

Minutes of June 11, 2007 Brunswick County Tennis Association Board Of Directors Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM. Present were President Mike Heath, Karen Holbrook, Raymond Rod, Cathie Rod, Jan Denney, Ron Watts, Dag Egede-Nissen, Mike Richardson, Sarah Benjamin, and Bill Davis

Secretary – Dag Egede-Nissen, acting Secretary, asked that the minutes of the May meeting, which had previously been submitted via e-mail, be approved. The Board approved the minutes.

Treasurer - Ron Watts gave the treasurers report for April. We had a balance of \$5219.88 in the checking account and approximately \$6300 in the CD. He recommended that the funds in the CD, which are about to become due, be split into two parts, which in turn would come due at six month intervals. The Board approved his recommendation.

Membership –Sarah reported three more memberships and said that she will hold a meeting of selected Board members to discuss ways to improve the directory.

Youth Tennis - Karen Holbrook reported that the Youth Tennis Clinics would begin tomorrow (Tues, June 12, 2007). The Board approved an expenditure of approximately \$2000 for portable tennis nets, sponge tennis balls, line markers, and assorted other training devices for use on the five courts where youth clinics are to be held. Karen will take an inventory of t-shirts on hand and then order enough to accommodate the children attending clinics this summer. Karen also reported on the status of the area's wheelchair tennis program. A clinic was held at Town Creek Park last month for four wheel chair players, accompanied by friends. A second clinic is planned for Hugh McRea Park in Wilmington next week. BCTA has received grant money for Coach Rod Bedash for each clinic and for support of a coaching clinic that he will attend in Hilton Head.

Publicity – Mike Richardson said that we should put out publicity on what we are donating to schools, such as portable nets and foam tennis balls. Karen Holbrook will send her a photo of a net in use at a school for Mike to use in an article. Mike also reported that articles on mixed doubles, round robins, and youth tennis have been picked up by the Brunswick Beacon and the Pilot. She will send more articles soon.

Team Tennis - Raymond Rod announced that he would like to hold a BCTA captains' luncheon in August, as in previous years. Cathie Rod said that she plans to hold a meeting of women captains in July to work out problems associated with ladies' league play.

Newsletter – Jan Denney asked members to send in contributions to the newsletter as soon as possible. She said that we need to do a better job publishing information about the summer mixed doubles round robins. We also need articles on youth tennis and the wheelchair tennis activity. Karen volunteered to send that information to Jan. Bill Davis

will send information on tennis courts in Brunswick County. Sarah Benjamin will send an update on membership.

Facilities – Bill Davis summarized the tennis court facilities available in the County and said that a large number are planned or already under construction. It appears that Brunswick County has over 100 courts and more on the way. The Briarwood courts are still a matter of interest, but are on hold pending discussions between the County Parks and the Briarwood owner.

Special Events – Mike Heath reported that the first mixed doubles round robin was cancelled because only 3 players signed up to play. The Board discussed problems of publicity and other factors; and then decided to open play to non-BCTA members interested in participating.

Annual Meeting – Mike Richardson reported that the Purple Onion was very difficult to deal with, so is not considered a viable option for the meeting. She and Diana Wells are still looking.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM. The next meeting is at 7 PM on Monday Aug 13, 2007 at the BEMC building on Rt 17. There is no meeting in July.

Respectfully submitted,

Dag Egede-Nissen
Acting Secretary

Action Items:

Mike Heath - follow up with USTA for ideas on how to hold a “Back To Tennis” night; status -> ON HOLD

Michaela Richardson and Diana Wells – get info pertaining to possibility of holding next annual meeting at local restaurant; see mention in “**Annual Meeting**” section; status -> CARRIED OVER

Ron Watts – obtain additional director/volunteer liability coverage; status -> CARRIED OVER

Mike Heath – develop budgeting process; status -> CARRIED OVER