
Norwich Racquet Club
Board Minutes
September 21, 2017
NRC Paddle Hut

Attendees: David Barlow, Bruce Genereaux (Skype), Sugar Genereaux, Anne Janeway, Mark Perkins, Jim Petrillo, Dan Gottlieb, Andrew Pachner, Ted Thompson

Approval of Minutes: June 12, 2017 - Motion passed

Financial Report Bruce presented via Skype and written report.

Dues

There continues to be a cohort of unpaid dues that has not been collected at this juncture. Recommendations on general process to attend to these outliers was discussed.

The Board had discussion on various items related to recent trends in the NRC membership and dues collection. Recent trends have seen continued attrition of older membership which has not been offset with new members. Short discussion on dues rate and increase was touched upon but deemed as a potential need for longer discussion give time constraints of meeting.

Additionally, increased marketing needs of the club were identified and support for the development of a Marketing / Attrition committee was strongly suggested.

Actions

- Letter to members will be developed by David / Bruce and mailed to all members who remain delinquent in paying yearly dues. Letters will include need to pay dues, late fee charges, or risk termination of membership.
- Sugar Genereaux to develop a committee that will include board and club members to address marketing and attrition.

Insurance

The Board discussed our current insurance plan for the club and facilities. We reviewed various replacement costs and amounts of tennis courts, hut, outhouse, paddle courts and pavilion. Given the low risk associated with likelihood of extensive damage the Board was comfortable with keeping current levels but would consider slight higher replacement value on the Hut which is most at risk.

Actions:

- A motion was moved, seconded and passed (Majority Vote - unanimous)
“The NRC Board authorizes the club treasurer to increase or insurance deductible to \$2,500.00, along with looking into the feasibility of increasing the replacement cost of the hut”.

Courts closing/ Club Clean up

The Board discussed the closing of the tennis courts. Expectation is that the nets will be taken down on the weekend of October 14th-15th. Jesse will continue to provide maintenance up until that point. This will coincide with general clean up and preparation of hut and surroundings and staining of the outhouse

Actions:

- David will send notification of court closing and Sunday clean to Membership

NRC Tennis league teams:

Men’s B Team - The Norwich team had a successful year and wound up tied for first place (5-2) but dropped to 2nd place due to the tie break rules for the regular season. The team lost in the first round 2-1 to RVC who played well.

Women’s B league - The women did not field a team this year but the expectation is that there will be a team next year to play on Wednesday evenings.

Quechee Tennis Participation

The Board reviewed events with Quechee. Excellent turnout was achieved with strong participation from many club members and it is expected that this will

continue next year. There was a Mixed Doubles event in June and a Doubles Match in July (Men, Women and Mixed).

Contract times change to one/season

The Board discussed moving away from repeating contract schedule from twice a year and will return to once a year contract set up. Additional contracts can be added or contracts deleted as the season progresses. This will apply to both the paddle season and tennis season contracts

Paddle Updates

LED lights

Defiant Electric has been selected to install new lighting. All lights have been purchased and approved. Installation has been delayed due to labor issues but expectation is that the light will be installed before the official start of paddle contracts

Actions:

- David Barlow will continue to work with Gary Hubbard on install date.

Paddle Balls.

The Board discussed the purchase of balls. Majority of the Board were in agreement of use of Wilson vs PT Pro balls which we purchase from Rob Parker. Pricing will remain at \$10 a sleeve (2 balls)

Open House

The Board will host a paddle open house in on November 13th.

Actions

- David will send notice to membership and the list serve
- Sugar to contact Rob Parker

Paddle Lessons

Rob Parker will again provide lesson to members.

Actions:

- Notification will be sent out to membership on his availability.

Green Mountain Open:

The Board discussed upcoming tourney. A Saturday night dinner at the Quechee Club will not be planned this year. Instead an early evening of food and post play celebration at the Norwich hut will be held to watch the men's final.

Actions:

- David to coordinate players and sign ups
- David will organize additional help for weekend draws
- David will post the GMO event on the list serve to increase attendance
- Sugar to contact Valley News for additional coverage /marketing

Outhouse-

Staining

Jim Petrillo brought leftover stain from a home project and has offered to donate the stain for outhouse. The Board approved the color and use for application at fall clean up.

Action:

- Jim to supply stain and help with application

Annual Meeting

The Board is looking at Wednesday Oct 25th for the Annual Meeting. We will continue to use the X club as a venue. Discussion was had about attendance. It was suggested that each board member bring two people to the meeting.

Actions:

Sugar will connect with Joanne Wise regarding booking of the X -Club and Membership invitation

Director Elections

The Board discussed trying to identify new board members

The following current Board members have indicated that they will run for election again. Anne Janeway, Andrew Pachner, Dan Gottlieb, Jim Petrillo, Mark Perkins - Sugar Genereaux is still undecided.

Actions:

- All board members will contact other potential members who may be interested in running for open positions. All names will be forward to David Barlow in the next two weeks

Recognize new members

The Board will recognize all new members this year at the annual meeting.

New Business

Pickleball

The Board discussed the potential of creating a pickleball court using the current paddle courts as an alternative to paddle and tennis. There is minimal cost for set up but discussion centered on how we would operationalize this, when would play occur, how would we set up lines etc. This may be an opportunity for additional services and a way to market the club

Actions:

- David Barlow will research various options and bring back to the board. Consider further the potential trial in spring with an open house.

The Board had a short discussion on parking as there has been increased use by a solar company in Fogg's driveway/parking lot. This may be temporary as they are dealing with re-establishing a new location. The board does not expect this to be a major limitation for members.

Respectfully submitted

David Barlow

NRC Secretary