

Minutes of February 11, 2008 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, Karen MacKinnon, Bill Davis, Mike Heath, Michaela Richardson, and Kathy Burnham.

Secretary - Randy Wrigley stated that the minutes for the January 2008 meeting had previously been distributed via email. He asked for additional corrections, and there were none. By unanimous vote, the January 14, 2008 meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer – In Kay Brannon’s absence, Michaela reported that the checking balance is \$3275. Income was about \$2400, mostly dues and a grant, while expenses were about \$800, mostly for two insurance policy premiums. The report was approved by unanimous vote.

Membership – Sarah Benjamin was not available for a membership report.

Team Tennis – Karen MacKinnon reported that she and Ron Madden were making progress in the planning of the Spring season. Monday February 25 is the deadline for signing up for a team. The captain’s luncheon will be held at Winding River on Wednesday February 20. Most teams have had a representative indicate planned attendance.

Publicity – Kathy Burnham will be putting together an article for the newspapers about BCTA activities for 2008. It was suggested that we ask for new players for Team Tennis, but then someone mentioned the fact that most existing teams have full rosters. Bill Davis mentioned that he will be starting a part-time reporting job with the State Port Pilot newspaper, initially focusing on the BCTA and the Senior Games. He looks forward to working with Kathy in his new role.

Youth Tennis - Karen Holbrook reported that the summer youth program is set; the locations will be the same as last year (Oak Island Park, Smithville Park, Shallotte Park, Lockwood Folly Park, and Town Creek Park) on Tuesdays from 9 to 10:30 AM, starting on June 10 and finishing on July 15 for those youngsters 7 to 12 years of age. There will also be a program for middle-school students and advanced younger players sponsored by the Parks department; it will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays, taught by Dave Gongora at WBHS and Brian Preston at SBHS (dates currently unknown). There is also the possibility of a county-sponsored free tennis day for kids 6-16, similar to the program that Wilmington does in May.

As was done last year, USTA will send a teacher from Charlotte to give instructions to the summer volunteers on how to inspire the students to consider tennis an activity for life.

An additional activity this year will be that the county will be doing a criminal background check on all summer volunteers.

Newsletter – Jan Denney was not available for a report

Facilities – Dag Egede-Nissen had nothing to report.

Other Business – The outstanding action items were addressed, and results are noted below.

Mike Heath discussed the functionality of the "Zoomerang" survey software that we have available until October 2008. It was suggested that it might be used to determine the interest level in resuming tennis ladder activity.

Karen Holbrook mentioned that the Quarterfinals of the Davis Cup against France will be held in Winston-Salem during April 11-13. It was suggested that that activity, along with the Brunswick County Senior games, would be good candidates for a Tennis Flash.

Kathy asked about the possibility of additional tennis ball receptacles for the courts at Brunswick Plantation and Ocean Isle Beach. After some discussion, it was decided that Kathy would check to see if those locations would allow such receptacles, and it was voted unanimously to allocate up to \$100 for 2 more containers, if Kathy's investigation proves fruitful.

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

Respectfully submitted, Randy Wrigley

Action Items:

Linda Fluegel - follow up with USTA for ideas on how to hold a "Back To Tennis" night; after some discussion, it was decided to make this an item for Linda Fluegel; status -> ON HOLD

Mike Heath – develop budgeting process; status -> ON HOLD

Mike Heath – 4 or 5 regional representatives to attend BOD meetings; after some discussion of the purpose of this item, it was decided to close it; status -> CLOSED

All – write up job description; revisions were made to the form – final version will be sent out with the February minutes – filled out forms expected back at March meeting; status -> CARRIED OVER TO MARCH MEETING

Kathy Burnham – check on acceptability of tennis ball receptacles at Brunswick Plantation and Ocean Isle Beach; status -> NEW