

Little Neck Swim and Racquet Club
Monthly Meeting
July 20, 2009

Board Members: Margaret Derrick, Jeanene Wolfe, Lisa Conrad, Kevin Stewart, Al Craft
Committee Chairs: Grace Carlson, Mary Vance, Bill Gill
Employees: Suzi Pease, Tony Benjumea, Narh Tetteh
Guests: Lori Horth, Lynne Murrell, Sue Flora

Meeting opened by Margaret. The necessary quorum was present. Requested any changes to the June minutes. Motion to approve the June minutes by Al. Seconded by Lisa. June minutes adopted.

Narh addressed the board regarding his request to temporarily go part-time on his court and have his court fees reduced. He stated he requested this starting in June. Suzi has told him he can't be on the courts until his rent from June and July is paid up although he was allowed to complete the clinic he had started. Margaret reminded him that he signed a contract with LNSRC and had submitted a physician's note stating that there were no limitations on his ability to teach. He only realized in June that he was unable to teach full-time and that is why he requested part-time status at that time. The current contract will stay in effect until he brings himself out of arrears and then we can renegotiate a part-time status. We needed documentation to consider the part-time status and that letter did not come to the board until the beginning of July. Narh thought the board would give him part-time status starting in July based on his letter. The board could not just throw out the contract without serious consideration. He could have removed himself from his court until he got a decision from the board to be sure he was granted part-time status.

Grace would like to address the junior tennis program along with her guests. Presented the new junior tennis program. There are about 16 kids tentatively signed up and ready to go. The a la carte pricing was changed so the kids only pay for the type of activity they want not the specific events they will participate in. The team concept is what the kids are excited about so calling it a team is for this reason. Motion by Kevin to accept the junior tennis team as presented. Seconded by Lisa. Approved unanimously.

Email votes were as follows:

- We are about 5 years past due on having sand removed from the overflow vaults that lead to the pump. These vaults are designed to trap sand and debris so that it does not run through the pump when we backwash the pool. John Forrest advised the board that this needed to be done. The previous cost to have it vacuumed out has been in the \$1500 range depending on

how long it takes. The vacuum truck and labor are about \$300 an hour. John Forrest felt we would be at or below the \$1500 mark. Motion to approve no more than \$1500 for overflow valve vacuuming. Motion passed.

President's Report – Margaret

- Cameras and vandalism event – Someone gained entry into the clubhouse through the snack bar window and vandalized the facilities. The cash register was emptied of about \$300, there were smashed watermelons and the fire extinguisher sprayed, as well as a small fire set in the kitchen. Also smashed the office window but it is double paned so they did not get in. A camera system had been discussed but was tabled pending the status of the budget after dues and other maintenance expenses were tallied. Suzi will contact two other vendors to get quotes. Will post info about this incident and offer a reward through 1-888-LOCK-U-UP.
- Shade and furniture on pool deck – This is dependent of the status of the budget. A file got deleted from Quickbooks so the status is not accurate at this time. Mary reported that there are 377 regular members (373 last month) and 77 annual members (70 last month) at this time. Repairs are way over the amount budgeted. We need to figure out if we have money in the budget for more umbrellas. Suzi suggested we need to get the type that do not have the rope to raise or lower them.
- Request was made to offer a membership for the month of August with a reduced rate such as we offer for the months of May and June for those moving out of the area. We already offer a pro-rated fee for this very purpose so this is not a viable option.

Committee Reports:

Manager's Report - Suzi Pease

- Met with Bob Jones on Tennis Connect. Will roll it out on a small scale initially to work through several small kinks. The cut off for the next day to reserve tennis courts online is 4:00. There is a limit to the number of times you can reserve a court per member and no more than a five days in advance. Then it will be launched to the membership as a whole.
- Still have not put locks on the lockers but there have been no more incidents. Kids have also been playing with the sewer lid and there is concern that a child could get trapped in there. If kids are not following the rules, the parent needs to be notified and a reprimand protocol followed.

Vice President – Lisa Conrad

- Meeting with Brad Martin tomorrow about the grounds issues.

Treasurer – Kevin Stewart

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Tennis – Grace Carlson

- Did not have good attendance for summer camp for the first time in many years. Needs to find a way to assess the members' needs to determine how to increase participation. Cancelled about 90% of those offered. This may be a reflection of the economy. Pros need to have fall camp and clinic schedule submitted by August 1st.
- 4th of July social was well attended with 22 players. Doing turkey social and may add Halloween as well.
- The state adults doubles tournament wants to hold their event here. Tony is getting more info on this before a decision is made about holding an alternative fundraising tournament while there is a delay with the GTA.
- Sale of LNSRC hats and shirts will be run by Justin Martone.
- Al requested we have another adult social in August. Suggested to set up a calendar of the socials for the rest of the year to publicize now. US Open social also suggested.

Tennis Court Renovations – Al Craft

- No major report. Talked to Ben Reynolds and got in touch with Ford's Colony in Williamsburg and will take a group of members to try out the Premiere surface courts. The pro there had good things to say about the surface. Ben complimented Suzi on taking such good care of the courts despite unusual difficulties.

Membership – Mary Vance

- See report above.

Swim Team – Bill Gill

- Won last meet so undefeated for the regular season. Divisionals on Saturday at Club Brittany and the All Stars here after that. Theresa Komives and Mike Keenan will be taking over and have shadowed this season.

Social – Margaret

- Wednesday night dinners have had much lower attendance than usual.
- There will be a Battle of the Bands again this year. Greg Gorog is the contact.

Tennis – Tony

- Other clubs waive the guest fees for juniors to play kids from other facilities and it is suggested we do the same. Motion to waive the guest fee for junior tennis team members who host another club player here by Jeanene. Seconded by Kevin. Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Jeanene Wolfe, Secretary