



**Harbour Town Racquet Club
Board Meeting**

Monday, January 19, 2015

LOCATION OF MEETING: Harbour Town Racquet Club House

CALL TO ORDER: President Ed Hall, called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 2:15 p.m. In attendance were Ed Hall, Rich Lamke, Barbara Powell, Dan Frey, Kathy Rioux, and Mike See, Club Manager.

The Minutes from the December 2014 meeting were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

MEMBERSHIP: Connie Abenante life membership status was brought into question. Ed Hall communicated with Connie and she indicated she was appointed a “lifetime membership” for doing clerical duties and although she is no longer carrying out these clerical duties she wishes to remain an active member. Ed requested that Connie provide appropriate documentation of this status. This has not been provided to date and therefore Connie will be considered a dues paying active member as of January 2015. This matter is now considered closed.

Members Jim McNellis and David Kibbe, submitted their resignation to the board. The board accepted these resignations and their names will be removed from the club’s membership roster.

CORRESPONDENCE/NEWSLETTER: The newsletter is “evolving” as Mike and Kathy are working as a team on the newsletters. Several members have requested that Birthdays be posted in the Newsletters, so Kathy Rioux has volunteered to do these each month. Note: Members should contact Kathy if their birthday is not listed, as she may not have an up-to-date list.

Ed emphasized that we should recognize all volunteer member contributions by specifically thanking them by name in the newsletter. We should also emphasize wearing of proper tennis shoes (with herringbone soles, or similar flat soled shoes, appropriate for play on soft courts).

Ed also requested that Email correspondence be sent to club members as BCC and not CC.

OLD BUSINESS:

SOCIAL EVENTS: Dinner at Famous is planned for February 5th and 34 members have signed up. Email reminders will be sent. We will discuss planning for the Christmas Dinner/Party at our next meeting. **Suggestions are welcome!**

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COURT MAINTENANCE: Courts 1-6 will be resurfaced, with additional material added to courts 1-2. Courts 1-2 will also have new lines put down. We are hoping to have this project finished sometime in March, if possible. The courts will be closed for several days while this is being done. The approximate cost will be \$6,000. Ed Hall is currently negotiating with several different contractors about specifics.

PROPER FOOTWEAR ON COURT: Now that signs have been posted and members have been notified and reminded in several past Newsletters, offenders will receive a warning and then not allowed to play if wearing inappropriate shoes. Note: Wearing inappropriate shoes leads to higher maintenance costs for the club. Shoes with corrugations, deep grooves, pads, or other aggressive soles that track up the courts, cause damage to the court surface, and are not allowed on Har-tru tennis courts.

REVIEW OF POLICIES AND UPDATE OF WEBSITE: Some policies have been changed and others are still being reviewed.

- Guest fees will now be \$10.00 per guest. Members are responsible for having their guest sign Guest Book and pay fee.
- There will be a \$50.00 fee for nonmembers who wish to join one of our leagues.
- The rules pertaining to medical leave were discussed. Members have been resigning instead of applying for Leave of Absence, and then re-joining later. The Board therefore agreed that it would be beneficial to change the Leave of Absence from 6 months to 3 months, with submission and approval of Medical Leave Form. As stated in the Bylaws, single members will pay *half of their monthly dues while on medical leave. When one person of a family membership is on medical leave, the membership fee will be 75% of the current total monthly fee.*
- Ed Hall is working on updating photos and will be talking to our webmaster, Steve, about changes to website.
- Treasurer, Rich Lamke, reported that our club lost money on the Christmas Party, partly due to members cancelling reservations, after the club had contracted for service with the vendor. In further discussion by the board, it was noted that members should be made aware that our club is contracting with the vendor on the member's behalf and that once a service contract is in place with the vendor, the club is financially obligated. It should be noted that once the reservation has been finalized with the vendor, money is not refundable to the club and therefore, not refundable to members.

TREASURER: Rich Lamke submitted the Treasury Report for October, November and December 2014. We have a balance of \$4,969.07 in the checking account and \$21,407.09 in the Money Market account. Property taxes were paid in December, and we also had increased maintenance expenses in 2014 for court lighting.

The Board discussed risking 50% of the money market in an S&P, because we are making next to nothing in interest. After discussion, it was decided it would not be in the best interest for the club to take any risk at all.

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CLUB MANAGER:

LEAGUES: Nedgelena Jennings, Captain of the Ladies 4.0 League, reported to Club Pro, Mike See, that they will need 5 courts. It has been agreed that courts will be available to them at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. League scheduler, Sherry Strickland, will accommodate our interclub play schedule and will schedule any home matches at Harbour Town on Tuesdays and Thursday at 11:00 a.m. The Ladies 4.0 as well as 4.0 and over Leagues begin play March 2nd.

It was hoped that we could have a 3.0 Ladies 55 Team, but unfortunately there were not enough 3.0 ladies for a team. We will continue to promote this and may be able to have a 3.0/3.5 combo league in the fall.

This meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

The next Board Meeting will be February 16, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Rioux, Secretary