Norwich Racquet Club Minutes

Norwich Library

6-8pm

Wed April 6th 2016

**Attendees:** David Barlow, Sugar Genereaux, Shelley Gilbert, Dan Gottlieb, Anne Janeway, Andrew Pachner, Jim Petrillo, Ted Thompson. Absent: Bruce Genereaux

**Additional Attendees:** Alfredo Jurado, Joanne Wise

**Welcome:** Sugar Genereauxopened the meeting. Recognized and welcomed Alfredo Jurado, Joanne Wise

**Approval of Minutes: February 4, 2016**

**Financial Report:** The Board reviewed the budget and report provided by Bruce Genereaux in absentee. There are no major concerns moving into this year. Some discussion occurred around timing of annual dues notice as actual dates of renewal letters have not been consistent year to year. Later timeframe may be beneficial as many people are back in the area in late March and early April

**Actions:** Will look at policy and procedures to address consistent timing of renewal letters.

**Guest Fees:** It was moved and seconded to Raise the Guest fee for both Tennis and Paddle season to $10.00. Motion passed.

**Action:** Notice will be sent with the onset of the tennis season and new posting will be placed at the courts to reflect this change. Expect change to occur with Opening of the tennis courts.

**Tennis** Joanne Wise reported to the Board that she has been in contact with sprinkler company regarding water turn on and preparation. Current weather remains a limiting factor but expect they will be able to initiate court prep in the next two weeks. Joanne will connect with Tom on timing and pre-prep for court maintenance. We will continue with Contract times for tennis and Joanne will help with coordination of contract times along with Susan Showalter

**Actions:** Joanne will continue to work with our contractors regarding timing of court preparation, sprinklers.

David will connect with Alfredo Jurado to review roller use and make sure it is working and inspect netting. Plan to roll courts prior to service contractor maintenance which was requested.

Dan Gottlieb was appointed tennis committee point person and will help with any logistics and needs not attended to by Joanne

**Tennis Open House**: The Board will look to hold Tennis Picnic on June 12th at the NRC courts. Format will be same as last year with cookout, free guest play for tennis and paddle.

**Actions:** David will assist in developing flyer for the Tennis Pinic. The board will look for volunteers to help in supporting the event over the next month

**Nina Webb Tournament:** Anne Janeway presented on current status. Low turnout this year expected with only a mixed event to be held based on Member Participation. She will coordinate all players and plan is to play from 9-12 on Saturday

Actions: Anne Janeway to establish format and draw and contact players

**Friday Night Open Play**: The Board discussed the continued effort to have Friday night social play from 6-8 pm. Guests to play for free.

**Actions:** David Barlow to send Flyer to members. Consider posting on list serve for more community awareness

**Paddle Update:** The Board discussed continue work that needs to be completed by CourtPro related to addition of blowers to corners of the courts. Some concerns were expressed regarding the corners closest to heaters that may not be getting good flow and southern most areas of the south court. Blowers were on back order and installation has been delayed.

**Actions:** David Barlow to connect with Court Pro on status and installation.

**LED and Courts Lights**: The Board revisited the LED proposal. The actual cost is much lower given Rebate offered by the state which would lower cost closer to 7,000 for installation versus 12,000 originally thought to be. Current status of lights discussed as well - not pressing need but likely a good upgrade in several years. Board discussed looking at trying to get additional feedback from other clubs who have gone to LED and perhaps playing on a few courts to get impression. LED provide potential energy cost savings over time.

**Actions:** The Board will continue to investigate option and seek other input from players, clubs and vendors.

**Lights Path, Entrance Sign** Dan Gottlieb placed solar lights at the Norwich Sign. Will also look at placing on entrance to clubhouse and pathway. Jim Petrillo has put together additional proposals but costlier options.

**Actions:** The Board to assess quality of solar lights installed by Dan G. Further consideration to be given to Jim’s proposals as needed.

**By-Laws:** Sugar presented the Board with copy of bylaw changes. It was Moved and seconded to accept bylaw changes.

**Actions:** Additional bylaw changes to be noted by Ted Thompson and forward to the Board. Additionally, Board members will review Bylaws to ensure no additional changes are needed at this time.

**Membership Directory/Handbook** The membership directory listing has been updated but with recent changes occurring due to dues notice we will look at updating the listing again over the next few weeks and then consider formatting and finalizing a hard copy for members.

**Actions:** David to continue to update changes over the next few weeks. Likely finalize booklet for next Board Meeting

**New Business:**

**NRC Marketing Flyer:** The Board discussed development of a marketing flyer that could be used for various community business’s such as Real Estate Agents and for general posting to in increase awareness and communicate to general public and new residents in the area about our club and services

**Actions:** Sugar to help spearhead efforts on this. Will look for some Board assistance to create.

**Motion was moved and seconded** “To provide a raise to Alfredo Jurado from $20 to $25 for the year of 2016.” Motion passed dependent on treasurer review.

Respectfully submitted

David R Barlow

NRC Secretary