic, the Board has tabled this issue until the new Board can take up the matter as permitted by Covid-19 developments.

Clubhouse

The Clubhouse was closed in March, 2020 as required by the San Diego County Health Officer Order. The order was revised in June, 2020 which made it possible for the Board to partially reopen the facility on June 12, 2020. In summary, we are functioning at a reduced basis. Courts, swimming and exercise rooms are available under limitations. Sauna, spa, showers, lockers, and upstairs activities remain closed per San Diego County Health Officer order. It is the intention of the Board to reopen additional activities when allowed by local officials, health experts and legal counsel advice.

Board Service

The Annual Meeting was called to order on February 26, 2020 and because a quorum of at least 50% of members through ballot or in person was lacking, the meeting was approved to be reconvened by those present until March 25, 2020. Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, the San Diego County Health Officer order forbid our Annual Meeting to take place in person and through action of the Board remotely conducted, the Annual Meeting was further delayed until June 24, 2020. It was remotely conducted on that date and three Directors were elected per the adopted rules. Rich Heinrich was elected for another two years. Andy Freeman and Robert Fudge were also elected for two years. It is anticipated that further regular meetings will be conducted remotely until allowed by revised health orders.

Board Members

President: Rich Heinrich - Term expires 2022

Vice President: Libby Campbell - Term expires 2021

Secretary: Brendan Lee - Term expires 2021

Treasurer: Greg Chauncey - Term expires 2021

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