

Norwich Racquet Club
Minutes of September 1, 2022 Board Meeting
Held at Simpson offices, Wilder. 6 to 8 PM.

Members present: David Barlow, Bruce Genereaux, Sugar Genereaux, Brian Grady, Jim Petrillo, John Wallace.

Members Absent: Dan Gottlieb, Betsy McGean

1. Approval of prior minutes - no approval given. Dan to submit complete minutes.
2. Minutes of prior 5/11/2022 meeting were approved with addenda from Sugar, but those minutes have not been typed up. Updated minutes from prior meeting attached to these minutes.
3. Discussion to honor Scott: Dave to give remarks at GMO tournament in November. This subject brought out concept of plaque with club history and honor of significant contributors.
4. Treasurer's report. All spending and revenues on track. Investments holding value, savings up due to good finances. Some costs higher and increasing faster than inflation - insurance. Property taxes up. Propane and winter costs up. Tennis maintenance lower than past. But court opening costs higher.
5. Closing of courts penciled in for Saturday, Oct 15, weather and general conditions permitting. Discussion of evaluating screens. May be time to retire current ones and replace. This to be evaluated at closing time.
6. Court condition good this summer. No member complaints or comments received. Contractor Truman Cressey doing a good job.
7. Paddle courts playing surface has skim of growth on south court. Volunteer will be asked to pressure wash only lines in advance of Green Mountain Reilly coming to repaint lines not done by SA courts. GMR will do bolts to hold down northeast corner of north court, strips and lines. Dave Barlow has called repeatedly, hoping to have contractor show up soon.
8. Additional discussion of paddle court issues. Dave has ordered new balls, Dave will send out request for contract time. Brian mentioned need to remind folks of rules/procedures so that folks who don't get contracts can play. Dave mentioned increasing demand for contract times. Discussion of winter checks on propane heaters. John indicated they are working. New screens for paddle courts in maintenance shed. Need to be put up. Pilot light in hut stove needs to be checked so that heater works when it gets cold. Discussion of other repair needs did not happen as time was not available. Jim did review briefly needs, with a check of the boards on the back ramp to be done.
9. GMO tournament scheduled for Nov 4,5,6. Some teams already registered. Will likely do registration through APTA to allow teams to get PTI points. Will require submitting data after event. Still allows local draw control. Quechee's two courts to be used. Next year Quechee's courts are being moved, with two more being added. Dave indicated it may be time to pass organizational responsibilities to Q for the GMO soon.
10. Discussion of possible open houses. Majority of board not in favor as no need for new members and history of primarily only board members and same folks showing up.

Substantial effort for little return. Suggestion was made to encourage folks to come view games at GMO as a way to see high level paddle and generate interest.

11. Annual meeting. To be held later in October. John Wallace to check with Norwich Inn for schedule and options. Jim to prepare agenda. Dave to research board terms for various current board members. Discussion of need to get more board members and means for doing this. Person to person and blanket request to membership. Google form to be made for members to vote. Bruce to generate initial form for Dave to populate.
12. Participation in Lyme Health and Wellness Fair. Dave's company will have a booth and he's offered to have NRC promotional materials there. Board members will look for inventory of brochures and get them to Dave.
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Minutes of May 15, 2022
Simpson Office Building

Those in attendance: David Barlow, Scott Brohinsky, Bruce Genereaux, Sugar Genereaux (by phone), Dan Gottlieb, Betsy McGean, Jim Petrilo, John Wallace
Excused: Brian Grady

Jim Petrillo, president, opened the meeting at 6:10

Minutes of December 21, 2021 Board of Directors meeting were approved unanimously.

Finance: Bruce Genereaux, treasurer, reported on his proposed treasurer assistance for the time he will be away this summer. Eric Colberg knows accounting and could do accounting, paybills, etc. He will not create reports. Bruce leaves 6/1-for 3 months. We likely still need someone to pick up and deposit checks/cash for guests fees.

Student members: We will no longer pro-rate dues, typically allowing pro-ration for those who start in the fall and only play paddle.

Internet access: John Wallace reported that getting the internet is expensive. We could buy an inexpensive phone, router and booster. John will flesh out details and provide details to the board. We will likely use only cell service, an access point. Cameras can be installed to indicate the condition of the courts and provide some degree of security. The added benefit will be wifi availability.

