

A meeting of the Norwich Racquet Club Board of Directors was held on April 24, 2019 at the Simpson offices.

Those present: David Barlow, Jeanne Floeckher, Sugar Genereaux, Anne Janeway, Jeff Marshall

Excused: Scott Brohinski, Bruce Genereaux

President, Jim Petrillo opened the meeting at 5:45.

The minutes of the March 6, 2019 Board of Directors meeting were approved.

The **Financial Report** attached to these minutes and previously emailed by Treasurer, Bruce Genereaux, was discussed and accepted.

**Paddle Tennis:** Repairs and Maintenance of the paddle courts were discussed with the following decisions:

The repair/replacement of the stairs at the tennis court end of the paddle courts will be discussed further at the next BOD meeting. There are two options:

1. Build a deck over the existing propane heater located under the present stairs allowing for access to the heater and build a new set stair to grade on one side.
2. Eliminate the stairs, build a restraining railing and place an A-frame cover over the heater in the winter months.

Concern was expressed for the lack of heat melting ice accumulation on the southwest corner of the south court. The fans presently under the courts are in working order but the extension cords serving them short out because of dampness. A conduit is needed to protect them from moisture. An electrical contractor has recommended that new weather proof outlets be wired in conduit and the fans plugged directly into them. All extension cords should be removed. It has been determined that there are 4 code compliant outlets in place and a total of 8 fans and outlets are needed.

**A motion** was made by Dan Gottlieb, seconded by Jeff Marshall to authorize up to \$2,000 to install 4 code compliant conduit outlets and wiring and to be located by us. The motion passed unanimously.

A committee was formed (Barlow, Genereaux, Petrillo, Gottlieb) to look into the feasibility and cost with professional guidance from Court Pro to relocate the existing propane heater presently situated at the end of the court walkway to the north court next to the stairs by the driveway. Moving the heater would blow more heat directly to the icy spots at the end of the south court.

It was suggested that the above committee meet with a representative from Court Pro (company that installed the present propane heaters) prior to the May 22 BOD meeting and report back to the BOD at the next meeting to be held at the paddle courts.

It has been estimated that it would cost \$2-3,000 to repair/replace the ducting between the boards of the south court and install a barrier to separate the courts using the heat from the center heater. If the heater is moved there would be not need for the ducting.

Finally, it has been noted that the carrying side beams of the paddle courts have lifted and the court surface and a belly is noticeable in the center of the court. The sides are no longer touching their interior supports. The beams will settle back down in the spring. The committee to check in warmer weather.

**Tennis:** The tennis contract time requests will go out next week. It is anticipated that work to prep the courts will begin in the next two weeks with an opening date of June 1. Consideration must be given to rainy weather and allowing time for the courts to be rolled and completely dry. The membership will be notified of the flexible opening date conditioned on the weather. It was also noted that delay in putting up the nets is a good deterrent to early play.

Dates for the tennis clean-up day and open house to be announced at a later date by Anne Janeway.

Tennis events with Quechee are encouraged since they now have a new professional. Dan to contact him. Dave has a date in July for the Quechee tennis event.

A request for participation on a men's A and B tennis team will be sent out to the membership defining times for the matches, fees for member and non-member and contact response.

**A motion** was made by Dan Gottlieb and seconded by Dave Barlow that non-member team participants would pay \$50 and be limited to match play, no practice time. After discussion, the motion passed.

**Defibrillator:** David Barlow has a replacement battery ordered and will place it at the tennis court gazebo.

**Membership:** Discussion on separate memberships for tennis and paddle will be discussed at a later meeting.

**Parade:** A parade scheduled for Saturday Sept 21<sup>st</sup> will be discussed at the next BOD meeting on May 22 at the paddle courts.

Respectively submitted,

Cadence Genereaux, Secretary