

Norwich Racquet Club

Board of Directors Meeting

January 26, 2021 at 6:00 pm by Zoom.

A meeting of the Norwich Racquet Club was held by zoom on January 26, 2021.

Those present: David Barlow, Judy Barwood, Scott Brohinski, Jeanne Floeckher, Bruce Genereaux, Sugar Genereaux, Dan Gottlieb, Brian Grady, Jim Petrillo

Jim Petrillo, president, opened the meeting at 6:15.

Elections: The officers of the club as stated below were elected by unanimous vote.

President: Jim Petrillo

Vice-president: Jeanne Floeckher

Treasurer: Bruce Genereaux

Secretary: Sugar Genereaux

New Members:

Jeanne Floeckher reported that there are 25-30 new members since last July. All have been contacted and billed appropriately. Most became new members through “word of mouth” and were unable to play a racquet sport elsewhere because of COVID-19.

There are 198 full members, 159 individual and family members having children under 21.

Financial Report:

Bruce Genereaux, treasurer, highlighted the following from the year’s end (2020) financial report.

- The cash increased (\$11,213) giving a total balance of \$87,000.
- Some investment lost due to higher interest rates from Edward Jones account.
- \$1,000 was received from small business loan application.
- Guest fee receipts are up.

- New dedicated lap top was purchased for the treasurer and assistant.
- New Quick Books software was also purchased.
- \$15,000 was left in the Edward Jones cash account and \$5,000 in the Ledyard National Bank account.

Bruce explained that our taxes have increased slowly, exceeding the rate of inflation. Discussion was had on whether the Club facility (3 acres) is overvalued. It was agreed that this was not a good year to challenge the current appraisal value.

Contract Times:

The current contract times for paddle will not be reinstated. Individuals must still reserve playing times for each use of the paddle court to enable contact tracing, if necessary. David Barlow will notify the membership of this decision. Tennis contract times will be addressed closer to the season. Members will also be asked to cancel in the reservation system when not using a court as a courtesy to other members.

Tennis:

The date for the opening of the tennis courts will be decided after Dan Gottlieb has contacted the court resurfacing contractor to discuss the level of material needed.

If clinics are offered to the members contract times for other members may be in conflict. Further discussion will be held at the next Board meeting.

The Dresden School district has requested the use of our tennis courts for their Intensive program to be held on May 18, 2021. Todd Tyson will help with the program as well as available board members. Again, the question of court time conflicting with member contract time is a concern.

Some of the posts holding up the fencing for the tennis courts need to be repaired and probably not replaced at this time. This will be further reviewed by the Board. It is difficult in the current market to find contractors to do fencing repairs.

A small committee will be formed to address repair or replacement of the court roller. Any costs would be paid from the capital budget.

Paddle:

The current protocol for paddle scheduling seems to be working with state mandates in place. As noted, contract times will not be reinstated as requested by some members.

Sand has been found on the icy spots on the corners of the courts. This can cause significant damage to the surface. The membership will be alerted and a memo placed on the court doors.

The walkway solar lights are not very bright. Dan will replace them as well as the solar lights on the entrance sign. The membership will also be alerted that there are two switches for the lights at the entrance path and at the end nearer to the courts.

Exposed open spots on the paddle courts were discussed. They can cause the surface to lose grit and become slippery. They can be spot painted, but long-term repairs or replacement should be considered.

Two propane heaters were purchased for use outside the paddle hut. With the COVID-19 gathering restrictions in place only one has actually been used. Since it appears the second heater is not needed it will be sold.

Pickel Ball:

Board members will look into the possibility of installing a pickle ball court on the property directly behind the paddle hut or on club land. There are questions as to who own the property, is it a septic field, does it drain and are there zoning restrictions.

New Business:

Dan will look into whether the Dartmouth summer camp will be held.

Future maintenance issues should be scheduled.

Respectively submitted,

Cadence Genereaux, secretary.

