



**Harbour Town Racquet Club
Board Meeting**

February 16, 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 2:12 p.m. In attendance were Ed Hall, Rich Lamke, Barbara Powell, Doreen Hyet, Dan Frey, and Kathy Rioux.

The Minutes from the January 2015 meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS: Club President, Ed Hall, has reviewed most of the club documents and has identified items that do not reflect current club policies. He, with the help of Barbara Powell, will begin updating the club documents beginning in March.

Court Maintenance: Ed Hall and Mike See have met with the contractor, Bobby Taylor, and resurfacing of courts is scheduled for the first week of March, weather permitting. In light of the freezing weather and previous no-play days and the observed conditions of the courts after our recent wind storm, it was noted by Ed Hall that it would cost us somewhat more to have all the courts done by Bobby Taylor, rather than if we did courts three through six ourselves, however it was in the best interest of the club and our members to repair the courts as soon as possible so that tennis could resume. The members of the Board agreed.

NEW BUSINESS: Recently, as in the past, we have had local community members playing on our courts without invitation. When approached by a member, the offenders replied that they were members of the community and that they thought the courts were for the community. It was brought to our attention that there are no signs that indicate that this is a private club and that the courts are for members only. Cost of signage similar to the ones we now have regarding our shoe policy is \$25 per sign. It might be difficult to prosecute trespassers without signs notifying the public that our courts are private, should that be necessary. After discussion it was agreed to have 4 signs prepared and posted at the court entrances.

The strong winds just last night blew the wind screens off the fence and all over the courts, and also blew a lot of the surface material off of the courts. Mike was not here to address the problem due to freezing temperatures. This raised the subject of the manager's responsibilities and work schedule particularly with the freezing temperatures the past few weeks. Quite a few members were contacting Board members because Mike was either not available or did not leave proper notification on the club answering machine. This will be addressed and we will specifically ask Mike to keep the answering

machine up-to-date and/or have the club house calls forwarded to his cell phone so members are kept up-to-date on court conditions and can communicate directly with Mike. In addition, Mike's cell phone number will be added to the Membership List.

Barbara Powell is planning a St. Patrick's Day Scrambles for March 15th and Doreen volunteered to plan and organize the food. Mike was not available to discuss planning for the Journey of Hope Centurion Tournament. Barbara suggested that an announcement be placed in the River Bend Newspaper and that Ellen Serra, Tommaso's wife, would be a good contact for that.

Dan Frey suggested we try to form our own League for play among club members only. We would need 4-6 members per team and the matches would be played in the Spring and in the Fall, possibly on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. Dan will send the information to Kathy for publication in the Newsletter and to have a signup posted at the clubhouse.

Kathy Rioux suggested Social Tennis on Sunday afternoons October through April and Friday nights May through September. Again, this information will be published in the Newsletter and a signup will be posted at the clubhouse to see what kind of interest there is.

TREASURER: Rich Lamke reported that dues increase is inevitable and that it should probably be implemented sometime around April or May.

This meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Rioux, Secretary