

Little Neck Swim and Racquet Club
Monthly Meeting
September 15, 2008

Board Members: Margaret Derrick, Daryl Mitchell, Ken Inglesby, Jeanene Wolfe, Kevin Stewart, Carole Sharpe, Nancy Barbachem
Committee Chairs: Mary Vance, Cyndi Jones
Employees: Suzi Pease
Guests: Amy Courtney

Meeting opened by Margaret. Requested any changes to the August minutes. Motion to approve August minutes by Daryl. Seconded by Ken. Minutes approved.

Email votes were as follows:

1. There was a request by Tide Swim Team to temporarily rent the pool for practice sessions. Taking into consideration that the pool was open and operational, the motion was to rent the facility to Tide for a fee of \$25 per hour provided they provide an insurance certificate and their own life guarding during the use of the pool. The motion was approved.

President's Report – Margaret Derrick

Jeanene and Bob Jones have been working on getting the website up and running with the new service, Tennis Connect. Discussed whether we should have photos and videos of members and member events online since we usually do not have photo releases. Mary Vance stated the current new member form has a photo release section but there are still a lot of members who would not have signed it. Bob recommends we do have consent for any photos or video we want to use. Jeanene feels this adds a nice touch to the website but we need to make sure people's right to privacy is respected. Amy Courtney feels if we don't name names, then we shouldn't have a problem since you can Google any house and see photos which were taken by satellite without consent. Jeanene suggested we get consents signed at the annual meeting and track photos that get posted against a consent database. The guards can help out with tracking this.

Nominating Committee – Cyndi Jones

This has been one of the toughest years since she has been doing this. People are feeling pulled in many different directions; it is not a reflection of not wanting to be involved with the club. The committee has a full slate of nominees and she presented the slate as follows: Vice President- Lisa Conrad, Treasurer - Barbara Hudson and Kevin Stewart, 2 Directors at Large – John Brown and Al Craft. She needs to confirm that Barbara is still interested in being on the slate since she

was only running if there was a hole in the positions. The annual meeting is set for October 20th at 7:00 pm in the clubhouse.

Manager- Suzi Pease

Shawn did a great job training her. He also did a great job in hiring the staff this year and would like to keep up that standard.

Closing the clay courts properly is going to be a big job so she is signing up for a training course. She is also learning to trouble-shoot the pump issues. Meeting with the pros and getting more involved with the tennis committee. The pool will be closed Wednesday of this week. Going to see if we can wait another year to replace the caulking. Will also get replacement costs for the ladder and anchors for the cover. Will have estimates by the November budget meeting. Also looking at fixing a few other items as well as repainting the mushroom pool slide. She is using a new handyman whom she has worked with in the past. There is a live wire on the front sign where a light was shattered. It was broken by Steve Profitt who will replace it. VA Power needs to reset the lights for the winter hours. Steve also found a big sink hole near the pump room. He filled it but it will wash out again. They are trying to see where the leak is coming from. Youth night was a huge success. The addition of the DJ was really nice. Jeanene wondered if Astro DJ would give us a special rate if we had them come to youth night regularly. They really like to have a DJ who will do games with the kids. Needs guidance with what type of expenses need approval. Plans to keep the tennis assistants on through December. Would also like to get some college interns to help with programming. Needs the Sam's Club and credit card accounts transferred to her name. Daryl wants to shoot for April to start having Quicken print the checks vs. handwriting them. Shawn was working with Trafford to get the tennis court resolved. We are waiting for repair quotes but it is the 2 year anniversary of the damage and needs to be resolved.

Tennis – Margaret Derrick for Grace Carlson

Still working on developing the junior tennis team program. Ross Wolfe is getting bids for the tennis shelters.

GTA – Amy Courtney

It was wonderful and she thanks everyone for their help and support. Mr. Woltmann played Narh and everyone enjoyed watching the match. There was also a letter from Mr. Roosevelt, Teddy Roosevelt's great-grandson, regarding Narh and his involvement with the Ghana Youth Development program. The sponsorship from Tampa was \$2130. They are still going over receipts and do not have a final total from our club yet. \$1750 was raised from sponsorships alone. The tournament and social should have raised \$2055 so the final number should be over \$4000. Expenses include food costs, cake, DJ, alcohol, t-shirts, etc. Keg was paid by the club so that amount needs to be deducted by Suzi. The ball boys and girls added a nice touch as well as having the life guard chair for Tony to umpire from. Grace was a nice help. Kevin felt it was a wonderful

event and would hate to see it go away. We need to find a way to get other volunteers involved to keep this going. Amy said splitting the social and tennis into two separate tasks would make it more manageable, and they will continue to help with advertising.

