

Norwich Racquet Club

Annual Meeting

October 23, 2019

The Annual Meeting of the Norwich Racquet Club was held on at the X=Club at 5:30 on October 23, 2019,

Those present were the Board of Director and members of the club.

Jim Petrillo, president, presided and opened the meeting at 6:00pm. He thanked Joanne Wise for organizing the meeting location and food donations.

The minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting were approved.

Bruce Genereaux, club treasurer, gave the financial report. The details of the report are attached to the official minutes of the meeting.

Bruce, after reporting that the club takes in \$32,000 in dues each year and spends \$26,000 on yearly operations discussed the details in the report such as the expenses of the capital fund, purchasing solar panels, opening a CD and short term investment account with Edward Jones and ways the BOD works to reduce expenses such as installing LED paddle lights, reduce propane costs and reducing the insurance deductible.

A question was asked if older members who wish to retire their initial club bond are approached to forgo the return their available Initial investment. The answer was yes.

At the end of the meeting, Jim Petrillo announced that the BOD is considering a membership dues increase. The details will be discussed at the November 15, 2019 BOD meeting to which members are invited to attend and participate in the discussion.

Program reports were given:

Tennis: The condition of the tennis courts was discussed,

The need to maintain the high quality of our courts focused on repairing the lines, watering frequency and daily maintenance.

It was noted that the men's tennis team lost in the finals of their league competition.

The need for more organized play was mentioned.

Clean-up Day for the tennis courts is scheduled to Saturday October 26 at 12:00. All are welcome to help.

Paddle Tennis:

The decking, benches and the boards between the courts have been power washed and stained thanks to Board member Jeff Marshall.

The icing concerns are being addressed with rewiring up to code of outlets for the fans under the courts and relocation of the fans, focusing on propane leaks between the court boards and the amount of propane being delivered to the heaters.

A reminder was made to remind the membership after a snow storm to remove as much snow as possible before turning on the heaters.

Todd Alexander has done an excellent job of removing snow from the courts in a timely manner.

The Green Mountain Open annual APTA (American Platform Tennis Association) tournament will be held on November 1,2,3 at the Norwich and Quechee clubs, featuring 3 tournaments with nationally ranked players for women, men and mixed doubles. Final play for the men's tournament will be held at the Norwich courts on Saturday with a cookout for spectators to enjoy!

Other paddle events with Quechee will include Friday ladies round robins, the annual Norwich/Quechee challenge and possible other "open" tournaments.

Other Committee Reports:

Scott Brohinski reported that an initial marketing effort was completed with the creation of a new club logo. Presently, marketing plans are being made with consulting from Don Morin to update the website (current website master is Mark Perkins), designing a rack card and posters.

It was suggested that the club sign located on Route 5 be improved with better lighting and verbiage. This will be addressed by the board.

Elections of Board Members:

Elections were held with a quorum vote. The single slate was elected, welcoming Judy Barwood to the Board replacing retiring Anne Janeway. Jim thanked Anne for her many years of service to the club.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Cadence Genereaux, Secretary.