

Walnut Creek Racquet Club  
Board Meeting Minutes from February 7, 2006

Board Members in Attendance: Shari Gonzalez, Gabe Goldstein, Marty Tedlock, Carolyn Spady, Don Loeffler, Tammy Chan, Pam Maloney

Board Members Unable to Attend: Tammie Snyder, Jennifer Scriabine, Marie Murphy, Robert Young, Judy Stillman

Topics of discussion:

- January 20 Annual Banquet: Without Jennifer in attendance, we were unable to do all the accounting for the banquet. Gabe reported that the total cost was \$6,000 and he believes Jennifer has approximately \$2,000 coming in from sponsors. Some of the costs will be amortized over future events. Attendance seems to have been around 75 which is about 25% below 2005's event. There was general consensus that the value of this event needs to be seriously reviewed before making a commitment to continue in 2007.

- Club Championships: The question of whether or not this is a valuable tournament to the membership was raised. Everyone sees this as something we're not willing to give up on but that we must do something to gain more member interest in participating. A couple of ideas were: (1) give the winner, finalist and semi-finalist from each playing level in winter doubles and summer singles tournaments a free entry, (2) give each USTA captain 2 free slots in the tournament for their best players. More discussion and planning is needed.

- Membership Report: Marty reports that 350 to 400 members are paid up for 2006 and only a trickle of new members is coming in now. The renewal for February was sent on 2/6.

- Directory: Shari will contact Tammie S. to confirm that she can do the directory. She will also contact Robert about printing. Objective is to get to press by mid-April. Cut off date for inclusion in the directory would be 3/31.

- Web Issues: The fact that we have multiple sign-ins seems to be the most confusing thing about our web site. Shari and Jennifer to discuss off-line.

Shari had some great news from USTA NorCal. She has gotten them to agree to do a data dump so we can run a program looking for people playing USTA out of WCRC without being WCRC members. Chris Vieth, our web developer, will do this for \$125.

- 2006 Calendar: We went through the calendar and Pam will revise it for Shari to take to Jim Farber.

- Mardis Gras Tournament: Scheduled for February 25 and Nat Bitton is running it. No one seemed to know anything about it.

- Winter Doubles: Shari will do an email around 2/15 reminding people to get their 6 matches in. Pam will order 350 water bottles and sweat bands.

- Pigeon Problem: Gabe spoke to Mary Scott, who is the assistant to the City Manager but there hasn't been much movement. Apparently the City has decided to try and fix the problem themselves rather than hire a contractor.

- PROS Meeting Report: Shari and Robert attended the meeting on 2/6 and found out that the master plan is not "open" for renewal but is something which is always on the table for discussion. Jeff Tarpley told Shari we should start coming to the City Council meeting each month to get our issues on their radar. Robert mentioned that USTA might be willing to help with a grant if the City is willing to build more courts. Shari, Don and Pam will attend the meeting on 3/7.

- Rudgear Project: A decision was made to change directions a bit here. Rather than trying to have a storage unit installed, we are going to work on getting brackets for mounting score cards and possibly a bench for the middle court. Pam will speak with Jim Farber about the costs and report back. If we accomplish these tasks we might take on a picnic table.

Next Meeting: March 13, Tammie Snyder's home, Pam to bring beverages