

Minutes of the 2018 Membership Meeting

Time: December 8, 2018 at 12:00 PM
Place: PSC Lounge

Approved 12/22/18
Robert Weinstock

Attendees:

Approximately 25 members attended.

President's Introduction:

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

- Maintain and improve the Club facility
- Improve the Squash Program

Focus of the meeting:

- Update of finances and membership
- This year's projects
- Revisions to PSC Squash Program

Treasurer's Membership and Financial Report:

Membership status:

Steve Weber reported that our current total membership is as follows:

104 Individual Male active members
9 Individual Female active members
7 Husband & Wife members
0 Junior Members
8 currently Inactive Members
7 Honorary Members (1 playing)
Total: 121 playing members

Tom Cutler reported that the Board instituted a waiting list during the past year out of concern that access to the courts, especially during prime time, not be overly burdened. Fifteen new members were admitted during the past year from the waiting list.

Financial Status:

Steve also reported that as of November 2018, our cash on hand was \$160,365. Revenue minus expenditures for the current fiscal year is anticipated to be approximately \$20,000. This amount is available for special projects and as an addition to the club's reserves.

The Club maintenance contracts have been reviewed and, in many cases, re-bid. This will result in across-the-board savings.

Action Reports:

Completed Club Projects: Charlie Gunn reported on the successful installation of LED lighting on the courts and other areas in the club. The new lights increase the lighting level, will use less electrical power and will last longer than the bulbs which were replaced. The project was completed at no cost to the club as a result of the payment provided by PEPCO. Charlie also reported on the installation of a new WIFI enabled thermostat that allows temperature adjustments/resets from offsite locations. We had extensive power outages this summer, due both

to PEPCO power surges and Club hardware failures. We were able to get these corrected expeditiously, with daily updates to the members.

Projects Planned and Underway: Dick Gann reported that the Board is actively considering replacing the court walls. Some of the wall panels have expanded when the humidity in the Club has been too high. The resulting puckering at the panel joints does not relax when the humidity drops. This year, PSC increased the air dehumidification capacity, and the problem will not recur. The walls replacement project was previously deferred as a result of more urgent projects requiring planning and attention. The best time to do this project is in the summer when the demand for court time is reduced. A long lead time is required since there are only a small number of contractors with the right experience to do the work, and they are in heavy demand. As a result it is too late to consider this work for the summer of 2019, but the Board is seriously considering this project for the summer of 2020. However, no final decision or commitment has been made. The Club has sufficient funds for this, so no assessment or dues increase is needed.

Some members at the meeting suggested that the Board also consider replacement of the floors of the courts, both to correct slipping and to improve the “softness” of the floors. The installation companies had told us that the floors were fine as is. They just needed a light sanding and replacement of the red lines. It was mentioned that our floors already have a resilient under-layer to reduce strain on knees, ankles, etc.

In connection with that work, or perhaps as a separate project, the Board is considering the installation of sound reduction panels on the top (yellow out of bounds) portions of the walls surrounding the courts. There is also the question of the wall panels acting as “drumheads” in amplifying the sound of balls hitting the walls. As part of the planning process the Board will consider removing the tin at the bottom of the front walls in order to better understand the nature of the existing conditions behind the front walls.

Other projects to be completed include tightening the nets between the courts, improving the attachment of the red out-of-bounds markers, and replacing aging hot water heaters. Under consideration also is the resurfacing of the parking area and replacement of the wood barriers at the front of that area.

Squash Program: Dick Gann reported on the current negotiations with Play Squash for a new Service Agreement. The current Agreement expires on January 8, 2019, and will extend on a month to month basis if negotiations are continuing and not yet complete. Most of the terms of the existing Agreement will continue in the new Agreement. The price of lessons will, however, increase to \$90 in the first year of the new Agreement, and to \$95 in the second year. Nouran El Torky, who has proven to be very popular with the members, will provide most of the coaching. Provisions in the new Agreement will focus on problems identified in the current Agreement. Lessons to persons who are not members or on the waiting list will not be permitted, reducing encroachment on members’ ability to reserve courts. Discussions are continuing regarding junior’s clinics and a one week junior’s summer camp. The Board puts a high priority on carefully limiting these activities.

Members Time (Other Business): Maureen Wylie asked that the Board consider setting up a tournament, and offered to work on it. She also asked about reinvigorating the ladder. Karl-Erik McCullough asked about setting up a box league. Syed Ali offered to assist with these activities. Dick suggested that Tom Friedman be involved in the discussions. There was support for the Club holding tournaments as well.

The meeting was adjourned around 1:00.