VP Report/Grounds- Ken Inglesby
No report.

Capital Improvements – Kevin Stewart

The clubhouse renovation project is still over budget in spite of cutting costs as much as possible. The soft costs are what is putting it over budget. Hard costs will not exceed \$236,000. The committee is leaning towards Hoyer based on their presentation. We need to figure out a way to handle this issue with the membership. Mary Vance stated that if the membership gives it a go, we start the next day. Kevin stated that would be our plan. He hates the idea of having to go back out again since it opens up for people wanting to make design changes and this would incur more costs. We need to decide what we are asking the membership to vote on. Can we vote to have the board put \$25,000 of our surplus put towards the overage and \$7,000 put towards tennis courts? Daryl stated the problem is if the anticipated surplus is less, we would not have that money available. He would rather borrow the money. Kevin asked if we can vote to give the board discretion to borrow up to an additional \$25,000, if needed, due to less than expected overage. Amy has concerns that it will open up discussion of going with a new design which is not an option at this point. Mary would not want to see this happen. Margaret stated the financing is better than expected, but the costs are still more than projected. Amy wanted to make sure the tennis courts are not overlooked to do this renovation. Daryl stated we have money earmarked for that which is firm. Ken was concerned about other repairs/improvements that could also benefit from the use of the overage. Margaret stated we have money in the capital improvement budget that is not a part of the overage. Amy stated we cannot risk a rumor that the tennis courts are being sacrificed for this renovation since that would impact the vote and that is not what is going to happen. Daryl felt we need to have a firm plan for a date to resurface the tennis courts to avoid this. Kevin was concerned about locking into a specific date for the courts to get this project passed. Carole felt we need to state clearly that this will not affect the tennis court resurface. She was concerned about the wording "to give the board discretion to spend up to \$25,000". The more clear the information is, the less possibility of false rumors. Kevin felt it is wrong to set a date early on the courts based on an expected overage just to assuage fears of the tennis courts getting overlooked. Carole said we can let them know we are still committed to the courts without committing to spend money before we have confirmed our overage at the end of the budget year. She wants the specifics of why we need more money, spelling out the costs which need to be covered. Daryl stated it needs to be an either/or vote. Margaret suggested we break out the costs, put out the plan with the builder, and vote yes or no to proceed with the extra funding. Dues will not be raised and this

will not create a shift in the tennis court project. Mary asked why the operating reserved fund cannot be used for the fascia. Ken wanted to know what other costs will need to be covered. Margaret stated we will need to replace the carpet in the clubhouse which is a separate expense. Kevin feels it is bad fiscal management to spend your money down close to zero. The fascia is not an emergency cost. Suzi asked if we have an ideal membership to meet all of the financial needs. Ken stated our ideal is 550 members. Jeanene stated we haven't done any specific membership drives in the last few years. Mary stated the past efforts with flyers for the local elementary school families did not bring in any new members. Carole said the swim team has brought in the most new members. Jeanene stated the new junior tennis team may bring in new members as well. Kevin and Daryl will work on the vote wording and keep shopping the loan to get the best rate. We need to mail our letter via US mail for the member notification, ballot and slate of officers. This needs to be postmarked at least 30 days in advance. Ballots will only be accepted by drop-off at the office or the locked box or mailed this year. No email votes until we can put a system in place to validate the votes. Margaret will write the cover letter and Kevin will write the information about the vote.

Treasurer – Daryl Mitchell

August revenue was up \$40,000 and expenses up only 3% which is mostly due to wage increases. The insurance is also up but these costs were expected and budgeted for. Pool costs were down due to Shawn's hard work which was nice. \$300,000 in the bank. Will not go with Wachovia for the construction loan since they are not offering the best deal.

Social Committee – Margaret Derrick

Do we want the social committee to plan an Oktoberfest party for the annual meeting? Consensus was that a few munchies are all that is necessary. Attendance may be down due to the absentee ballot option.

Tennis Connect Addendum – Jeanene Wolfe

She shared Bob's concerns about the potential for solicitation to members via Tennis Connect. The Tennis Connect staff say this exposure is minimal but the possibility is there. It was agreed that the members should not be exposed to unwanted solicitation and we will have to handle this if it begins to occur.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanene Wolfe