

Minutes of Our Court Board Meeting January 14,2020

6:00 – 7:15 PM

Present.	Not present
Mike Haxton, president	Vicky Beggs
Susan Edwards, secretary	Darvi Rosenberg
Rick Cecchetti, treasurer	Judith Jackson
Lisa Durstin	
Mike Anderson	
Rob Johnstone	

The minutes from the December 17,2019 meeting were approved

Finance committee report given by Mike Haxton and Rick Cecchetti.

Our Court has a \$60,000 mortgage and the rate was raised to 7 ½ % the past year. Our Court has \$72,000 in a money market account paying very little interest. The board discussed this and approved using \$35,000 from the money market account to pay off part of the mortgage. Mike Haxton will meet with banks to get a better interest rate and possibly better return on the money market account “rainy day” cash fund. The goal is to retire the mortgage within the next 5 years.

Our Court operating expenses are about \$20,000 less per year now due to lower tax bill, lower energy costs due to the energy efficiency improvements and no manager salary. It is uncertain how long volunteers can take the place of a manager.

Manager report given by Mike Haxton

Upper Valley Aquatic Center camp will use the courts this summer from 1-2:30 for about 8 weeks. This is a change in time. The program was approved the last Our Court board meeting.

The courts will be washed twice a month and blown weekly.

New boot trays were purchased

Tennis committee report given by Mike Haxton and Susan Edwards

Mike was able to sign Hartford up for another 6 weeks. He will offer a third session at a lower price of \$60/2 hours. No one has signed up for pickle ball in the first 3 months of the new system with limited pickle ball times. The tennis committee recommended a new system trial for the next 3 months. Pickle ball may be played 11:30-4 during the weekdays and any time on Sunday or Saturday. Court 2 may be signed up for tennis or pickle ball during those hours. Only members may sign up and the pickle ball guest fee will be \$6.00. (The guest fee for upper valley pickle ball venues is \$5.—to \$7.00.) There will not be a pickle ball only membership offered during this trial. The trial was approved by the board

The tennis committee will host another social Friday Jan 24 from 5:30-8:30. Bring food to share. There is wine and beer from another event that will be available for those attending. Significant others may play without a guest fee. The event is limited to 16. Pickle ball instruction will be provided as well as paddles

Monday night doubles will continue the first Monday of the month with supervision by the tennis committee.

Mike Haxton reviewed the Our Court/RVC contract from 2 years ago. The RVC input was interrupted when Andrew left RVC. Our Court and RVC should benefit from the arrangement both financially and increasing the interaction within the upper valley tennis community. There are several parts to the contract including running socials, administering the open leagues and RVC run clinics at Our Court. The least attended clinic in the past year was the members only clinic. Attendance was up the past month. The board voted to raise the fee to \$20.00 per session and to cancel the clinic if less than 4 are signed up. This will assure that the clinic breaks even for costs. We will no longer have RVC pro run socials as part of the contract. Mike will meet with Tammy from RVC to discuss the contracts. Susan Edwards discussed the increased attendance the past few months. USTA team members are now attending as a group to have access to Tammy's coaching.

Lisa Durstin expressed uncertainty of the role of marketing/communications committee. Mike Haxton said that Becky Horvath would like to turn over the web site maintenance to that committee. Lisa and Becky will meet soon.

Lisa requested the next member note have a reminder to sweep the court after using the ball machine