

Minutes of November 17, 2006 Brunswick County Tennis Association Annual Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM. Approximately 35 members attended. Board member attendees were Randy Wrigley, Kathy Burnham, Dag Egede-Nissen, Karen Holbrook, Sarah Benjamin, Cathie Rod, Bill Davis, Michaela Richardson, Brian Preston, and Mike Heath.

The minutes of the November 1, 2005 Annual Meeting were made available to all attendees and were approved.

Mike Heath, in Ron Watts' absence, gave the Treasurers report. We had a net gain of \$1543 over the course of the last 12 months. Mike mentioned the youth tennis program as a possible target of increased expenditure over the next year.

Karen Holbrook, who had chaired Membership, has relinquished that position to Sarah Benjamin. Sarah reported that we currently have 280 members, an increase of 28 from last year. Sarah mentioned that her role includes collecting the membership information and producing the yearly directory from that data.

Dawn Peiper, who had led the Youth Tennis program, gave that role to Karen Holbrook. Karen reported that the program had an active year. Last spring, Dawn ran a program for the elementary school gym teachers that should eventually provide those teachers with some tennis equipment from the USTA. Dawn and Karen did assemblies at all of the elementary and middle schools to create student interest in the summer program. That appeared to have worked, because Karen also reported that all 4 locations that had the summer program were fully booked. Karen also mentioned that a luncheon was held for the program volunteers in October, and several good suggestions were made that will be considered for next year. Karen finished up with a reminder about the used tennis ball program and the associated containers at each county park tennis court area.

Bill Davis, as chair of the Facilities committee, reported that with the planned repaving of the courts at Northwest Park, all of the county park courts would have been redone. The plan for the new park at Ocean Isle Beach includes 8 tennis courts. Oak Island Parks & Recreation may temporarily lose 2 of their 4 courts to a building expansion, but they plan on definitely replacing those 2 and possibly adding a few more. Brunswick Community College has not yet broken ground on any of the planned expansion, and the 8 soft tennis courts are the last planned building activity – let's hope they stay in the program.

Kathy Burnham, our Special Events chairperson, discussed the relative success of the round-robin mixed doubles activity that was initiated this past May. The portion at WBHS was well attended, the sessions at SBHS less so. It is planned to continue this activity next summer.

Cathie Rod, who shares the League Play leadership with her husband Ray, reported that we had 161 players in the spring season and 175 in the fall season. She thanked the team captains (without whom the activity could not happen), Jan Denny (for her guidance as past league chairperson), Dag Egede-Nissen (for his scheduling) and Carolyn Bowers (for maintaining the team standings). Mike Heath, our President, aided Cathie in awarding the prizes to the 4 winning team captains, who were Richard Trask (Advanced Men's), Art Solomon (Regular Men's), June Froelich (Regular Women's), and Barbara Accurso (Fun Women's). The winning team members got hats (men) or visors (women). All team captains got a special shirt, and all team players got a small hand towel, all items having the BCTA logo.

Mike then opened the floor to membership feedback. There wasn't much, just a statement that the increased activity this year was much appreciated.

The door prizes were drawn, and Bill Davis was a \$50 winner, Sarah Benjamin was a \$50 winner, and Carol Bachel was the \$100 winner. The winners received gift certificates to The Tennis Connection, located in Wilmington.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM

Respectfully submitted, Randy Wrigley