Norwich Racquet Club

Board of Directors Meeting

March 10, 2015

 Norwich Historical Society

7:00-9:00

**Board Attendees:** David Barlow, Bruce Genereaux, Sugar Genereaux, Anne Janeway, Ted Thompson, **Absent:** Martin Butler, Skip Leonard, Todd Tyson, Melissa Roth .

**Meeting opened by Sugar Genereaux**

The Board minutes from January 10th 2015 Board of Directors were previously approved by the Board via email.

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**Tennis**

Joanne Wise presented initial letter for contract times to the Board for tennis. Timing of letter to all members was discussed. Joanne will handle all initial tennis prep and contact with Gordy on timing of court work. Expectation is June 1st for courts to be ready for play. All contract times will begin June 1st 2015. If the courts are open earlier members can reserve courts thru the online system. There is no expected concerns or extraordinary expenses expected with court prep for this year. Need to fix the water bubbler on the far side courts was discussed and will be address for the start of the season.

**Actions:**

* David to provide new website for tennis bookings system for inclusion in contract letter.
* Tennis Contract sign up letter will be Emailed to all members with submission return for late May.
* David will enter all contract time into the scheduling system once finalized and prior to June 1st start time for all contract play.
* Joanne to contact Dickinson plumbing to have water bubbler addressed prior to court opening for tennis.
* Susan Showalter will be assisting Joanne in the contract time allocation process.

**Quechee Event Tennis:**

Board discussed invite from Chuck Kinyon to host an interclub tournament between Quechee and Norwich. Board agreed that this would be nice event to bring to the club and its members.

**Actions:**

* David will contact Chuck Kinyon to inquire about further details surrounding the event and bring back to the next Board meeting and confirm interest.

**Annual Conn Classic Open Family Event**

The Board received notification of tennis tournament and request to be a tournament site. There was no consensus on moving forward at this time. NRC will not commit to hosting this event.

**Actions:**

* Joanne Wise to bring to the attention of Tennis Pro at Storrs pond as a potential better site for play and obtain further information on how members could be involved regardless of NRC being a host site.

**Ladies Team**

The Board did not discuss the development of a ladies team for this year. The board does recognize and support the Men’s B team and is open to considering options for a Women’s Team if interest develops. Sugar to talk with Valentina D. about running a team.

**New Reservation System**

The Board previously approved via email going ahead with establishing Tennis Bookings as the new Scheduling System. The old system reservation times will be stopped as of March 31st, 2015. The New system will begin April 1st 2015. All contract time and members have been added to the new site and it is ready to be implemented. The new system functions very similarly to the previous scheduling system and it is expected that members will find the transition seamless.

**Actions**

* David will send an initial email to all members warning them of the upcoming changes expected for April 1st
* Member passwords and logon information will be sent near the end of the month via email and will include a description on general site use for members.
* David will provide logon website to Joanne and Rick to update contract letters, and website information for members

**Financial Report**:

The Monthly Treasurer’s Report was provided and review by the Board. The club is in good financial shape and there are major expenses projected for this spring related to tennis, The Board is looking at the paddle court heating system which will likely be address this fall.

Overall Capital budgeting was not addressed at this meeting. There appears to be slightly higher operating costs this year that may carry forward year to year which is reflected in some changes to vendors andmany repairs last year. There are minimal outstanding fee to be collected which Bruce addressed. Membership dues will be going this month.

**Actions**

* Bruce to provide the Board with a line item break down of operating costs for review.
* Bruce to send membership dues in the next 1-2 weeks.

**Dartmouth Student Paddle Club?**

The Board has not received any follow up on this but will continue to pursue the establishment of a Dartmouth Club if interest is there.

**Paddle Court Report -** Court Heaters

The Board reviewed several heater estimates and proposals related to improving the paddle court heaters. Questions were outlined regarding estimates from Rob Coster and Dead River with regard to design, look, and feasibility. No definite decisions were made at this meeting and further information will be collected.

**Actions.**

* Bruce to contact Rob Coster to discuss layout and additional needs, He will also connect with Dead River to establish costs related to propane hook up and vaporizer needs with various system designs.
* Sugar to take photos of the courts to be forwarded to Rob Coster.

**Saturday drop in paddle**,

The Board discussed continue support for blocked open paddle times. Discussed having a board contact to RSVP to establish if there is player interest. Times frame are 1st and third Fridays and every 2nd Saturday.

**Actions**

* David will continue to provide monthly reminders and will act as the RSVP contact to try and support play.

**Nina Webb**

The Board continued to discuss bringing back the Nina Webb tournament. Still looking at a late March or April time frame.

**Actions:**

* Anne Janeway to connect with Todd Tyson to discuss format, timing and establishment of a flyer or application to send to Members and report back to the Board in the next week.

**Ladies Round Robin**

The last paddle ladies round robin will be held this month for paddle.

**Quechee Paddle Challenge**

The Board discussed the recent event. The event was a good success and we had participation on several levels with mixed men’s and women’s play. Norwich won this year’s event and will be the host next year.

**Semi-Annual Meeting**

The Board discussed forgoing a semi annual member meeting this year. Suggestion was to have an early summer member cookout, coinciding with the start of the tennis season and hosted at the pavilion

**Actions**

* Sugar to coordinate polling all Board members on further ideas and programming for a summer event in late May.

**Membership**

Tabled to the next board meeting

**New Business:**

**Historical Society**

The Board discussed providing a donation to Historical Society in lieu of the use of the club meeting space. The Board agreed to allocate a $50 gift to the historically society for this year.

Minutes respectfully submitted by;

David Barlow – Club Secretary