

## Our Court Board Meeting November 12,2019 Minutes

6-7:30 PM

### Present

Mike Haxton, President  
Judith Jackson, Vice President  
Rick Cecchetti, Treasurer  
Susan Edwards, Secretary  
Lisa Durstin  
Rob Johnstone  
Darvi Rosenberg

### Absent

Vicki Beggs  
Mike Anderson

The minutes from the October 8, 2019 board meeting were approved by hand vote.

Darvi Rosenberg had been nominated to be on the 2019-2020 board but he had not completed the application before the annual meeting so he could not be voted onto the board. The club Bylaws give the Our Court board the power to add board members up to a total number of 10 without a vote by the equity membership. Darvi Rosenberg was elected to the board by a hand vote of the board members present at the meeting

There was a brief discussion about reasons for limiting board members access to e mailing the entire membership. Only the president and secretary will have this access for now. All board members will receive a copy of the e mail to review and comment upon before an e mail is sent to the membership.

The tennis committee has organized a social Friday November 21 from 5:30-8 PM. Both pickle and tennis will be played. Instruction will be given in for pickle ball. Only Our Court members and their significant others will be invited. There will be no guest fee and members will be asked to bring food to share and BYOB.

The difficulties with signing up for RVC clinics that are held at Our Court were discussed. Only Tammy from RVC can see the entire list of those signed up. Our Court members could sign up using our online sign up system but only the number of players signed up was visible. This has been corrected and Our Court members can see the names of everyone who has signed up for RVC pro run clinics.

USTA guidelines suggest 2 hours of court time for a standard 3 team match. We currently reserve 3 hours of 2 courts for the USTA matches consisting of 3 doubles teams. Tri level matches are only 1 doubles team and 2 hours of court time will be reserved. The extra hour will show up on the schedule but is not bookable online. If a member wants to use that hour contact Mike Haxton at [ourcourtboard@gmail.com](mailto:ourcourtboard@gmail.com) and he can put your name on the schedule.

Rob Johnstone discussed the intensive tennis program for Windsor High School students. It was very popular last year. Rob requested the use of both courts from 8:30-11:30 AM Monday-Thursday the third week of March 2020. The board approved the request by hand vote. Last year the board stated that only one school a year could book prime time for such a program. No other school has requested court time for this school year so far. The board will decide what to do if and when another school makes such a request.

Michelle Massa, tennis committee chairman, requested clarification about what programs need board approval. The board agreed that all events and program changes need to come before the board.

Board members volunteered to serve on the Our Court standing committees as follows:

Finance Committee. Rick Cecchetti and Darvi Rosenberg

Building and Grounds Committee. Rob Johnstone

Nominating Committee. Judith Jackson

Marketing Committee. Lisa Durstin and Susan Edwards

Tennis Committee. Judith Jackson and Susan Edwards

The Marketing and Membership committee had been charged by the past board with designing an Our Court card to give out to interested people. The current board did not think this was cost effective for member recruitment although the card was very well done.

Membership was discussed. Yearly dues are due October 31, a month after bills are mailed to all members. As of now \$20,000 in dues have not been paid for this year. This compares to \$7,000 unpaid by October 31, 2018. The Bylaws discuss late payment of dues and the board reviewed options for dealing with delinquent payment. The board will follow the current By Laws. We think the By Laws need to be revised before the next annual meeting. Mike Haxton will contact delinquent members to discuss their options. 8 equity members are not renewing due to moving or not playing tennis any longer. 4 of the memberships have been sold to new members.

Courts are not always cancelled when people decide not to play. We have no way of monitoring this completely so will appeal to the membership to remember. There is also a new wait list function for booked courts. If a court is cancelled those on the wait list get an e mail that the court has opened up.

Monday night open doubles is not longer working as a mixer for different players. The board suggested a different format for a 3 months trial. Open doubles will be scheduled once a month. Both courts will be used and there will be at least one facilitator from the tennis committee. There will be 10 available slots for players. Partners will be assigned by random and play 4 games. Players then change partners. The first new format open doubles is December 2, 2019.

Our Court board received an offer to buy the club. The offer was deemed far below market value. Darvi Rosenberg will contact Vermont regulators to confirm the board can refuse the offer without involving the membership.

The next Our Court board meeting is December 17, 2019 at 6 PM.