



**Harbour Town Racquet Club**  
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**June 23, 2017**  
**Board of Directors 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 1:05 p.m. In attendance were Mike See, Ed Hall, Rich Lamke, Bob Murphy, Kathy Rioux, and Doreen Hyet.

The Minutes from the March 2017 meeting were approved.

Review of Guest Policy: The Club's current guest policy, as of June 2017, was implemented on June 21, 2014 by the then Board of Directors, allowing guests to play up to four times per month. Recently, it was brought to the Board's attention that allowing guests to play four times per month might be detrimental to our membership drive, and even retaining current members. Upon careful review and consideration by the Board, the Board voted to return to the originally established guest policies as outlined in our Club Bylaws and Board policies as follows:

- ~ We request that visitors, guests and prospective members sign the Guest Register before using the courts (members are responsible to have their guest sign in and collect the appropriate fee).
- ~ A Guest may play one time per month, except as outlined below.
- ~ Appropriate court shoes must be worn when playing on our Har-Tru courts.
- ~ Prospective members may play as guests of HTRC. They must sign in, be accompanied by a Club member or be approved by the Club manager. A prospective member may play three times at no charge, after which they must adhere to the Club's guest policy or become a member.
- ~ Out-of-town house guests of members (residing in the member's home) may play during a period of seven (7) consecutive days at no charge.

~ Visiting USTA Members: Visitors must identify themselves to the Club manager, present a USTA Membership Card or other proof of USTA membership, sign the guest register, and pay the posted guest fee before using the courts and other facilities. Visiting USTA members may bring guests that are not USTA members, subject to approval by the Club's manager or Club President. Guests playing with a visiting USTA member must sign the guest register and pay the posted guest fee before playing.

~ USTA Team Fee for Nonmember: Nonmembers who wish to join a Harbour Town Racquet Club USTA Team will pay a fee of \$50.00 per team season. This includes team practice once per week and all league matches. Team Clinics with our Club pro are a separate charge.

Note: Repeated failure to sign in visitors or guests may result in suspension of guest privileges and subject the "host" member to being billed double the applicable guest fees.

The Guest Register should be kept in the corner near the telephone.

Membership: We added four new members, three of whom played on the women's spring USTA teams. Welcome new members: Jody Glover, Kelly Whitley, Cathy Smith, and Beth Michne. Our goal is to add new players and build up our group of 3.0 players.

Board Positions: All positions are filled and active. Bob Murphy was nominated to serve as Vice-President by unanimous vote. Ed Hall may be stepping down as President in October 2017.

Treasurer's Report: We have had a positive cash flow with total operating funds of \$41,585.68. The purchase of Har-Tru will impact this significantly. As always, we need to increase membership.

Maintenance: The Board recognized Peter for purchasing, painting, and installing our beautiful new doors for the men's and women's bathrooms. Ed also installed a new paper towel dispenser in the Ladies room and Doreen has spruced up the lady's bathroom with fresh paint and pictures and has ordered new shelving for both men's and women's bathrooms, to be installed by one of our "handy-men." A huge thanks to Ed, Peter, and Doreen for their hard work! We will address the landscaping needs, particularly vegetation growth along Courts 1 and 2, with plans to remove all shrubbery in the fall.

All agreed that a project list works better than an established "work day". Ed will determine what needs to be done and this list can be published as the need arises. Regarding the lighting, we are waiting on an electrical contractor to get an assessment of what can be done, if anything. In the meantime, there has been little need for the lighting because of the longer daylight hours and the fact that most play takes place during the daytime hours. Lights will be helpful when the days are shorter. This necessitates the USTA captains to schedule our home matches during the daytime and weekends, and to play at other Clubs in the evenings, which seems to be working out.

Har-Tru: Ed and Mike will work together on ordering sometime in the next month or so.

Community Tennis: New Bern Golf and Country Club as well as The Emerald and Taberna are participating. Kathy is scheduling based on availability of players.

Events: There were 20 people in attendance for the May Scrambles and the June Ice Cream Social was a big hit, although very hot and a few did not play tennis.

Doreen will be planning a dining out and perhaps a group trip to a Down East Wood Ducks minor league baseball game. She also plans to reserve a few tables at Attitudes in September for a Luau with the Bears Band, since this was very popular last year. We may have a Sunday Scrambles and cookout when the weather is a bit cooler. For the Christmas Party, Doreen has explored Dinner venues, but the cost is rather high so she is considering a luncheon at The Chelsea since the Water's Edge Restaurant is closing and actually up for sale. Doreen feels we may get better attendance if the cost is lower.

Advertising: We did not get any guests from the advertising in the Oriental Boat Show Brochure. However, we do have several members from the Oriental region who are spreading the word about our club!

Pam Miller has offered to do a write-up to send into the Sun Journal, along with pictures of our Spring Teams to use as a promotional for 2018 spring teams. We need to follow through on the suggestions we talked about back in March, primarily preparing a large poster for our Harbour Town Tennis Bear, which is currently standing in front of Captain Ratty's. The bear certainly draws attention, but without the sign, people do not really get "the message."

Website and Newsletter: The website looks terrific but we do need to send in some new pictures. We appreciate our terrific web master, Steve Groninga. Check out the web site and please contact Steve if in need of web services. The newsletter will be sent out quarterly, with updates when the monthly calendar is sent out.

This meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Rioux, Secretary