

Minutes of the 2017 Membership Meeting

Time: November 27, 2017 at 7:00 PM
Place: PSC Lounge

Approved 02/12/18
Stephen Weber

Attendees:

Fifteen members attended.

President's Introduction:

Dick Gann opened the meeting noting that the primary focus of the Board this year is to:

- Renovate the Club
- Perform needed repairs
- Improve the Squash Program
- Maintain financial strength

Treasurer's Membership and Financial Report:

Membership status:

Keith reported that our current total membership is as follows:

104 Individual Male active members

8 Individual Female active members

8 Husband & Wife members

0 Junior Member

1 Temporary Member

8 currently Inactive Members

3 Honorary Members

Total: 124 playing members excluding Inactive Members.

Because prime time court usage is close to maximum, the Board has temporarily established a waiting list for prospective members. In response to some questions, Keith noted that the Heights School still uses our courts during non-prime time and pays \$20 per court hour. He also made clear that children (19 years old and under) of members do not pay an additional fee to play but they only share the booking rights of parents, according to the membership policy that the Board approved last year and distributed to the members.

Financial Status:

Keith also reported that as of November 2017, our cash on hand was \$133,740, comprised of key card deposits (\$11,300 being returned to members as a discount on their member dues) plus Capital Replacement Fund (\$67,000) plus Operating Cash (\$55,439). Our approved Capital Improvement Budget for FY2018 is \$24,500 for painting, carpeting, flooring, locker replacement, elliptical and recumbent bicycle exercise machines, and locker room stools. All these planned projects have been completed successfully and within budget. The failure and replacement of the central dehumidifier caused an unanticipated additional expense of \$3,700. Keith also discussed our planning for future capital expenses approximating \$128,000 over the next three years: Washer & dryer, Court walls, LED court lighting, heat pump wall unit in the men's locker room, parking lot resurfacing, and copper pipe replacement. Keith noted that our expenditures are in line with our income, although beginning next year we will no longer receive \$8,588 in annual rental income from the Comcast relay facility formerly on our property.

Action Reports:

Club Renovation: Dick Gann announced the completion of all of the renovation projects planned for this fiscal year: painting and carpeting throughout, flooring at the entrance and main staircase, new lockers installed, elliptical and recumbent bicycle exercise machines, new locker room stools, and welcome mats with our PSC logo at the entrance.

Club Maintenance: Charlie Gunn reported on a number of repairs and maintenance items: the court walls were cleaned and (thanks to Keith Hartman) the failed florescent lights were replaced in time for the celebration; The failed main dehumidifier has been replaced with a more powerful unit, the washing machine had its drum replaced as it was tearing the towels; the dryer was repaired; the central dehumidifier was replaced. He is working on the leaking faucet in the steam room. He has assembled and vetted a good team of contractors to call on when the need arises.

PSC 50th Anniversary Celebration: Bob Stillman reported that we had good participation with 55 in the tournament (with only 4 no shows) and over 50 coming to the finals of the pro exhibition and dinner Saturday evening. He also praised our new member Afrouz Anderson for her many wonderful photos of the event, which Keith Hartman was showing on our TV while the meeting was getting underway. Future club tournament events will be planned by the Board based on a survey of the membership.

Squash Program: Erik Rind summarized the major successful elements we plan to keep in the new Memorandum of Understanding for the Squash Program: the Tuesday evening and Saturday afternoon clinics, the Saturday Women's clinic, and Play the Pro on Sundays. These will be held every week throughout the year. In addition, there will be two referee clinics and special clinics for those preparing for the US Squash Masters in March and the WSF Masters in July. These elements total about 300 hours of professional time for the year. We will also include a \$50 penalty if the pro does not show up for a scheduled clinic for with at least one person has registered. The cost of private lessons will increase from \$80 to \$85 per hour.

Members Time (Other Business): Some members noted that the celebration was so successful we should have more events like it. Board members reminded all of the amount of work and money involved. A survey was suggested to gauge member interest and willingness to volunteer. There was some interest in resurrecting the Potomac Fever event. Most agreed that the fee required to support a sanctioned event tends to inhibit broad participation by the members. If we have several successful in house tournaments without a fee, the Fever could be reconsidered.

Syed Ali commended the Board on its transparency. Steve Weber reminded the members of Tom Cutler's successful efforts in producing three attractive issues of our new electronic newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned around 8:30.