**Norwich Racquet Club**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**January 15, 2015,**

**Norwich Historical Society**

**7:00-9:00**

**Board Attendees:** David Barlow, Martin Butler, Bruce Genereaux, Sugar Genereaux, Anne Janeway, Skip Leonard, Ted Thompson, Todd Tyson, Melissa Roth .

**Meeting opened by Sugar Genereaux**

The Board approved the minutes from November 13, 2014 Board of Directors previously approved by email.

**Financial Report—Bruce Genereaux**

**Operating budget**

This was reviewed in depth and outline to the Board. There were no major concerns and expectations are all expenses are relatively stable at this juncture without any expected swings or contingencies needed from operating side. Expect some savings with shift to reservation system this year, and some slightly higher Maintenance costs due to changes in contractors moving forward for 2015.

**Capital Expenditures**

The Board discussed explored various options related to current heating system for the paddle courts. The consensus of the Board is that there are several cost effective options that would improve our current set up. The Board would like to gather further input on several options and look to report back to the board.

**Actions:**

1. A committee was formed to include Skip Leonard, David Barlow Todd Tyson and Bruce Genereaux (fiscal over sight) who will collect all information and provide recommendations back to the board
2. The following motion was move and second. The committee will work to address new heater options without further Board approval with the expectation that any recommendations or improvements will not exceed $5,000.00. Motion passed
3. Heater concerns to be assessed –

Current number of heaters and positioning

New heaters BTU size needed

Concrete Padding

Need for additional fans

Break down of costs from contractors

Additional Capital expenditures were discussed related to the tennis equipment Hut. Consideration of new hut to replace the current structure. Consideration given to the selling of the snow blower which is not utilized by the club.

**Actions:**

Further review and discussion to be considered in the spring to early summer

**Dartmouth Student Paddle Club**

Proposal was presented to the Dartmouth group but has not been acted upon at this stage**.**

**Actions:**

Bruce Genereaux will follow up.

**Paddle Court Report—David, Bruce, Sugar, Todd**

**Hut Improvements –** Recognized by the Board

**Club Events and Tournaments**

Discussion was had to consider bringing back the Nina Webb tournament

This would include and A/B type mixed format for all club members. Dates considered were end of March.

**Actions:**

Anne Janeway and Todd Tyson to coordinate establishing the event. Other Board members to provide assistance in developing the event as needed**.**

**Saturday drop in paddle**

The Board discussed options on how to create more opportunities for new individual members to find partners and playing options with the club.

**Actions**

Skip Leonard and Melissa Roth to look at various dates and times to hold some consistent morning or evening events. They will report back to the Board

**Ladies Round Robin,**

The next women’s round robin will be January 30th at Norwich. Sugar Genereaux to coordinate play

**Quechee Challenge**

Discussion tabled – Sugar Genereaux to coordinate with Quechee

**Membership Categories**

The Board discussed the categories of membership relative to infrequent or out of the area members.

**Actions**

The following Motion was moved and seconded. At this time and moving forward the Board will not recognize out of area or infrequent memberships as a category of membership. Motion passed 100%

**Membership – new member involvement**

The Board discussed various ideas surrounding how to engage a more social aspect to the club and greater interaction and awareness of club members

**Actions**

Melissa Roth to discuss with Rick Higgerson ideas for facebook page.

Membership lists to be placed on website – password protected

Melissa and Skip to form committee to assess other options and idea to bring to the board for additional programming or support.

**Lessons**

The Board discussed having a more outlined structure for Rob Parker. All lesson provided to Non-Members of the club should include the $8 guest fee and paid to the club.

**Actions**

Skip will follow up with Rob on guest lessons.

Respectfully submitted by

David Barlow

NRC Secretary