

## **Minutes of September 13, 2010 Brunswick County Tennis Association Board Of Directors Meeting**

President Linda Fluegel called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Other board members present were Randy Wrigley, Carol Cini, Sarah Benjamin, Faye Campbell, Kathy Burnham, Karen Holbrook, Pat Forrest and Jan Denney. Board members Sut Ahuja, Ron Madden, Phil Edwards, Khrystye Haselden, and Mike Heath were not present. The proposed meeting agenda was approved. **(Note that any attachments or handouts mentioned herein are in the Secretary's "Minutes" binder.)**

**Secretary** – Randy Wrigley stated that the final version of the August 9th minutes was sent out August 23. There were no further corrections, and those minutes were unanimously approved.

**Bills** – There were \$65 in bills to be paid, associated with directory printing/mailing. The paying of those bills was unanimously approved.

**Guest** – Amy Franklin of NCTA was to be our guest to discuss ways to get community involvement in USTA, but she fell ill after arriving in the area, and was unable to attend. There was associated discussion of BCTA having a table at the Oyster Festival Tennis Tournament October 1-3. Kathy Burnham is playing in that tournament, and she will try to staff the table as best she can. After some discussion of an idea suggested by Jan Denney, it was unanimously approved to have a raffle at the event for 10 individual USTA memberships, as partial use of the USTA grant. Jan, Sarah Benjamin and Kathy agreed to do the things (create raffle box, sign, receipt book, contact Ron Watts to do the drawing, etc.) needed to make it happen.

**Treasurer** – Carol Cini presented the financial report. He stated we are in good financial condition, with \$7625 in the checking account and \$6742 in a CD. For August, expenses (\$999, youth tennis) exceeded income (\$52). A motion was made and carried unanimously to accept the financial report. Carol also reported that we received a \$143 check for our semiannual NC Sales Tax refund.

**Grant Writer** – Karen Holbrook suggested a NCTA grant proposal to buy used tennis ball receptacles that also act as trash cans. She handed out explanatory material, and stated that both the school system and county Parks & Recreation would support the proposal. There would be no cost to BCTA. After some discussion, a motion was made and unanimously approved for Karen to write up and send in such a grant proposal to NCTA.

**Membership** – Sarah Benjamin reported that we currently have 300 members.

She also mentioned that we have provided about 1500 used tennis balls to local schools in the last two months. The schools are very appreciative of our effort.

**Youth Tennis**— Phil Edwards was not available for a report. There was discussion of the apparent lack of activity in this area; only a few youngsters signed up for Fall Middle School League tennis, so there will be no league this year. One possible explanation voiced was that several area pros are offering camps and/or lessons that may have siphoned off some interested

children. Pat Forrest suggested the possibility of BCTA backing off on youth tennis activities; Linda will contact Phil Edwards to see what his ongoing plans are for the youth tennis program.

**Team Tennis/Ladders** –Faye Campbell reported that the Women’s Captains Meeting was held. At the luncheon, it was decided to use a 10-point tiebreak to replace a 3<sup>rd</sup> set if more than 1.5 hours had been played to that point in the match. There are 4 regular teams and 6 advanced teams. One team disbanded at the luncheon, and several of the members joined other teams. This caused one of the teams to have 13 members, one more than the stated limit. A motion was made and carried unanimously to allow that for this season and that team only.

There was no report for the Men’s league.

**Web Site and Parks & Recreation** – No reports.

**Facilities and Scheduling** – Karen MacKinnon was not present, but had asked Linda to request that the end-of-season round-robin be approved for the Ocean Isle Park courts on November 13. That approval was given.

**Publicity** – Kathy Burnham had nothing to report.

**Newsletter** – Jan Denney stated that the newsletter was sent out in mid-August. She raised a question about the usefulness of the newsletter, considering the good newspaper coverage and the Tennis Flash mechanism.

**Old Business** – On the topic of the membership committee, Sarah reported that she and Michaela Richardson will get together to review directory activities in the fall; also, Sarah and Debbie Scharoun will review Active Network interactions in the fall.

On the topic of recycling tennis balls, Sarah gave Randy several hundred used balls to deliver to the Cedar Grove Middle School, and the proposed receptacle grant discussed above covers helping to continue the collection process.

**New Business** – Jan Denney reviewed the changes to the Bylaws, which she, June Froelich and Dag Egede-Nissen had prepared. Some revisions were made after discussion. The final version will be presented to the membership at the annual meeting in November for ratification.

Linda reviewed the proposed changes to the Team Tennis Guidelines, and a motion was made and carried unanimously to approve those changes, which become effective with the spring 2011 season.

Linda stated that she will be attending the 2010 NCTA Development Conference at Greensboro 9/30 – 10/2 as BCTA President, and NCTA will pay her expenses. Karen will also be attending as a member of the Grants Committee, and NCTA will be paying her expenses. Pat Forrest will be attending also, and BCTA will pay for her personal expenses.

Planning for the annual meeting will be on the Agenda for the October meeting.

Due to the lateness of the meeting, the review of the changes to the Strategic Plan will be held over to the October meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM. The next BOD meeting is at 7 PM on Monday, October 11, 2010 at the BEMC building on Rt 17.

Respectfully submitted, Randy Wrigley