

Minutes of November 14, 2008 Brunswick County Tennis Association Annual Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Board member attendees were Randy Wrigley, Kathy Burnham, Dag Egede-Nissen, Sarah Benjamin, Linda Fluegel, Michaela Richardson, Karen Holbrook, and Ron Madden. This meeting is serving as the annual meeting AND the monthly Board of Directors (BOD) meeting. There were a couple of non-BOD members in attendance.

Secretary - The minutes of the November 15, 2007 Annual Meeting were reviewed, some changes were made, and the revised minutes were approved. The minutes from the October 15, 2008 monthly meeting were approved, and the dates and times for the 2009 meetings were announced (7PM on the 2nd Monday at the BEMC building on Route 17 in Supply, except for July and December when no meetings are held).

Treasurer - In the absence of Treasurer Kay Brannon, Michaela reported that we spent somewhat more than we took in, and that during the BOD meetings in early 2009, we should carefully review planned expenses. Possible areas to be looked at are some aspects of youth tennis and the raising of team tennis fees.

President's Report - Michaela mentioned that Wali Zedziniak will be replacing Barbara Ash as the area representative for Oak Island/Caswell Beach. Michaela also mentioned that a new score keeper will be needed for future Team Tennis seasons as Dick Powell is relinquishing that function; appreciation was expressed for his past efforts. She finished with mentioning that the results of the ladder survey, a potential mixed doubles league, and other ideas from the Team Tennis round robin will be topics for discussion in 2009 BOD meetings.

Membership - Sarah Benjamin reported that we currently have 347 members, and that annual membership renewals for 2009 will open on 11/15/08. A question was raised about double registrations, in that the online system does not seem to recognize when a person has already registered; Sarah stated that she thinks this problem will disappear once the system's database is stabilized. She also stated that from her viewpoint, the automated registration process has worked very well and has removed much manual follow-up work on her part. Sarah mentioned that as the membership grows, the size of the paper directory is also growing, and that more folks are needed to work on getting more ad support; she plans on forming a sub-committee to help with this. Michaela led the attendees in a round of appreciative applause for Sarah's efforts for getting the computerized registration process going.

Publicity--Kathy Burnham will put together a year-end wrap-up article for the papers.

Team Tennis --Karen MacKinnon submitted a written report in which she congratulated the women winners of the fall season (the teams captained by Janice Ammann and Nancy Fultz / Connie Neuner), and thanked the many people who made it a success. She also expressed satisfaction with the online registration process as it applied to the Team

Tennis program, and is looking forward to an even smoother process for the spring season.

Ron Madden expressed his satisfaction with the men's fall season, and congratulated the winning teams (captained by Karl Busch and Jim McLoughlin). Ron mentioned that he expects to have a 5th advanced men's team in the spring, and even possibly a 6th. He mentioned that several players suggested involving singles play into the league process.

After some discussion, it was decided that Team Tennis online registration for the spring season should start on January 15.

Youth Tennis - Karen Holbrook reviewed the year's activities, including the summer Youth programs at 5 county parks, the recreational coaches workshop, and the new Middle School league. She asked whether it might be appropriate for a separate (from the BCTA) board of advisors to exist for the Middle School league, and to have "teams" formed during the summer program to make that program more interesting for the participants.

Facilities – Dag asked if anyone knew of any county official being involved in tennis. No one in attendance could respond.

Newsletter – It was mentioned that the next newsletter will be produced around the end of the year.

Special Activities – Linda Fluegel reported that 28 players showed up for the end-of-season Team Tennis round-robin play on 11/18 at SBHS; 43 had signed up. She suggested that in the interest of saving some money, BCTA not provide supplies and refreshments at the summer bi-weekly round-robin gatherings; attendance was low at this summer's series, with less than 10 players at any session. This will be a topic for the January BOD meeting.

Other Business – Linda asked about the budget for 2009. Michaela asked Randy to see if he had a copy of the 2008 budget in the records, and, if so, send a copy to her.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted, Randy Wrigley