**Norwich Racquet Club**

**Board Meeting**

**June 20th 2011**

**Board Attendees:** Todd Tyson, Valentina Demidenko, Ted Thompson, David Barlow, Martin Butler, Reid Babcox. Membership attendees: Cathy Hazlett

Discussion:

**Tennis Courts**

* Watering of courts to be looked at. Questions of greater frequency and timing of court watering. Courts are very dry.
* Consideration of back board for the courts soft vs. hard

Concerns

* 1. potential noise, Interference with other courts, Placement of Back board
* Consideration of Ball machine – needs to include costs of storage, balls, any accessories and development of usage policy and reservation system.
* Ted Thompson to price out –
* Will consider polling membership

**Paddle Courts**

* Minor repairs – fix net strapping on North Court.
* Court surface on south court – can wait another year.
* Wires – south court have patches in place
* General maintenance to occur in fall – wire tightening, lights etc.
* Todd Tyson to look at covering heater units during some months

**Guest Fees**

* Discussion occurred related to process of collecting guest fees. Current system is ineffective.
* **Items discussed:**
* Aleternative methods to collection
  + Consider lock box – to be placed at front of tennis court entrance in summer and then moved to paddle courts in the winter.
* Options to pay at time of play or to be billed to member for guest fee
* Forms to be placed under Gazebo – Ted Thompson to design

**Fees**

* + Consider increasing current Guest fee increase from $5.00 to ($8 to $10.00) for the next year.
* Membership to be Surveyed

**Financial status**

* Bank accounts and reserve fund are in good shape
* Most recent expenditure – Fixing Net posts on Tennis courts
* Currently no major expenditures pending.
* Some liability still exists for those individuals who purchased stock options and have the option of redeeming if they leave the Club. This past year 2 options were redeemed and one donated to the Club.

**Website**

* Will continue to look at expanding options on website and further updates
* Consider online application for people to download
* Look at adding court reservations on to website for people to view
* Maintain better updates on the schedule of events.

**Paddle Tournaments**

* Woodstock courts are not likely to be available this year. Woodstock is not going to maintain these courts.
* Quechee CC is considering two new courts potential for fall – however remains to be seen.
* **Women’s Tournament** **– Cathy Hazlett**

1. To be held October Saturday 15th weekend
2. 8 Team draw
3. Will need to get volunteers to help organize and run
4. Board okayed running tournament as a benefit tournament for Health Connections
5. Will not be providing tournament prizes this year – following APTA discussions/recommendations
6. Cathy – will continue to look at sponsorship for tournament favors

* **Men’s/Mixed Tournament - David Barlow**

1. Will not be able to host tournaments this year without additional courts due to previous numbers. (16 team draw)
2. Will discuss with Rob Coster for consideration of skipping a year so as to not lose APTA affiliation
3. Will consider running 8- team invitational for men’s on November 5th
4. Will consider mixed invitational – later in the year Dec/Jan to spread out tournaments
5. Long term considerations may include adding an additional paddle court

**Membership**

* We have had several new members - figures from Ted Thompson indicate membership around 151 members. This is down somewhat from membership listing which is at 172. Ted and David to coordinate on changes in membership status
* There are 20 or so members who still have not paid annual dues. Ted has sent several reminders. Board members to help with contacting individuals concerning more timely payment.

**Board Members/Meetings**

* Todd Tyson will be stepping down as President on October 1st 2011. Willing to stay on as at large member.
* At large members - Alex and Leslie Potter to step down.
* Will plan an annual membership/Board meeting for Mid to late September. Will include dinner. Expectation will be to also be to identify New Board members and fill vacancies, hold elections at this meeting. Todd Tyson to organize time and place.

**Minutes Submitted by:**

David Barlow – NRC Secretary