

Minutes of September 14, 2009 Brunswick County Tennis Association Board Of Directors Meeting

President Michaela Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Also present were Kathy Burnham, Karen MacKinnon, Jan Denney, Linda Fluegel, Sarah Benjamin, Randy Wrigley, and Dag Egede-Nissen.

Secretary – Randy Wrigley stated that the minutes for the July 2009 meeting had previously been distributed via email. He asked for additional corrections, and there were none. By unanimous vote, the July 2009 meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer – Kay Brannon was not available but had indicated to Michaela that the checking account stood at \$4257.16. There were no outstanding checks.

President's Report – Michaela had nothing additional to report at this time.

Membership – Sarah Benjamin stated that we now have 307 members. Our use of Active Network seems to be working out very well for Sarah, the league coordinators, and the team captains. Active's customer support has been excellent. Two suggestions have been made: to have the team code replace by the captain's name during the signup process, and for each registered member to have a number assigned. These will be discussed with Active.

The used tennis ball recycling program is gathering momentum. Over 700 balls have been delivered to a couple of local schools, and that distribution will be expanding. We might apply for a NCTA grant for more tennis ball recycling bins.

Youth Tennis—John Keilman was not able to attend, but, via email, reported that on 9/10, Middle School Tennis, renamed Brunswick County Junior Tennis, restarted. Eighteen youngsters registered in Southport, but only 11 in Shallotte. Coaches are Sut Ahuja (assisted by Kathy Burnham and Lou Redick), Pat Forrest (assisted by John Donagher), Richard Pearce, and Cynthia Hamrick (assisted by John Keilman). John asked to be allowed to spend up to \$60 to get T-shirts for those coaches who were not coaches in the Summer Youth Tennis program (the T-shirts would be the same as in the summer). A motion was made and carried to that effect.

The Summer Youth Tennis program had 111 participants at the 5 parks, with Shallotte, Town Creek, and Smithville having 25-30 each and Oak Island and Lockwood Folly having about 15 each. Several of the head coaches received appreciation expressed in a number of different ways from their groups of parents.

Team Tennis/Ladders –Karen MacKinnon reported that the separate men's and women's captains meetings were held. Play has started. A note from Richard Trask about modifying the format of the end-of-season gathering was discussed. He suggested a tournament rather than the current round-robin. Since several comments were made that the feedback on the current format has been good from participants, Richard will be advised that the current event will stay, but that he could organize a tournament if he desires.

Web Site – There was nothing to report.

Publicity - Kathy Burnham had nothing new to report.

Facilities – Dag had nothing to report at this time.

Newsletter – Jan had nothing new to report.

Special Activities – Linda Fluegel had nothing to report.

New Business - There was discussion of where to hold the annual meeting reception. Karen related some info about the Members Club at St James. They are holding our meeting date for us. Karen will pursue pricing details.

There was also discussion of who to ask to lead the officer nominating committee. Michaela will contact several people to see if they can do it.

Michaela led a brief discussion of an email she had received about an SBHS equipment fund raiser. We will wait to see the actual proposal before having further discussion.

She also led a brief discussion of another email she had received concerning interest from NBHS in the youth tennis league. It was decided that she should forward that email to John Keilman for his action.

There was a short discussion of our possible involvement in activities surrounding the soon-to-be-open Cedar Grove Park tennis courts. A motion was made and carried that we should take part.

There was discussion of BCTA participation in CTA workshops. A motion was made and carried that any participants could have expenses (verified with receipts) reimbursed up to the amounts of \$50 for gas, \$100 for hotel, and \$50 for meals.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM. The next meeting is at 7 PM on Monday, October 12 at the BEMC building on Rt 17.

Respectfully submitted, Randy Wrigley