

# *Walnut Creek Racquet Club*

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

**March 13, 2006**

**Meeting Lead:** Shari Gonzales, President

**Present:** Don, Gabe, Jennifer, Marie, Nat, Pam, Shari, Tammy S.

**Absent:** Carolyn, Judy, Marty, Robert, Suzy, Tammie C.

**Guest:** None

### **WCRC Board Meeting Minutes**

The February 7, 2006 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

### **Treasurer Report**

February 2006 Report – Net income positive. There was a significant loss at the Awards Banquet this year compared with years past; will work on marketing the next event more

### **Membership**

Report deferred to April Meeting, publishing the 2006 Directory is pending.

### **Court Reporter Newsletter**

Nothing to report.

### **Website Update**

Offline approval for enhancements for Winter Doubles and Summer Singles leagues sites. This was discussed during the January meeting and it was decided that a smaller subgroup would review those enhancements in detail.

### **Tournaments/Activities**

#### *General*

- There was discussion regarding raising awareness about the opportunity to sign up for an event. The outcome was that all Board members and Team captains will be reminded to encourage members to sign up for events on an ongoing basis.
- Tournament participation in general is down; working on building credibility with members as there have been past tournaments that have not been successful. Mardi Gras was a success

#### *Calcutta*

- Courts are blocked for May 13, 2006
- Pre-party location to be determined, possible venues include Marchbanks, Countrywood Home Owners Associations (HOA), Dean Leshar (through Marriot). Consideration will be given to ease of parking.
- Online sign up sheet will include a question asking participants if they are willing to be scorekeepers (especially for the first round).
- Tammy S. will make a poster to advertise the event.

#### *Winter Doubles Tournament*

- Bob Walgren to run the tournament
- Members will be reminded that if scheduling becomes problematic, and they have entered to play at two levels, then the team with the scheduling issue will need to default one position.
- Number of completed matches required to play in the tournament has been adjusted from six matches required to four matches required, due to rain scheduling difficulties.
- Gifts include water bottle with WCRC logo, sweatbands, and bottle openers.

### *USTA Leagues*

USTA league coordination went smoothly; was facilitated by the USTA Norcal Data Dump; next year we need to coordinate membership sign-ups with reminder letter to captains so that the USTA coordinator is aware of people who sent in \$\$\$, but have not yet been processed by the Membership chair.

### **Park/Court Enhancements**

*Pigeon Problem* - As soon as the weather clears for at least two days, the courts will be cleaned and bird spikes or "needle strips" will be installed to help keep the pigeons from landing and roosting, thus eliminating the droppings below.

*Rudgear Courts*- Options for providing score cards were discussed that included installing posts to hold the score cards one each court, to providing captains who play at Rudgear with their own set of score cards. Shari to poll captains re preference for this, Pam to call Carolyn regarding options. Pam will also look into costs to install a permanent picnic bench.

### *Heather Courts*

- Court two missing slots on bench replaced.
- New courts at Heather- Shari, Gabe, Pam, Don attended the Walnut Creek City Council meeting on March 7 to discuss a proposal to build two additional courts at the Heather location.
- Outcome- Jim Farber will submit a proposal for the new courts to the WC City Council.

### **Other**

#### *WCRC Board*

Nat Bitton has joined the Board and will be helping with tournament activities.

#### *Heather Equipment/Supplies*

Cooler is approved for purchase

There is a problem with the BBQ'er at the tennis center. Jesse Gonzalez will look at it before the Winter Doubles tourney

**Next Meeting:** April 11, (Monday) at Marie Murphy's place in Walnut Creek (6:30 PM). Directions are to be provided via email.

**Food and Drinks:** Marie