

Little Neck Swim and Racquet Club
Monthly Meeting
February 18, 2008

Board Members: Margaret Derrick, Ken Inglesby, Daryl Mitchell, Carole Sharp,
Nancy Barbachem, Kevin Stewart, Jeanene Wolfe
Committee Chairs: Mary Vance, Grace Carlson, Bill Gill
Staff: Shawn Sabia

Email vote between meetings to approve budget was unanimous.

Margaret called the meeting to order.

Old Business: Tennis court money from VA Power has still not been collected. Shawn received a letter stating that they are not responsible and are passing it off to their subcontractor. The board requests that Shawn take over this project from this point forward. Margaret will request that Barbara give all pertinent information to Shawn as soon as possible so that he can move forward on this.

Renovation: Margaret presented the board response to a proposed alternative renovation plan as follows:

The board appreciates the effort in considering this a possibility but the effort is too late in coming. If this information had been handed to the CIC last February, it would have the frame work for the development of the existing plan. The CIC comprised of 10 volunteer members and 2 designers covered a full range of cost effective options. At the annual meeting in October, as termed in the by laws, the CI plan and financing were approved by a majority of voting members present or by proxy. In all likelihood, there were more nay sayers present than pro voters. The objective of the board and the CIC, per the by laws is to see the \$250,000 renovation to fruition. The redesign and delay are to meet within the criteria approved by the membership: no more financed then \$250,000 and not to occur during the height of the season. The renovation will be built and financed as approved, anything less would be poor stewardship.

Carole moved to revote on the plan for the renovation with the general membership since the bids came in higher and the CIC made some modifications to bring the costs within the approved financing. Motion seconded by Ken. Ken feels the committee is acting in good faith to change the plans to bring the costs to within the voted upon limit. Kevin feels the functionality is still the same and the concerns voiced by the membership were addressed; such as moving the manager's office to the front of the building. Carole feels the plans have changed enough to warrant a new vote. Carole wants to know if the members are getting less for their money and should be apprised of the changes. Margaret agrees that the membership should be apprised of the steps being taken but a vote is

not necessary. The main changes have to do with the plumbing and electrical costs. Kevin and Daryl will do due diligence to inform the membership.

Motion to have membership revote for the renovation: Carole voted for revote; everyone else against.

Manager's Report: Shawn Sabia

Steve Profitt has reconnected the irrigation and given a quote for repairing heads and putting in a new zone which is \$1524.28. It was noted that \$1500 has already been paid; the whole job will be just over \$3000. New zone is by front berms along the clay courts. This is compared to the other quote of \$8000.

Unanimous vote to pay these costs to finish the job.

Shawn sent out a club inventory and maintenance list. Recommends holding off on the roof. He will be looking at diving board resurfacing. He has an electrician coming out to see why the tennis court lights take so long to turn on. The metal on the pool slide needs to be repainted but not by the same person as last year. Bill feels it needs to be blasted before repainting if it is going to last. Bill suggested Bay Mechanical, who has power coating in their shop, but they may not have a mobile crew. Men's bathroom door is rusting on the bottom and needs to be fixed/replaced before the pool opens to prevent injuries.

A lot of tennis replacement costs – has gotten quote of \$966.88 to replace 3 nets, divider on courts 3 & 4, the skirts and a lot of little parts. Has been checking other prices. Voted unanimously to approve this expenditure. We still have 2 pending permits for the tennis courts that need to be closed.

Membership Report: Mary Vance

Getting invoice ready to go by mid-March, verbiage regarding social events was submitted by Jeanene for board input. Will have a special meeting to vote on bylaws; ideas to offer drive-by voting, offer social activities to get members there, and also include a large timeframe for folks to stop by and drop off a form sent out by email. Grace suggested a family tennis demo that day as well. There will be specific sessions to address concerns but it will be marketed as a family social event. Ken suggested hiring some teens to help with child care. Kevin suggested giving out extra guest passes for attending. Looking at holding it on Sunday, April 6th from 1-5 for the social and discussion, and voting open until 8. Offer food, alcohol and an inflatable. Kevin said offer a type of raffle – check with Beach Ford (Tom Barton).

Ken wants to have a club clean-up day. Jeanene suggested teens who need community service hours be solicited.

Swim Committee: Bill Gill

Lauren is still determining if she will be coming back this summer or moving out of the area, she will give an answer by the end of this month. Coach staffing is

pending this decision. Meet schedule is being firmed up. Tentatively set as follows: June 21st home, June 28th home, 4th of July meet at CB on the July 3rd, July 12th home, July 19th away, July 26th Divisionals at Alanton or PA, August 3rd All Stars at LNSRC.

Tennis Committee: Grace Carlson

Tony's spring/summer clinic program sent to board today for review, tennis committee wants to post it the first week of March, should have Narh's by then. Ken would like them both to be posted at the same time even if that means moving the posting back a week. Name of pro will be listed on the schedule. Shawn did not give Narh the first week since he will still be settling in from his trip. Ken asked about the number of courts used. Grace said usually 2-3 are used. Shawn stated they will both use assistants of their own choosing with preference given to one of the club's assistants. The pros need to check with Shawn if they want to use someone who is not a club employee. Parent-child tournament being planned on April 5th. Shelters are still pending for Ross Wolfe's quotes; he has been out of town. The tennis committee voted on the online court reservation system. The committee wants to go with Tony's system vs. Tennis Connect. The committee looked at features that would benefit tennis only. The committee stated the programs are similar but we don't need the extra features of player-level matching as a small recreational facility. They were also concerned that the board asked Tony over a year ago to create this system and now after lots of investment of his time, we need to give it a shot. Thirdly, we need a system that will deal with other social event sign-ups. Tony feels it is feasible to add this feature. The board needs to look at both programs, work with them, and then make an educated decision. Grace hopes the board will respect the tennis committee vote. She, personally, would like for Tony to be compensated if we do not go with his program since he was asked to create it by the board.

Margaret asked that the Ghana tournament be added to tennis schedule. Also, Amy and Mavis would like new folks to work with them this year so they can begin handing over the program to someone else.

No rules report.

No report by Diane Yates.

Financial Report: Daryl

End of year budget from 2007 will be posted to the website once it is finalized.

Bylaws: Ken

Made several wording changes to bylaws. Will email out final version for approval prior to special meeting. Will post by March 1.