

Little Neck Swim and Racquet Club
Monthly Meeting
August 24, 2009

Board Members: Margaret Derrick, Jeanene Wolfe, Lisa Conrad, Kevin Stewart, Al Craft, John Brown, Carole Sharpe
Committee Chairs: Grace Carlson, Mary Vance
Employees: Suzi Pease
Guests: Lori Horth, Mary Baragar

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

President's Report – Margaret

- A parent of a former employee contacted the board regarding getting a paycheck from 2 years ago reissued. Concerns were about setting a precedent, if we need a rule to address this in the future, and getting a better system of checks and balances in place. The club should have known through our own system that the check had never been cashed. It was decided to re-issue the check.

Committee Reports:

Manager's Report - Suzi Pease

- Needs help repairing the tractor, getting complaints about the clay courts and needs to get this addressed ASAP. It is probably a small job and it will cost \$50 just to get it transported.
- Got a letter from Sunnybrook thanking the club for the swim classes they offered to their students. They offered to make a donation to the club but it was decided to just welcome them back next year instead.
- Researching umbrellas and the range is \$100 - \$500. Thinks we need to go with the more expensive ones (\$300) to have them last longer. We need to get at least 10. Need to look about getting another tent in the future as well to expand the shade area. Will hold off on these purchases until next spring due to the lateness of the season.
- The camera system estimates are TMT Audio at \$2825, Johns Brothers at \$6500, and has not received a return call to multiple messages from ADT. This is not an alarm system but a way to monitor activity at the club real time or after the fact if there is another break-in or incident.
- Narh is in Ghana until October due to the death of his brother. Suzi put out feelers for a part-time pro to begin working and has one lead. Margaret has another lead.

- Tennis social planned for Sept 12 in the evening. There has been a moderate response so far.
- Jason Agola wants to do a parent-child tournament for his IB program Nov 7. He will run the whole thing, we are only offering our facilities.
- Wasting a lot of chemicals with our current system. A newer pump would cost about \$400 (need 2) and would be something to consider for future budget. It would also offer more stable chemical levels.
- Incident during the afternoon last week. The rope in the slide pool broke and while it was being fixed a child who was playing with her mom fainted in the pool. The girl woke up and the mom asked the guard for assistance. The guard did not realize the situation and told her she could not leave her stand. The guards have been retrained on emergency procedures and should blow their whistle twice for such a situation.

Treasurer – Kevin Stewart

- Accounting system is back up and functioning. In years past, good enough attention was not paid to breaking out member dues vs. new member shares. This makes the budget appear as if we have not had growth in membership but this is probably not the case.
- We have had large growth in our repair bills this year. We need to look at this in making the budget for the coming year to better prepare to accommodate an aging facility.
- Cell tower revenue is set to potentially expire next year so we need to be conservative in future planning due to this. Balance is quite healthy for July.
- Need to look at swim team paying payroll taxes which they have not done in the past but should have done.
- Questions about how the tennis committee budget of \$4000 is being tracked since tennis maintenance fees are coming out of the general tennis line item. It was requested that the tennis committee have a separate line item for their socials, etc.
- Working with Suzi to code expenses ourselves instead of relying on Goodman who was not doing it correctly.

Swim Team – Bill Gill

- No report.

Tennis – Grace Carlson

- Looking at Oct 24 for the Halloween social, Nov 15 for the Turkey social and another indoor social at ODU.
- Have received comments about lack of shade with the new tennis shelter...looking at putting up some bamboo shades to address this.
- Clay courts look awesome.
- Tennis Connect needs to be renewed for \$700. The committee recommends we go to Tony's system. Concerns with it being only for the tennis functions and not handling the rest of the club needs such as social

events. Bob Jones, who has worked on our website for the past year, suggested we need a web master. Need to look at hiring a webmaster and work with the tennis community to get something going by next meeting. It was decided that we will not renew Tennis Connect.

- Tennis committee wants to know if we are renewing Narh's contract for next year. The committee feels he is not meeting the needs of our members due to his personal and health issues. Thinks the club needs to make this hard decision. Board is hiring a part-time pro and will look at that going to FT and letting Narh have access to the courts PT when he returns. This PT contract would have to be negotiated when he returns. We also need to renew Tony's contract on Sept 1. Currently networking with other clubs to hire and will look at posting on a tennis pro employment website if one exists.

Tennis Court Renovations – Al Craft

- Had several members test out the cushion system courts at First Colony. Court surface felt a lot like playing on clay which was good on the joints. It made for a slow play but the effect on the ball was very different than from other surfaces. It would be difficult for someone with joint instability to use due to the cushion effect. Shoes which are not designed for tennis do leave marks. Concerns about having juniors learn on such a different surface, as well as concerns about having 3 different surfaces for tournaments. Our courts are 25 years old and have held up well. Some facilities are ripping up the surface since they do not like it. There are problems with court drainage so it is recommended that we go with the asphalt courts. It can be laid right on top of the existing surface and would not have to be ground up. The courts will be raised about 4 inches which will cause a step up but would help with the drainage issue. Hard court would be about \$65,000 for all three courts and we are getting a new bid since asphalt prices have come down.
- Maria Miroulis is heading the nominating committee with guidance from Cyndi Jones. We will send out a notice 30 days in advance about the upcoming meeting. Notice for open offices/board positions will go out next week. Carole feels the tennis court renovation should go to the membership for discussion even though the board has authority to make this decision. This would put us behind schedule so it was decided to invite the membership to the Sept board meeting to express concerns or get more information. Motion by Al to recommend to the membership to install asphalt /hard court on top of the existing surface for courts 6-8 by Tennis Courts Inc not to exceed \$75,000. Second by John. Motion approved unanimously.

Grounds – Lisa Conrad

- We need to have a full survey done. The prior one was only on the tennis courts and cell towers. Top of list to address drainage concerns is the

clay courts. May need to coordinate this issue with the tennis court rebuild.

Miscellaneous

- Jeanene stated that we had more teens than usual using the pool this summer which is a great change. She requested that we look at teen recreational needs for next year and budget for some equipment for them.
- Labor Day party will be Sunday not Monday again this year. Needs to go out to the membership.
- Remind members to save their membership card for next year. There will be a \$5 fee for a replacement for lost cards.

Rules – Carole Sharpe

- Would like Suzi to look at rules now to make recommendations for next year.

Meeting adjourned.

Jeanene Wolfe, Secretary