

Norwich Racquet Club
Board of Directors Meeting
Simpson Companies Conference Room
March 22, 2023 at 6:00

NEXT BOARD MEETING TUES MAY 9,2023

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In attendance: Jimmy, John, Dave, Bruce, Dan, Brian, Robin RiceVoigt, Chris Kerr

6:09 Meeting opened

Intro of new board members

8:24 Motion to adjourn John motion , Robin 2nd, passed

NOTE: Small items for club, just buy it, talk to Bruce, big items to board.

- **Approval of meeting minutes from 12/20/22 meeting**

Motion Dan

2nd Dave, Approved

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- **Options to address the current break-in and theft at the paddle hut**

- there is a new lock, it works well, but it took a while to install
- Should there be cameras?
- Last theft was checks and they were passed at D & W
- How to get money for balls? We spend \$750 a year get back \$300-\$500
- At issue also are tennis guest fees, money being collected once a month
Maybe a more secure cash box should be installed and pick up payments more frequently

Action items:

- *Add signs that say no cash on site, Bruce and Jimmy*

- **Discussion for member to replace Scott Brohinsky on the BOD**

- Down one board member, any other members.
- Last meeting there were some write in candidates
- Lucian Snow might be interested
- Terry Sparr is another possibility
- Younger members are hard because of kids.
- Louis Gomes is a possibility, although he just recently joined the club
- How do we get members interested in joining the board?

Action items:

- *Other board members should talk to potential folks, if interested forward names to Jimmy or Dave*
- *Jimmy to check Louis's interest level*

- **Update on how the new scheduling software is working**

- Dave B. no complaints, auto password reset is good, our use is simple
- Some issues Our court signed with Play by point, they tried to use it for fees and are having problems.
- Play by point can do more.
- There are some issues with people getting email as substitutes
- NO ACTION NEEDED

- **Final plan and schedule for opening the tennis courts this spring**

- Have new tennis contract, Dave set up
- Have a time frame, ordering new tapes
- Have old tape, lots of nails that **have to be removed**, rotate using tapes
- Tapes and nails are \$800
- Time frame is 2nd week in May with courts opening late May or early June
- Truman to do maintenance work during tennis season
- Norwich courts will not open
- Can AM will want it ready to go, Quechee uses them
- VT tennis asked for more money last year in May and were difficult to work with
- Brian was paddle person , Dan was tennis person, Jimmy maintenance

Action Items:

- *DAN to get roller working by April 1 and turn on water for sprinklers as weather permits*
- *Dan to set up a plan for rolling and cleaning up. needs to roll 7-8 times,*
- *Chris said score cards not good, Bruce said go ahead and buy new ones*

- **Discuss how the BOD feels about contributions to local nonprofits that serve the community and how this relates to our responsibility to our members**

- We have had discussions in the past about donations
- Family Place has requested and is a neighbor
- no charity donations in 9 years since Bruce has been treasurer
- Should we consider donations that are racquet sports focused such as Smash Tennis at Dartmouth
- Why would we give money to one place and not another.

NO ACTION AT THIS TIME, NO MANDATE TO GIVE AWAY MEMBER \$'s

SIDE DISCUSSION ABOUT PADDLE COURT REPAIRS about +\$100K to replace both courts

Repair may give us 5 more years. They could burn paint off and repaint, \$20-25K/court and we may get 5-7 years.

Lots of things to look at, will look over the summer.

Action Items:

- Brian will evaluate courts, brings a list of items back to board work with Dave to get a pro to look at things.

- **Ongoing discussion about addressing new member issues/concerns raised**

- How to assist those without a regular group in finding players
- Requests for lessons
- Organizing more social events
- We used to have a few things in place, we get asked about lessons
- Other clubs have a pro,
- Bruce asked why is this on the agenda
- New members who have done well are ones that join with people with similar skill level
- Sugar has organized many events for new and existing members that has been very successful in integrating new members
- Clinics should be considered
- A club champion tournament was very popular in the past

Action Items:

- John will talk to Truman about teaching clinics this summer

- Bruce to organize a tournament SAT APRIL 15th or Sunday 4/16 formally called the Nina Webb club tournament and was very popular
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- **List of maintenance projects to consider in 2023 and board member to research**
 - Front steps to the paddle deck and the ramp from the rear of the deck
 - Look at the deck structural issues and price options to replace decking
 - Wood preservative on exterior of the paddle hut
 - Repair and/or replacement of tennis fence posts
- Find people to do work maybe with Jimmy's assistance
- There will be a time to have people help with opening and closing the courts
- Open the courts approximately on June 1st and close around Oct 15th depending on weather