



Harbour Town Racquet Club
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August 19, 2015
Board Meeting

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 1:14 p.m. In attendance were Ed Hall, Barbara Powell, Dan Frey, Rich Lamke, Catrina Carcich, Bob Murphy and Kathy Rioux.

The Minutes from the July 2015 meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Member Recruitment: The incentive of offering one free month to members who bring a guest that joins is still in effect. This is logistically cumbersome for Rich, but he will work it out. We have had 2 new members thus far.

Dan mentioned that 4.0 and 4.5 men players are not playing here and that we need to be more competitive. He and Mike will be considering how to get more players out.

Kathy Rioux sent an Email to Carmine Buscemi, who runs the Newcomers tennis group, about Mike doing a clinic for newcomers.

Ed is in the process of designing a poster that can be posted at various locations around town, and possible published in a local senior or retirement magazine.

Media: Website and Newsletter: The website updates are going well. Ed wants to review and closely monitor updates. He will be in contact with Steve, our web master. Ed plans to update photos and we also need a BIO on Mike.

Courts/General Maintenance: We now have enough Har-Tru for one year. Mike says Courts #5 and #6 need new tape/lines.

Drainage Problems and Overgrowth of Trees and Shrubs: The City of River Bend trimmed the trees along Marina drive and will be doing some grading as well. Plans are for Jed Kennish to dig drainage ditches on the back side of Courts #3, #4, #5 and #6. Court #1 has an area where water accumulates around the benches and Ed is organizing a crew to dig out the area and fill with gravel and sand, and then patio blocks or cement.

Social Tennis: Plans are to start a Sunday afternoon group in October, as long as it does not conflict with USTA matches.

Bob Murphy reported that a date for interclub social tennis will be scheduled sometime toward the end of September with Old Port and Crystal Coast.

Sue Hartley inquired about organizing a social tennis play time with a group of out-of-town friends in September. This was encouraged and it was agreed that each guest will pay a one-time fee of \$10.00 and can come out and play during their visit, pending court availability.

Events: Catrina Carcich has agreed to organize the food for the U.S. Open Lunch on September 12th. She plans to have pizza or cold-cuts, a salad, and dessert, as well as beverages. Cost will be \$15.00 for members, \$20 for nonmembers, and \$10 for lunch only.

Dan Frey is working on the Turkey Doubles and plans to have sponsors so we can have T-shirts for all participants, and then some left over to sell. Having sponsors will offset the cost so we can raise some funds for the club. Dan suggested early sign-up so we can pre-order the T-shirts.

Ice Machine: Has been repaired at a total cost of \$795.00

NEW BUSINESS:

Board Positions: Sadly, Barbara Powell announced that she will be resigning the club for health reasons, but will be available if help is needed. Barbara will be sorely missed, and we certainly wish her well. This will leave a vacancy on the Board and we spoke about a candidate to replace Barbara. We will be seeking a suitable member for the Board. Also, Catrina has agreed to work with Doreen on the events.

In addition, Rich Lamke, who serves on the Board as our very dedicated and diligent Treasurer, and is in fact a CPA, has announced that his term is up this year. He is willing to serve on a year to year basis until we can find a replacement. We appreciate that Rich is willing to continue and hope that we can find someone to take on these responsibilities and serve us as well as he has these past three years.

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 19th at the River Bend Meeting Hall, for 7:00 p.m. It was motioned to change the time from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and all voted unanimously. Kathy will arrange time change and arrange to have the room unlocked for the meeting.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for September 23rd at 1:00 p.m.

This meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Rioux, Secretary