

Our Court Board Meeting June 9, 2020 via Zoom 6-7:45 PM

Present

Mike Haxton
Judith Jackson
Lisa Durstin
Rick Cecchetti
Susan Edwards
Vicki Beggs
Darvi Rosenberg

Absent

Mike Anderson
Rob Johnstone

Mike Haxton led the meeting. The club opened June 8, 2020. As of June 9, 48 members have signed on and confirmed they have read the Covid guidelines. The first few days some groups have not included all players on the reservation system and at least one played without signing the guidelines. You can make a reservation for ball machine or singles to get your court time. Once all the players are known the member needs to enter the names online. We will send out a reminder e mail in a week. This policy is Vermont law and we need to follow it. If players are caught not following it we may have to close the club again.

Mike Haxton will not be here as of September 2020 and Kathy Schellong will not be doing the books as of fall 2020. We are sending out a survey to the membership about the need to replace the work that Mike and Kathy have done. We can work with member volunteers or hire a part time manager at a cost of \$15-20,000 a year depending on what the manager does. We are looking for membership input but suspect we will need to hire a business manger

Rick Cecchetti discussed the budget for 20-21 based on 113 members. Our expenses the past year were \$65,000. We have at least \$10,000 less income due to covid related losses in guest, team and pro fees. If the dues are raised by \$100 a year for the next year that will be about \$82,000. This will provide the money needed for a manager. The board agreed to the increase in dues. We have not increased dues in many years. However, if someone volunteers to do the books for free the increase will be re discussed. The board agreed to the fee increase.

We will need a new roof soon. We discussed a one time assessment for that. No decision was made.

Mike Haxton mentioned his fears that many people will not renew their membership with the virus uncertainties. He mentioned the option to freeze your membership once in a lifetime. You can pay \$150 and still play and make court reservations but must pay a guest fee. This was started for those with a long injury recovery. The guidelines do not stipulate any limitation to doing the freeze except only once in your time at Our Court.

Mike asked about telling members about the offer last year to buy the club. The offer was very low and the board decided against it. Darvi checked and we did not need to present it to the membership.

Mike discussed what several other tennis clubs are doing and the 2 he visited are all much more expensive than Our Court. He discussed the way they did contract time. One club charged an extra fee and one did not. The issue of contract time will be on the survey.

Mike had a request from 2 people to join the club. We agreed he could offer a 3 months membership or prorate an equity membership.

Mike, Vicki and Rick will be leaving the board this fall. Rob Johnstone and Mike Anderson may also be leaving. Vicki Beggs will chair the nominating committee. Judith Jackson, Susan Edwards and Lisa Durstin will be on the committee. Vicki will look for 2 non board members to also be on the committee. We need an odd number of board members. We discussed that 7 members could work. No definite decision was made on how many members to have.

Judith has been trying to meet with Cody but he has not responded nor started the painting. Mike will talk with Cody and make sure he knows the club has reopened.

