

Norwich Racquet Club
Board Minutes
February 9, 2017
Norwich Historical Society Offices

Attendees: David Barlow, Bruce Genereaux, Sugar Genereaux, Anne Janeway, Mark Perkins, Jim Petrillo **Absent:** Dan Gottlieb, Andrew Pachner, Ted Thompson
Guest: Kathy Tefft

Meeting opened by Sugar Genereaux, Quorum is present

Approval of Minutes: December 8, 2016

Tennis

Women's Tennis Team

Kathy Tefft reported that the team has 11 commitments so far. She will be providing the league with information to have NRC added to the league. She has found a pro to help coach the team.

Court Maintenance Hire:

Sugar discussed continued efforts are needed to look for a new court maintenance person for the upcoming season. Suggested action would include reaching to the club membership and posting on the Norwich list serve for potential interested parties

Actions: David to post to membership, Bruce to post on the list serve

Financial Report

Bruce provided an outline of current operations and the club financial standings. There are no major financial concerns. Membership dues are expected to go out in April for May deadline. Current bank account is solid. No new expenditures are expected currently but we will have higher snow removal costs, propane costs and some electrical work related to lights and moving the heater fans switches.

Outhouse:

The Board discussed various options related to current outhouse needs. Several options included rental of outhouse unit, self cleaning structures and toilets and

rebuilding current outhouse structure. After review , the Board decided that the most feasible option would be to rebuild the current structure. The board has a proposal which would run from \$2500 - \$3500 dollars in cost. There will be some need with any option to have a more frequent monthly cleaning service. Initial expectations are likely with a monthly cleaning service along with a 1-2 twice a year pumping as needed.

Actions: David will connect with current contractor to review specifics of the job for updating current outhouse with similar structure. This would entail removal of current structure, building new wooden structure with larger space, lighting, windows, toilet paper recess, paneled walls to reduce cobwebs. H will try to obtain a sketch for the board to review. The time frame to be decided.

Paddle:

Snow removal

Jim Petrillo presented some discussion around the current provider and the timing of a snow fall. There are some concerns related to the timing with storms as well as clearing areas of decking that have at times not been fully cleared. The current provider first concerned is with road clearance in storms and the club is a second priority which may result in a one to two day lag in clearance when not completed by members.

Actions: Jim will consider additional providers as potential resources for snow removal.

Open House:

The board discussed not having another open house at this juncture. There are multiple events that may occur in March and timing is not ideal with the general end of season for paddle in April time frame

Heaters/Fans:

Bruce discussed situation with fans and heaters. The electrical units have been switched and the fans will now automatically come on when the heaters are

turned on. The pathway switches have been removed to avoid any confusion. The membership should be notified of this change.

Action: David to post a notice by the court entrances of the change.

Court Lights

The Board is aware of lighting issue. Discussed need for electrician to re look at south court lights.

Actions: Bruce to call Shaal electric

Paddle Balls:

Sugar provided each board member with a new paddle ball from the APTA called PRO - PT for trial for possible new balls for the club. These balls come in a sleeve of three for \$10.99 and may provide a cheaper option.

Actions: Board members to test/play with the trial balls for comparison to current vendor of Wilson balls.

Paddle Lessons:

David discussed current situation with lessons. Rob Parker has been providing lessons to two groups on fridays. This was started in early January and has continued thru end of february. He is expected to continue with one group thur march.

Friday March 3rd Round Robin

Sugar will be hosting a women's Round Robin with Quechee from 9-11am at Norwich.

Actions: - David will send out a notice to all members 1/2/ weeks before and block courts for use.

Entrance Sign

The Board discussed proposals on the current sign with regard to establishing a lighter background for better visibility. Two options included upgrading the current sign and / or developing a new sign with lighter background. Cost associated with changing the current sign were quite expensive and not deemed a good option. A new sign is still quite expensive (\$1300.00) and the board discussed potential seeking a second quote. The issue of lighting the sign continues to be discussed along with creating better visibility with a new sign. The Board will continue to review options and replace the current signage.

Actions:

Anne to seek additional consult on signage and costs

Dan Gottlieb to consider additional solar options

Sugar to connect the Family Place to consider cost of hardwiring electrical to the current sign.

Jim/ Bruce to help with replacing the current sign

Nina Webb Championship

The Board is in favor of trying to run the club championship Nina Webb Tourney on April 1st. Bruce Genereaux volunteered to run the tournament since Anne Janeway is not available.

Actions: David to send memo out in March on tournament details

Quechee Norwich Challenge on March 11, 2017

The Board discussed the upcoming tourney to be held this year at Quechee. Some details are still needed to coordinate play and recruit players for two teams in each of the mens, mixed and woman's categories.

Actions:

Sugar to connect with Sandy Pomeroy on timing , teams, logistics etc

David to help develop flyer to membership to coordinate teams

Website

The Board recognized the excellent efforts of Mark Perkins on taking control of the website and revamping the look and feel of the site.

Calendar:

March 3, Ladies Round Robin (9-11 at Norwich)

March 11—Quechee/Norwich Challenge (at Quechee)

April 1st - Nina Webb Club Championship

New Business

Womens Tourney

David presented request from Cathy Hazlett to run a women's tournament in late March which would include inviting teams from other local clubs (Dorsett, Burlington, Quechee, etc) The Board is in agreement with running the tourney as long as guest fee are collected for any non- member players.

Actions: David will provide information to Cathy and help coordinate event as needed.

Respectfully submitted by,

David Barlow Club Secretary