



Harbour Town Racquet Club
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June 3, 2016
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 1:20 p.m. In attendance were Ed Hall, Dan Frey, Tommaso Serra, Doreen Hyet and Kathy Rioux.

The Minutes from the April 25, 2016 meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Membership: We have added four new members this month, one of them a team member from the Ladies 3.0 Spring Team, applying the team fee toward the initiation fee. In addition, we have two nonmembers on the Mixed Doubles 7.0 Team. They each paid a team fee of \$50.

Resignations: Sue Hartley resigned her membership for health reasons. Ken Hartley is now a single member.

Board Positions: All positions are filled and active.

Treasurer's Report: Last month the Board unanimously voted to increase the club's monthly dues by \$5.00 per member effective July 1st. Ed wrote a letter to the members. We have had no negative feedback. We need to add more members to build her our reserves.

Media/Publicity: Kathy has prepared an advertisement to be distributed to the Newcomers of New Bern, which includes information about our club and Mike's Clinics, as well as an invitation to Saturday open play, up to three free visits.

The Newcomers of New Bern chairperson is open to the idea of having someone from our club speak at one of the Newcomers monthly meetings about our club and the health benefits of tennis, but we should wait until their new Board members take over duties in August.

Kathy also prepared an advertisement for Mike's Clinics on Mondays including Team Clinics for USTA Teams. We will use this to advertise our club in the Sun Journal. Target months would be June, July, August and September. Dan will contact Adam Thompson and Charlie Hall with the Sun Journal about getting this published.

Ed spoke with Pat Engeman about his offer to help with publicity and they are organizing a team to accomplish this. As mentioned in previous meetings, TALK Radio would be one avenue to explore.

Website and Newsletter: Mike had an accident and scraped up his face. We have to postpone the updated photo of Mike

Courts/General Maintenance: Doreen purchased a special trash can for personal hygiene disposal in the Ladies bathroom. The Ladies bathroom towel dispenser is not working correctly and Kathy asked that this be repaired or replaced.

Landscaping: Needs to be maintained regularly. Other shrubs should be trimmed in the fall and spring to keep in good shape.

The court lighting system is a concern with 9 USTA matches scheduled to be played in the evenings during June and July. Ed will replace the missing light bulbs, which will cost minimal. Unfortunately, the former electrician did not follow proper protocol and the breaker box is the only method for turning lights on and off. A new system is too expensive and we have to work with what we have. Tommaso suggested that we look into purchasing used lighting or salvaging the current lights to keep the lights running for at least 3 courts. In the meantime, we will try to schedule matches no later than 6:00 p.m.

Kathy raised a concern about court maintenance for USTA Sunday evening play. We will ask Mike to make arrangements. He can take a flex day off during the week if necessary. Mike watered courts on a day when a USTA match was to be played because he forgot the courts were needed. It was suggested that captains send a reminder to a Board member as well as Mike about court reservations for USTA matches, hopefully preventing this from recurring in the future.

Tommaso suggested that we have a volunteer each month to oversee maintenance and delegate responsibilities that Mike needs help with. It was the general consensus that the Board is fulfilling most of these responsibilities. We should give this some more thought.

The ice machine is not serviceable. We are looking into having someone come and haul it away. In the meantime, we are using the icemaker in the clubhouse. Ed suggested that it would be most practical for members to bring their own supply of cold water and also supply a large cooler of ice for special events or USTA matches.

USTA Teams: We have four Mixed Doubles teams, three teams actively playing and one team that will go directly to the NC State Championships in Asheville. Matches are on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. No daytime matches are scheduled at this time.

Twilight Tennis: During the months of June through August we will be playing four evenings a month with local clubs including with New Bern Golf & Country Club, Emerald and Taberna. The focus will be on tennis with little social time. Doreen Hyet and Jean Herscovici have agreed to organize the Mixed Doubles as well as Women and Bob Murphy has agreed to manage the Men. Only handful of men are interested in twilight and most of them are playing in Mixed Doubles with the USTA, so the men will only play in August. The Sunday afternoon and evening groups are suspended June and July.

EVENTS:

June 18 - Father's Day Round Robin: Mike wants to keep it social. Doreen has made arrangements for Dunkin Donuts to provide coffee, donuts and juice during the morning and then people will self-pay for lunch at Waters Edge. She is also having a 50-50 Raffle just for club members and is asking Mike to promote this and sell tickets throughout the month.

July 4th - Town of River Bend Parade - enter HTRC Float in parade: Only a few people have signed up and we need to generate more interest. Ed said we could use his truck and he will talk it up among the men. Club members are also invited to stay after the parade to answer questions about our club and membership and participate in the festivities.

The October Annual Business Meeting is currently scheduled for October 17th at 6:30PM. The Board voted to move the time to 6:00PM.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike has suggested forming a Men's Single League on Saturdays at 11:00 AM and advertising this, as a way to draw in younger members. We talked about the men in our club who play singles and we need to consider this perhaps beginning in September. We would need a captain. Perhaps Ken Ralph, Paul Kiely, Billy Cumber or Pat Engeman.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

This meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Rioux, Secretary