

A meeting of the Norwich Racquet Club was held by ZOOM conferencing on April 29, 2020 at 5:30 pm.

Those present were: David Barlow, Judy Barwood, Scott Brohinsky, Jeanne Floeckher, Bruce Genereaux, Sugar Genereaux, Dan Gottlieb, Jeff Marshall, Jim Petrillo.

Jim Petrillo, president, opened the meeting at 5:45 pm.

The minutes of the March 26, 2020 Board meeting were approved.

### **Finances:**

The treasurer, Bruce Genereaux, reported that there is “nothing new”, the club operations were normal...propane usage, snow removal, electricity are typical winter expenses.

The Board decided that the treasurer send out the dues notices as planned, with a letter explaining the club’s required finances.

### **Tennis:**

The Vermont Governor has allowed for timing and recreational preparations to begin. The company that prepares our tennis courts has us on its schedule for the end of the week. The contract includes surface preparation and putting down playing lines. The company has been notified of last summer’s issue of the lines becoming loose and causing tripping by members. Numerous rolling of the courts is required before opening.

The goal would be to open the courts June 1, weather permitting, under certified state reopening guideline. A copy of the USTA court opening guidelines will be posted at the courts.

David Barlow will address the needed repairs of the tennis court posts.

The men’s summer tennis league plans will remain the same at present.

The Board decided that **May 23, 2020** from 10-12 will be the time for the club work to further prepare the courts for play to be held. These efforts include...putting up the nets, turning the water/sprinkler on, tying down the screens, bringing out

benches, scoring signs and chairs/tables for under the gazebo. A problem with one of the sprinklers will be repaired by Bruce and Dan.

David Barlow will send out a letter to the membership announcing the proposed tennis court opening with player guidelines, dues payment reminder and playing contracts.

The date for the Green Mountain Open has been moved forward a week to November 6,7,8 since the current date conflicts with Halloween.

**Paddle:**

The courts will remain closed.

**Entrance Sign:**

Sugar Genereaux reported that the total costs to replace the club sign on Route 5 would be \$3700 which includes a \$3400 proposal from Schaal Electric for electrical connections thru The Family Place and \$300 for a new sign proposed by Anything Sign company. An additional sign costs would be to include a reflective coating on the sign. Scott will report this cost to the Board.

The Board felt that the electrical expense was too high and solar options should be researched. Sugar will send that Board information on solar lighting from a company, Earthtechnologies, which comes recommended from local use in her neighborhood. She will also follow up with Schaal Electric.

**Marketing:**

Scott reported that the final rack cards and poster will be completed next week and will share them with the Board.

**Next meeting:**

Jim will notify the Board of the next meeting in mid-May.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Cadence Genereaux, secretary