

Minutes of January 12, 2009 Brunswick County Tennis Association Board Of Directors Meeting

President Michaela Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Present were Karen Holbrook, Dag Egede-Nissen, Randy Wrigley, Kathy Burnham, Linda Fluegel, Kay Brannon, Jan Denney, Karen MacKinnon, Michaela Richardson, and Ron Madden.

Secretary – The minutes of the November 14, 2008 meeting (which was both a monthly BOD meeting and the annual general membership meeting) were unanimously approved after one minor correction.

Treasurer – Michaela Richardson obtained the forms needed to get a refund of state sales taxes paid, and gave them to Kay Brannon for processing. Randy Wrigley will send Kay a copy of the bylaws. It was unanimously approved to renew the following: annual activity liability insurance for \$165, “bcta.net” domain name for \$95 (5 years), BCTA USTA membership for \$155 (5 years). Kay reported that the checkbook balance is \$1912, and the CD balance is \$6658. There was income of \$194 (a dozen or so memberships), and no expenses.

To prepare a proper budget for 2009, Michaela asked each committee/activity chair to send her a proposed budget by February 1. The data will be compiled and presented to the BOD at the February meeting.

President’s Report – Michaela stated that we renewed the annual USTCA (U S Community Tennis Association) membership (free). She also announced the new Team Tennis scorekeepers: Bill Davis for the men’s division, and Karen MacKinnon for the women’s division.

Membership – There was no membership report, but Michaela reported that Sarah Benjamin had told her that the online process to register members for the Spring Team Tennis season should be available February 1.

Team Tennis – The Captain’s meeting for the upcoming season will be on February 24 at Surfer’s Restaurant (on Rt 211 near Southport) at 11AM. Karen MacKinnon and Ron Madden reported that it appears there will be 7 advanced and 5 regular teams in the women’s division, while there will be 5 advanced and 4 regular teams in the men’s division. Play will commence the week of March 9, and conclude in the week of May 11. May 16 is the date for the end-of-season round robin. Karen is looking for a few more women to fill out another regular team. It was unanimously voted to raise the Team Tennis fee to \$10 per player, to cover the \$2 fee paid to active network for each online transaction. Before the Fall season, we will revisit the financial results to determine if that \$10 fee can be lowered. Thus, the fees for 2009 are \$12 for an individual BCTA membership (\$22 for a family membership) and \$10 for Spring Team Tennis players.

There was also some discussion of the balance between money inflow and outflow, both overall for BCTA and per activity. It was clarified that each activity was not expected to be a “money maker”.

Ron used this opportunity to distribute, and briefly discuss, the rules for the revised men’s singles ladder, which will start operation February 2, with the first session to conclude June 19. The rules, and ongoing results, will be posted on the BCTA website.

Youth Tennis – Karen Holbrook reported that a new program, in conjunction with CIS (Communities In Schools), has been initiated for tennis to be part of the CIS summer camp program. John Keilman, Cheryl Matsche, and Bob Cause will be training CIS staff for the summer camp program. Karen stated that this activity should not take away from our own summer youth programs at the parks. Also, in January and February, BCTA members will be offering tennis clinics in CIS after school programs in elementary and middle school across the county.

Karen also talked about a couple of meetings that she, John Keilman, and Dave Gongora will be attending on February 6 in Wilmington concerning the possibility of merging some aspects of our youth programs with those in Wilmington. She will report back at our February 9 BOD meeting.

A question was brought up about having junior BCTA memberships; no resolution was determined.

Facilities – Dag Egede-Nissen had nothing to report.

Publicity – Kathy Burnham reported that the end-of-the year wrap-up got to the papers too late for them to publish it; their view was that “it was no longer timely”!

Newsletter – Jan Denney did not have enough material to publish a newsletter at the end of 2008. She solicited several board members for articles, which they agreed to; thus, a newsletter should be available in late January.

Other Business – Nothing new was mentioned.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM. The next meeting is at 7 PM on Monday February 9 at the BEMC building on Rt 17.

Respectfully submitted, Randy Wrigley