

Norwich Racquet Club Minutes

January 18, 2018

5:30 - 8:30

Simpson Offices

Attendees: David Barlow, Scott Brohinsky, Bruce Genereaux, Sugar Genereaux, Dan Gottlieb, Anne Janeway, Jim Petrillo, Absent: Andrew Pachner

Approval of Minutes: November 16, 2017 - Motion Passed All in Favor

Facilities and Program assignments

The Board discussed having individual Board members assigned to various facilities and/or program duties. This would be organized so that two individuals would be responsible to: manage contractors, act as club representatives in establishing contracts and coordinating club services/needs and presenting proposals, information to the board. A more complete job description was suggested to help with process and expectations.

Actions:

- Dan and Jim to act as Paddle Facilities Coordinators, Dan to write up description
- Bruce and Scott to act as Tennis Facility Coordinators, Bruce to write up description
- No program Coordinators were determined at this meeting

Officer Elections:

The following officers were elected or maintained by the Board

- President: Sugar Genereaux
- Vice president: Dan Gottlieb
- Treasurer: Bruce Genereaux
- Secretary: Andrew Pachner

Actions:

The Board has broad job descriptions for each officer positions that still need reworking and updating.

- Sugar Genereaux to organize previous Job descriptions and send all board members for review.

Financial Report

Bruce provided well documented financials which are available online. There have been some increases in propane use this year and increased costs for snow removal given the cold weather and snow storms. We continue to have a strong Capital fund and positive cash balance from general operations.

Trial Membership

The Board discussed the current trial membership and confirmed that this special trial membership was established to be a onetime only. Individuals cannot take advantage of this discounted membership in subsequent years.

Actions:

Bruce to have a greater role in helping to determine membership dues. When questions arise, individuals may need to be directed to the Treasurer to help determine fees and past payments

Attrition/Marketing Committee report.

The Board decided to table discussion on the Attrition/Marketing report and will have a separate meeting of the board to address the report in depth.

Actions:

- A separate meeting time will be set for Attrition/Meeting report

Ted Thompson Resignation:

The Board received notification just prior to the meeting that Ted Thompson would be retiring from the Board effective immediately. Ted has been a long-standing member of the board serving over 10 years in many roles but most notably as the club treasurer prior to Bruce Genereaux current term. Ted has indicated that significant health issues and reduced ability to be engaged with the membership and club activities contributed to his resignation. The Board as per the By-Laws will appoint someone to fill his vacancy for the remainder of his term which runs thru the end of this year 2018.

Actions

The Board will identify willing members who would consider taking on the position.

- Jim Petrillo to talk with Mark Perkins
- Bruce to connect with Tuesday night group
- Sugar to reach out to Paul Glover, Judy Barwood, Jeanne Flochkler
- David to look at current contract members as possible candidates

Paddle

Court Wiring

The Board discussed current issues with lighting and wire shorts on the South Court. There continues to be a tripping issue and despite Defiant's ability to find shorts in the wires it seems to be a much larger issue and the current patchwork attempts are not sufficient. Discussion focused on whether we can last thru the end of the season and look to address a full rewiring of the South court in the spring.

Actions

- The Board agrees to hold on continued attempts for patching shorts due to escalating costs and time to schedule electricians. The Board will monitor the light issues and members responses to help with direction. The lights can be reset and do come back on immediately. It is unclear how much this will interfere with club play.
- David has asked for a proposal from Defiant on the cost to rewire all the lights on the south court
- Dan and Jim to consider additional options, quotes as needed

Upcoming Tournaments:

January 20,21-- Mixed tournament at Dorset

January 27 --Dorsett Men's Invitational -

February 2—Ladies Round Robin at Quechee

March 10--Quechee Challenge at Norwich

March 4--Nina Webb Club Championship

Listserv

The Board discussed using a list serve for communication with the Board and members to allow greater independent interaction.

Actions

- Bruce will establish a trial run using the Board to see how the list serve will function. Will consider how to use with membership moving forward.

Pickle Ball

There is still interest in considering how we might incorporate Pickleball in our programs. We could possibly include it in the opening activities with the tennis season.

Actions:

- David -to determine facility and court needs, paddle racquets and equipment needs for the next meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

David R Barlow

NRC Secretary