

Minutes of February 12, 2007 Brunswick County Tennis Association Board Of Directors Meeting

Vice-President Dag Egede-Nissen called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Present were Dag, Karen Holbrook, Sarah Benjamin, Cathie and Raymond Rod, Randy Wrigley, Jan Denney, Ron Watts, Bill Davis, Michaela Richardson and Diana Wells.

Secretary - By unanimous vote, the minutes of the February 12, 2007 meeting were approved. Randy Wrigley minutes had previously been reviewed/distributed via email.

Treasurer - Ron Watts gave the treasurers report for January. We had \$1590 of income (memberships and directory ad sales), with expenses of \$450 (newsletter and USTA insurance). Checking account balance is \$6017, and CD value is \$6176. Randy asked about directors liability coverage, and Jan Denney, who had been involved with this in the past, mentioned that the USTA insurance does cover the BOD members. [Ron indicated post-meeting that he would verify our status with the insurer.] The report was unanimously approved. There was discussion of the need (in the organization by-laws) to audit the organization finances. Ron will try to schedule one for May.

Membership - Sarah Benjamin reported that we had, as of the meeting, 256 members. So far, 11 Team Tennis players haven't paid BCTA dues (\$10). Raymond Rod mentioned that team captains have been notified. The 2007 member directories will be distributed at the April 9 BOD meeting. The area representatives will receive a special invitation to attend. There was some discussion of the gratis memberships provided to a few folks providing services (lawyer, accountant, artist, tennis pro) to BCTA. It was decided to keep them for at least this year.

Publicity - Michaela Richardson reported that an article should be appearing in the local papers soon, and Karen Holbrook gave her another one about the recreational tennis training session.

Youth Tennis - Karen Holbrook reported that 2 PE teachers finally received their equipment from USTA, but, at least at one school, it was the wrong equipment! Southport Elementary has asked for a net, but received racquets. Karen made a motion for BCTA to buy the school a net. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried. Karen and Dawn Peiper will be doing the summer program tennis assemblies at the county elementary and middle schools in May.

Facilities - Bill Davis reported that Waterford was having a "builder's appreciation day" on April 21 and a tennis activity is included. Diana Wells offered to conduct a Round Robin that Day .The Tennis Connection store will have some new racquets to try out. Bill thought that Dan Hagin had said that this might be an opportunity to do a BCTA round robin, and thought that maybe 10-12 BCTA members could be invited to play to fill out the round-robin participation. In any case, Dag will call Dan to determine the particulars.

Bill also led a discussion of the use or non-use of last year's tennis scholarships. However, the last newsletter and other information seemed to indicate that the scholarships had been awarded and used.

Team Tennis - Raymond and Cathie Rod reported that 199 players would be playing this season, which was starting tonight March 12. Raymond will ask Mike Heath to make sure the web site is updated with the standings on a regular basis. Diana Wells recommended that after the spring season we evaluate the present women's tennis format. She suggested that we ask the membership for input, not just the team captains.

Old Business - Ron Watts discussed his financial analysis (paper distributed at meeting) of the 2006 expenses. Youth expenses came very close to matching the youth grant, Team Tennis had more income than expenses, and the BCTA directory is more than paying for itself (ad income greater than production expenses).

Michaela Richardson and Diana Wells talked about their start of investigations for a new annual meeting venue. It was decided to target the BCTA expenditure to be around \$1000, probably do it on Thursday 11/15, use an RSVP process to get a somewhat accurate head-count, and have a cash bar. Michaela and Diana will report at a later meeting on their progress.

New Business - Karen Holbrook brought up some new items. She asked what the activity level on the ladders has been. Some thought that the level might have dropped since Team Tennis was activated in the last few years. It was decided to ask Mike Heath to look into the situation further. Karen also talked about a grant that she is involved with concerning starting a wheelchair tennis activity. As part of the grant process, she needed the BCTA to pre-approve the program. There is no cost to BCTA; all support will come from the grant. A motion was made and carried that BCTA would approve the program. Finally, Karen reviewed a tennis calendar that will be included in the directory to be made available April 9. Discussion led to some modifications of her draft version.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM. The next meeting is at 7 PM on Monday April 9 at the BEMC building on Rt 17.

Respectfully submitted, Randy Wrigley

Action Items:

Mike Heath - follow up with USTA for ideas on how to hold a "Back To Tennis" night;
status -> CARRIED OVER

Michaela Richardson and Diana Wells – get info pertaining to possibility of holding next annual meeting at local restaurant; status -> see comments above – CARRIED OVER

Ron Watts – analysis of past expenses; status -> see comments above – CLOSED

Mike Heath – what is status of tennis ladder activity? – NEW

Dag Egede-Nissen – contact Dan Hagin about Waterford day (April 21) - NEW