SA Courts: The company which reconditioned the courts this past fall will return in the spring to address our current concerns. Bruce needs to follow up with them. In addition to painting the white lines, many of us have notice squeaks in the north courts and we'd like stripes to fill in the gaps.

Round Robins: Sugar Genereaux and Judy Barlow organized two women's round robin events this past winter which were well received with 12 participants each time. Sugar will organize a mixed (social) Round Robin which will be open to the entire membership. It will be held on Sunday April 10, 2022 from 1:30-4:30. Prizes such as neck gaiters were discussed. David Barlow will look into purchasing prizes and possibly other options.

Renting Paddle court to Non-Members: In the past we charged \$50 for 1.5 hours.

Pickel Ball: We will continue to pursue but it is not something we will actively pursue. Land is limited (likely leasing land from Bethel Mills owner of Foggs hardware but could infringe on a septic mound behind the paddle hut). There are plenty of indoor and outdoor options available locally.

50-year anniversary next year: Bruce has old files. We'd like to do something for 50 year. Possibly put up a storyboard on our website? Dave knows some of the original members through family connections. Sugar mentioned that there are notebooks in the paddle hut which have pictures of past events. She offered to help DAve with the project.

Club Sign: Sugar mentioned that the solar lighting on the route 5 club sign could be brighter. She knows of a good solar light being used in her neighborhood and will get information about it and any other solar options and report back to the board,

Respectfully submitted:

Dan Gottlieb, secretary

Norwich Racquet Club Board Meeting

Secretary: Dan Gottlieb

In attendance: Jim Petrillo, Dave Barlow, Scott Brohinski, John Wallace, Bruce G, Dan G, Betsy M, Jim Petrillo Sugar G (via phone), John Wallace

Absent: Brian Grady

Approve meeting minutes from December 21. John motion. Scott 2nd. Minutes approved via unanimous vote.

Treasurer assistance while Bruce is gone.

Eric Colberg knows accounting and could do accounting, pay bills, etc.. He will not create reports. Bruce leaves ~ 6/1 for ~3 months. We likely still need someone to pick up and deposit checks/cash for guest fees.

Student members. We currently pro-rate, typically allowing pro-ration for those who start in the fall and only play paddle. We will not do this anymore. No motion required.

Internet access. John. Getting the internet is very expensive. But we could buy an inexpensive phone, router and booster. John will flesh out details and provide proposals to the board. Will likely use only cell service, an access point. The point is to install cameras so folks can see the condition of the courts as well as to provide some degree of security. The added benefit will be wifi availability.

SA courts will come back in the spring. Bruce needs to follow up with them. In addition to painting lines, many of us have noticed squeaks on the north court and we'd like the strips to fill in the gaps. (Dan played 3/16 in warmer conditions and the squeak was gone-frost heave likely settling).

Snow Removal. Dan has a cordless electric snowblower to sell to the club for \$300, what he paid for it. It uses the same batteries as the big blower, so we'd have 3 batteries and a charger. Dan will speak to Todd to see if he'll use it.

Open houses. Tennis open house in early June. Betsy, Scott and Sugar will organize. Perhaps bring historical records of the club. 2023 will be the 50th anniversary of the club and we may want to have a celebration.

Round robins. Sugar has been creating women's 1 day events. Sugar will create a mixed event open to the whole membership. Will likely be Sunday 4/10 probably 1:30-4:30. Prizes to be discussed. We don't have any more neck gaiters, but Dave will look into purchase price or other options.

Renting paddle courts to non-members. We charged \$50 for 1.5 hours. No changes.

Pickleball. We'll continue to consider it, but it's not something we'll actively pursue now. Land is limited (likely would require leasing land from Foggs, but it could infringe on septic mound). There's also plenty of indoor and outdoor options available locally.

Court lighting. Board likes the idea of a center cable and hanging lights off it. Tweener system is too expensive and will not be considered. Need to be careful if hanging cables between trees as they sway, and could snap cable. Dan will continue to evaluate.

Maintenance projects. Decking and other wood projects are very expensive right now. Jim will follow up with fence contractors- the tennis courts have issues. The wood deck could use replacement. We agreed the hut door should be replaced as well the stairs headed to the paddle courts. Discussed using a standard steel door with a digital lock so we could provide temporary access to renters and cleaners.

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Motion to adjourn by Dave. All approved 7:48PM