

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, Donna Higgons, Kathy Burnham, Randy Wrigley, Jan Denney, Ron Watts, Sue McCann, Bill Davis and Dan Hagin.

By unanimous vote, the minutes of the January 8, 2007 meeting were approved. The minutes had previously been reviewed and distributed via email.

Ron Watts gave the treasurers report for January. We had \$1100 of income (memberships), with no expenses. Checking account balance is \$4877, and CD value is \$6154. The report was unanimously approved.

Bill Davis introduced the new representative for the Leland area, Dan Hagin. Dan replaces Johnnie Simpson, and lives in the Waterford development. We hope to involve Dan in increasing the BCTA presence in the Leland area.

Sarah Benjamin reported that after some scrubbing of the database, we have 183 members. There was some discussion whether goals for membership numbers were appropriate, perhaps by keeping up with the percentage of population growth in the county. Potential methods might be increased publicity (example might be getting article/pictures of Team Tennis winners in papers) or free memberships (limited in number or time period). No action was taken. After some discussion, it was decided to move the target date for distribution of the new directory to the April meeting, with the cutoff for new entries to be March 15.

Raymond and Cathie Rod reported that the season would start on March 12, with 20 teams (Men: 4 Regular, 5 Advanced; Women: 5 Advanced, 3 Regular, and 3 Friendly). May 19 was selected as the date for an end-of-season award round robin. The captain's meeting will be held February 21 12 Noon at St James Founders Club.

Dick Powell will be the new scorekeeper for Team Tennis. A slightly modified team-ranking system will be used; first will be matches won, then, as a tiebreak, courts won. Previously, the first tiebreak was matches lost. There was some discussion of what to give as awards to the winning teams; this will be continued at the next meeting.

Karen Holbrook restated that the Youth Tennis program would be at the same locations as last year, starting on 6/12 and running thru 7/24. She has also arranged with USTA to have a training session for teaching youth tennis; this will be a 6-hour workshop on Saturday 6/2 at Lockwood Folly Park (lunch included), with a rainy day location substitution indoors at South Brunswick High School. There will be a fee of \$15, waived if the participant teaches in the summer program. More details to follow at subsequent BOD meetings. Karen also talked about an article coming out soon in the Star-News about the used tennis ball program, and a motion was made and carried to allocate up to

\$200 for more used ball containers at the area courts. She also discussed our possible participation in the July 1 Oak Island Beach Day activity.

Donna Higgons passed out a sample form that can be modified and used as a photograph release form.

Bill Davis commented on the county plans for recreation planning meetings. Those meetings will be scheduled in March and occur during 2007, and we should have representation at the meetings to put forth the needs for tennis facilities. He and Dan Hagin will work on Leland court usage, and Dan spoke briefly about activities at Waterford and Magnolia Greens.

Kathy Burnham talked about the summer Mixed Doubles round-robins, and it was decided to start around June 1, and that they would be held twice a month at the WBHS courts, based on the participation last summer. We will also hold one of the Mixed Doubles events in the Leland area to gauge the response. A Team Tennis pre-season round robin was suggested, but it was decided that it was too late for this season.

Karen Holbrook brought up the point of "What does the Team Tennis fee pay for?" This led to a discussion of our lack of an expenditure plan, and Ron Watts took an action item to generate an analysis of past expenses, Team Tennis versus other activities.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM. The next meeting is at 7 PM on Monday March 12 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 -> Dag passed out additional material at meeting – CARRIED OVER

Bill Davis - contact Johnnie Simpson to see whom to contact about usage of the Waterford courts – Bill introduced Dan Hagin as new representative from Waterford/Magnolia Greens/Leland area - CLOSED

Michaela Richardson and Diana Wells – get info pertaining to possibility of holding next annual meeting at local restaurant; status -> nothing as yet – CARRIED OVER

Cathie Rod – revision of women's leagues – leagues are set - CLOSED

Karen Holbrook – USTA teaching tennis workshop – workshop set for 6/2 – CLOSED

Ron Watts – analysis of past expenses – NEW