

## **Minutes of March 9, 2009 Brunswick County Tennis Association Board Of Directors Meeting**

President Michaela Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Present were Karen Holbrook, Randy Wrigley, Sarah Benjamin, Kay Brannon, Jan Denney, Dag Egede-Nissen, Karen MacKinnon, Michaela Richardson, and Ron Madden.

**Secretary** – The minutes of the February 9, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer** – Kay reported that the checkbook balance is \$5151. The increase from last month was due to memberships and team tennis fees; there were no expenses. She stated that the Post Office box was up for renewal; it was decided to keep the same size box so that the box number would not change. Michaela reported that the insurance bill from last month was at the budgeted amount, and that the captain's lunch expense was under budget. On the topic of our tax-free status, Randy provided some data from the "Secretary's History Book".

**President's Report** – Michaela stated that she had put the "Tennis Anyone?" brochure activity on hold because of the unknown membership status of Sut Ahuja, who is listed as a contact on the brochure. Michaela also mentioned that because several women players would be attending the professional tournament in Charleston, SC during the Brunswick Senior Games, she had arranged, with Parks and Recreation, for the women's singles and doubles of those games to be moved to April 29, and the mixed doubles to be moved to April 30.

**Membership** – Sarah Benjamin indicated that we have had 238 members sign up so far. She requested that a flash be sent out reminding folks that they are not eligible to play on a team until they have renewed their membership. A mailing was made to directory advertisers; \$500 in commitments have been made so far. She reminded attendees that who wrote articles for the directory to send her updated versions by March 20.

**Youth Tennis** – Karen Holbrook reported that 17 BCTA members helped in the introductory tennis programs with CIS. Eleven schools were visited, with over 300 children introduced to tennis.

She also reported that the Middle School tennis program starts off on March 12 with player evaluation sessions, followed by practices and matches on Tuesdays and Thursdays through the end of April. 17 BCTA members are helping as coaches or coordinators.

Karen discussed some changes to the Summer Youth Program that evolved after meetings with Parks and Recreation. First, there will be a 3 hour QuickStart Training workshop from 9 until 12 on June 13 at Town Creek Park. If we can get 20 attendees, we will receive age appropriate equipment valued at \$800, plus a voucher for QuickStart line painting. Second, changes to the age criteria (5 thru 10, rather than 7 thru 12) and fees (\$30 [includes age appropriate racquet] rather than \$5) were discussed, with pros and

cons voiced. In the end, we decided, via general agreement, to try the new scheme for this year to see what impact it has on enrollment and attendance. Third, a motion was made and carried to fund a lunch (less than \$100) for the 5 lead location coaches. Karen mentioned that for various reasons, the lead coaches have decided to continue keeping the equipment in their homes.

Karen relayed a request from the SBHS coach about involving junior players in ladders and having junior tournaments in the summer. These concepts were discussed, but no decision reached. A motion was made and approved to allow junior (18 or younger) memberships for \$5, except for those in the summer youth program (\$2 if Parks & Recreation agrees to give us \$2 of \$30 fee).

**Team Tennis** – Ron and Karen McKinnon reported that play was starting today. Ron stated that he will coordinate the fall season play for the men, but we will need a new men's coordinator for next year.

**Publicity** – Michaela stated that we probably need to generate some publicity about the junior membership availability.

**Facilities and Scheduling** – Dag mentioned that he will need for someone to take over this role after the fall team tennis season.

**Newsletter** – Jan Denney asked when it was appropriate to remove delinquent members from the distribution list. It was agreed that after the directory goes to the printer is the right time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM. The next meeting is at 7 PM on Monday April 13 at the BEMC building on Rt 17.

Respectfully submitted,  
Randy Wrigley