

Norwich Racquet Club  
Board of Director Meeting  
Minutes

Paddle Hut, 5:30, January 23, 2019

**Attendees:** David Barlow, Scott Brohinski, Jeanne Floeckher, Sugar Genereaux, Dan Gottlieb, Anne Janeway, Jim Petrillo

Excused: Bruce Genereaux, Jeff Marshall

The meeting was opened by Dan Gottlieb, at 5:50

The minutes of the November 16, 2018 BOD meeting were approved with one correction. Under Paddle, the walkway from the parking lot will be cleared by Todd Alexander and the accumulated snow surrounding the paddle courts by Jim LaMontagne.

**Marketing:** Scott Brohinski reported that the Marketing Committee met with consultant Mark Lillenthal to discuss the content and photos of a proposed brochure, poster and current website to represent both paddle and tennis. The poster to be configured to promote various seasonal club events. The board encourage Scott to finalize this work within 2 weeks since Doug Wise and his 678 company are waiting board input to begin designing these items. Sugar will contact Doug of this proposed plan.

The board also discussed the proposal to join with Our Court to share in use of our paddle courts and their indoor tennis courts. Anne and Dan will compose a letter to their board proposing the exchange. The logistics, reservations and cost are issues to be mutually resolved if the proposal is accepted.

**Elections:** BOD officer elections were held with the following results:

President: Jim Petrillo

Vice-President: Jeanne Floeckher

Treasurer: Bruce Genereaux

Secretary: Sugar Genereaux

It was suggested and approved that the position of secretary assume the responsibility of establishing BOD meeting dates, location and organizing food for the meeting.

The position of Membership Chair will be discussed at the next board meeting.

**Reservations:** A reminder will be sent by email to the membership concerning court sign up requirements. Upon signing up for a court through the reservation system members should

note on which court (North or South) they have been assigned. They are able to only play on that court whether cleared of snow or not and whatever time they arrive to play.

The reservation system makes available the names of members to facilitate the confirmation of a court sign up or cancelling a reserved or contract slot.

**Paddle:** After some on-line research, Dan summarized that the propane pipe size we are using to carry propane to the heaters is not the problem with inadequate heating of the hut end of the south court. He suggests installing fans under the court directly in front of the heaters to increase the distribution of heat. He would also like to install insulation along the center decking side of the court to limit the spread of heat to only the one court. Consequently, he noted that there is no need to spend monies for an additional heater which has been considered. Dan will install the fans and insulation himself during warmer weather.

**Finances:** The financial report distributed to the board by email is attached to the permanent copy of these minutes. Note changes in the club organization on pages 10 and 11 which include finalization of the purchase of off-site solar panels.

The appropriate signatures have been added to the AG Edwards/Ledyard Bank finance option.

Noting that the income from guest fees has gone down, it was suggested that names be written on the guest payment fee envelopes to possibly keep track of the number of times a guest has played.

**Tennis:** It was suggested that the NRC consider participation in the annual Smash Tennis fund raiser for the Norris Cancer Canter (Proudy). After discussion it was decoded that the club should not use club funds to support a fundraiser. If there are any member might wish to enter as a team representing the NRC that would be alright. Dave Barlow to email the membership of the opportunity and to respond to Dan Gottlieb.

#### **Calendar:**

**January 25, 2019** Ladies paddle Round Robin with Quechee at the NRC courts from 9-11. Contact Sugar Genereaux to sign up.

**March 3** Smash Tennis (see above).

**March 9 or 16** Annual Norwich/Quechee Challenge. To be held at Quechee. Scott Brohinski to coordinate with help from Dave Barlow and Sugar Genereaux.

Respectively Submitted:

Cadence Genereaux, Secretary

