

## Minutes of the First Meeting of the 2021-2022 PSC BoD

Time: April 15th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.  
Place: Via Zoom

Approved  
Anton Briggs

### **Attendees:**

Anton Briggs  
Dick Gann  
Bob Stillman  
Robert Weinstock  
Tim Bartol  
Steve Weber  
Karl-Erik McCullough  
Zia Choudhury  
Charlie Gunn

### **President's moment (Gann)**

The focus of this meeting is on planning for Phase B.

### **Approval of minutes from the 3/18/2020 meeting (Briggs)**

The minutes were approved as distributed.

### **Treasurer's Report (Weber)**

Our liquid assets total about \$145,000. There's roughly \$104,000 in our Vanguard money market account, \$30,000 in our M&T Bank account, and \$11,000 in the process of being deposited from membership dues payments. Over the course of the last year the club has lost about \$37,000 of revenue due to the fact that we have suspended or reduced dues.

There are 63 paying members and 66 non-paying members.

The Club received a quarterly water bill for \$2700, about an order of magnitude larger than our usual bill, and even further higher than expected due to the shower rooms not being in use. Hopefully this is due to a misread meter and not a major pipe rupture. Steve will follow up to find out what the cause may be.

### **Membership (Weinstock, Weber)**

There was sentiment to restore charging inactive (non-playing) members dues of \$15/month, beginning on the date when we enter Phase B. A vote was deferred until the full Phase B package was completed.

Two members have activated their membership since the last Board meeting.

There has been no new interest in membership other than a woman who inquired about lessons for her children. Robert responded that this is a members' club and that lessons were offered for members only. She has not followed up.

### **Court 3 Usage Data (Weinstock, Gann)**

Robert reported that for the week of March 29 unused prime time is at 60 %. Unused total time is 58%. For the week of April 5 unused prime time is at 48% and unused total time is at 55%. Dick added that for the past three full weeks, court usage has dropped significantly. The number of players had

dropped by about one-fourth. By far, the most common daily usage for the 8:15 a.m. through 7:16 p.m. slots showed five open slots.

Charlie will check with the cleaning service to see if they can come in an hour later to begin at 8:15 p.m. instead of 7:15 p.m., thus freeing up an extra prime-time hour.

### **Projects (Gunn)**

At the prior meeting, there had been some discussion of what appeared to be water seepage in the lower far corner of the viewing area behind Court 3. Charlie had repaired the downspout outside this location. He will arrange for the interior to be scraped, sealed, and repainted.

Charlie has arranged for someone to come to the Club on Monday to fix the receiver for the fan on Court 3. The warranty will cover the cost of the receiver. The Club is responsible for the labor cost of the replacement.

### **Planning for Phase B**

Dick began by separating this discussion into three segments: criteria for proceeding to Phase B, timing for this to occur, and details of the changes from Phase A.

It was noted that the County has recently relaxed its restrictions as they pertain to fitness clubs. The rules have changed to increase capacity from 25 % of 50 %. The rule for cleaning contact surfaces has also been relaxed from cleaning them every two hours to cleaning them once per day. In addition, the number of PSC members who have been vaccinated is significant. Finally, the rate of infection in the county has been stable for about the last two months.

The board voted unanimously to approve a move to Phase B based on these criteria.

Timing – May 15<sup>th</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup> were proposed. The Board voted to 8-1 to go with May 15<sup>th</sup>. Earlier than May 15 is not feasible, as new signage has to be made to incorporate the changes (use of court 1, rules for use of locker room as solely an entry passage to the court, etc.) and hand sanitizer dispensers need to be installed and supplied. **Action Item:** Bob will draft an announcement.

The purpose of Phase B is to increase playing capacity in anticipation of more members choosing to return to play. The Board voted 8 to 1 to approve use Court 1 instead of Court 2. The bathroom, showers, and lockers will still be off-limits, as locker rooms are still not to be used according to County restrictions. Lockers may be accessed by returning members to retrieve their gear.

The board is open to allowing lessons to resume, but an agreement needs to be reached with Play Squash as to the number of lessons per week that will be allowed and the degree to which Nouran will be the primary person giving the lessons. A Board member will be assigned to undertake this task.

Upon summation of these provisions, the Board decided to re-visit the Phase B package at an additional meeting on May 4.

The Board voted to increase the allowed number of reservations from 5 times per week to 7 times per week in Phase B. The limit of 2 prime-time reservations remains.

There was a request from Priti Prabhu and Mangesh Patnaik to allow them to reserve consecutive court slots. Their reason was to allow their children to increase their playing time in preparation for future tournaments. This was approved, since both adults are paying dues.

Her request for the Club to resume play in the National Capital Squash league was denied.

The next Board meeting via Zoom is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Tuesday May 4<sup>th</sup>.