

Minutes of February 9, 2009 Brunswick County Tennis Association Board Of Directors Meeting

President Michaela Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Karen Holbrook, Randy Wrigley, Kathy Burnham, Linda Fluegel, Kay Brannon, Jan Denney, Mike Heath, Bob Milner (guest of Ron Madden), Karen MacKinnon, Michaela Richardson, and Ron Madden.

Secretary – The minutes of the January 12, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer – Kay reported that the checkbook balance is \$2247. There was income of \$944 (mostly memberships), and expenses of \$415 (insurance, dues, and subscriptions). She also reported that she had arranged with an accounting friend to do our yearly audit for free; the audit is almost complete.

President's Report – Michaela stated that she was able to revise the “Tennis Anyone?” brochure, and sent it around the table for review. She will get copies made for distribution to interested folks in the county.

Membership – Karen Holbrook, reporting for Sarah Benjamin, indicated that we have had about 165 members sign up for the new year so far; we expect many more during the now active Spring Team Tennis signup period. Sarah expects the production costs for the directory to be about the same as last year, and for the directory to be available around the time of our April BOD meeting.

Youth Tennis – Karen Holbrook reported that the relationship with CIS continues to be developed. A team of BCTA folks are doing demos at the local schools; so far, 4 elementary schools have been visited, with about 140 students attending.

A meeting for the Middle School tennis program will be held on Tuesday 2/17.

The Summer Youth Program is moving towards “team” play. Karen met with the Parks and Recreation folks today (2/9), and these discussions will be ongoing.

Karen brought up a question about storage of the Summer Youth Program equipment. For now, it is being stored in the homes of the 5 or so location leaders. Several possibilities were discussed; it was suggested that the local storage companies be asked if they would be willing to donate a storage unit for this task; Karen will follow up on this.

Karen and others met in Wilmington with the leaders of the Wilmington Youth Tennis activities; more discussions need to be held, but there is the possibility of Brunswick youngsters participating in the Wilmington programs.

Team Tennis – Ron Madden reported that there had been some start-up problems with the online registration process, but the problems seem to have been resolved. He and Mike Heath agreed that for the next season, Mike needs to be involved earlier in the

process. Mike also agreed that it would be a good idea to have someone as a web-site backup for those times that he is traveling; Mike and Ron will meet on this topic. Ron reported that in the Men's Division, there will be 5 advanced and 5 regular teams.

Karen MacKinnon reported that in the Women's Division, there will be 7 advanced and 5 regular teams.

Ron also reported that the Men's Singles ladder is up and running; results can be seen on the web-site. There was also interest from Summer and Shana Roberson in starting up a Women's ladder; Ron will work with them to make that happen.

Publicity – Kathy Burnham had nothing to report.

Newsletter – Jan Denney reported that the newsletter was sent out on January 21st. She had also sent out a news flash about how to sign up online for Team Tennis.

Other Business – Michaela Richardson led a discussion of the draft budget. Many items were discussed, with several items being deleted, a few added, and a few changed. Michaela will send out a revised version via email, and will ask the Board members to vote via email. There was a brief discussion about how to make the final version available to the BCTA membership. No resolution was reached.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM. The next meeting is at 7 PM on Monday March 9 at the BEMC building on Rt 17.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Wrigley