

## **Minutes of January 11, 2010 Brunswick County Tennis Association Board Of Directors Meeting**

President Linda Fluegel called the meeting to order at 6:58 PM. Board members present were Kathy Burnham, Jan Denney, Linda Fluegel, Carol Cini, Sarah Benjamin, Randy Wrigley, Karen MacKinnon, Faye Campbell, John Keilman, Dave Gongora, and Ron Madden. Karen Holbrook also attended. Board members Sut Ahuja, Pat Forrest and Mike Heath were not present. The proposed meeting agenda, with one minor addition, was approved. **(Note that any attachments or handouts mentioned herein are in the Secretary's "Minutes" binder.)**

**Secretary** – Randy Wrigley stated that the minutes for the October 2009 meeting had previously been distributed via email on 10/27. By unanimous vote, the October 2009 meeting minutes were approved. He also stated that the BEMC small conference room has been reserved for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7 PM in 2010.

**Youth Tennis Tournament** – Dave Gongora talked about the tournament held last year in October and plans for two such tournaments this year. There were 40 participants last year, and the hope for 2010 is to use SBHS for one tournament and the new Ocean Isle courts, if they are available later this year, for the other tournament. Dave made a motion that BCTA be the “conduit” for corporate contributions (for tax considerations) to these tournaments. After a discussion of associated BCTA responsibilities, the motion was passed unanimously.

**Treasurer** – Carol Cini passed out a partial report, but he was not clear on the reporting needs. Linda Fluegel will clarify those needs to him. The question of whether BCTA should have Treasurer position bonded was raised, and after some discussion, it was decided to not do so, and no motion was made.

**Membership** – Sarah Benjamin stated that since the beginning of the new tennis year, we have 54 members signed up. Most of the yearly signups occur at the start of the Spring leagues, which start on March 8. Sarah also mentioned that Kay Brannon will be helping her with collecting ads for the directory, scheduled for production in late April. Ideas for new ad generation (e.g., quota of one per team and/or one per area representative) will be discussed at the February meeting.

**Youth Tennis**—John Keilman reviewed some highlights of the 2009 program and some of the planned 2010 initiatives, and handed out material with more details. John made a motion that he be authorized to meet with the PE teacher at Southport Elementary to give her materials related to the Adopt-A-School program. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was also discussion during this time period of associating our BCTA website with the “Lose Tons” website in Wilmington. Linda will move forward with finding out the details.

**Team Tennis/Ladders** – Faye Campbell reported that all of the female captains have been contacted, and they all agreed to do it again this season. There is the possibility of having another regular team, which would make the lineup 7 regular and 7 advanced teams.

Ron Madden reported that there are currently 2 regular and 5 advanced male teams, with the hope that we will start the season with 4 regular and 6 advanced.

The Captains Lunch will be on February 24 [**changed to February 26**], with play starting on March 8. With Bill Davis retiring as scorekeeper, a new league scorekeeper is needed.

Ron also stated that ladder play will restart on February 1.

**Web Site** – Several people mentioned various areas of the website that are out of date. Linda will contact Mike Heath with updates.

**Publicity** - Kathy Burnham asked John Keilman for a description of the “Tennis Night In America” program (listed as one of his February initiatives). She will use that for newspaper publicity.

**Facilities** – Karen MacKinnon reported that she had received the facilities scheduling details from Dag Egede-Nissen.

**Newsletter** – Jan Denney reported that the next newsletter is scheduled for late January, and that folks should get articles to her by January 20. She made some specific requests to meeting attendees.

**Special Activities** – Linda Fluegel mentioned that since there is minor activity for this role, she suggested that the formalization of a “committee chair” be removed, and that she would just do the job as needed. A motion was made and unanimously carried that the committee be removed.

**Old Business** – Linda mentioned that we had a carryover item of Sarah needing help with the membership committee. The attendees were not clear on what that meant (including Sarah), so this will be carried over to the February meeting. A final carryover item from last year was the concept of mixed doubles leagues and/or ladders. This also will be carried over to the February meeting.

**New Business** – Item 1 was a resolution (attachment 1) of appreciation for Dag Egede-Nissen’s efforts for scheduling Team Tennis matches, working for court owners to reserve courts for those matches, and attending BOD meetings and Captain’s Lunches. A motion was made and unanimously carried to approve the resolution and present same to Dag at his convenience.

Item 2 was the 2010 budget (attachments 2 a, b, c and d). After some discussion and counterbalancing changes (\$450 decrease in Jr Memberships on income, \$450 decrease in Annual Meeting expense), a motion was made and unanimously carried to approve the 2010 budget of approximately \$11K.

Item 3 was to create 2 new committee chairs, Grants and Brunswick Parks Liaison. A motion was made to create the Grants committee, with Karen Holbrook to be the Chairperson. John Keilman strenuously objected and distributed a written version of his objection (included in the meetings materials in the “Minutes” binder). After a brief heated discussion, the motion was

voted on, all in favor except John, who voted no. The motion carried, after which John Keilman resigned from the board and left the meeting. Another motion was made to create the Parks & Recreation Liaison committee, with Khrystye Haselden to be the chairperson. The motion was carried by acclamation.

Item 4 were the job descriptions (attachments 3 and 4) for the Grants Chairperson and the Treasurer (which hadn't been provided previously). The attendees agreed that the descriptions were appropriate, except for a change (from "degree in accounting" to "experience") in the treasurer's description; no motions were made.

Item 5 was a brief discussion of the CTA and NJTL membership registrations (attachment 5). These need to be done each year.

Item 6 was the CDLM grant application (attachment 6). Although it was done on short notice in late November with help from Karen Holbrook, the grant was not successful because of complications related to IRS form 990-N, which have been clarified. Thus, this grant will be reapplied for when available.

Item 7 was discussion of other items. The only one brought up was a used sneaker program being run in Wilmington. It was decided to put an associated item in the upcoming newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 PM. The next BOD meeting is at 7 PM on Monday, February 8, 2010 at the BEMC building on Rt 17.

Respectfully submitted, Randy Wrigley