

Middlesex Club Board Minutes – July 16, 2018

Directors attending (9): Ben Adams; Lisa Cruikshank; Justin Byczek; Courtney Darby, Jenny Moles, Alison Firgeleski, Sean McCarthy, Julie Sweeney, Jenn Hite, Carol Kennedy

Directors Not Attending: Rosemary Jordan, Gerrit Veeder, Dana Dolcetti, Alison Feeley, Betsy Roberts

General Counsel: Mike Burke not in attendance

Management: Tad Keating in attendance

Minutes

Approved the June 9, 2018 minutes

Treasurer's Report:

- Swim revenue is down a bit this year
- Property taxes were up year-over-year
- Overall net income FYTD is down \$58K compared to last year, primarily related to lower initiation fees than last year

Committee Reports

Communications:

- Discussed idea of tennis court cameras
 - Legal liability discussion around any livestream– and parental POV on this

House and Grounds:

- Will explore breezeway water fountain costs in relation to the kids' petition to have more water options
- Food service time at snack bar has improved since the beginning of the season and the busy times during the season and lunch hour. Continued positive feedback on quality of food
 - Will work on time stamping the tickets
 - Growing pains for both the staff and the members during a transition period
 - All of the equipment is covered
 - Two freezers are here to handle additional ice cream requests

- Swing set ready for install, despite factory burning down in GA
 - The swings have been delivered – Sean is working on installation and mulch
 - Come set it after 1PM when camp is out – has to sit three days – and then the mulch needs to get dropped down. Aiming for install Tuesday July 24 for stage one and Saturday July 28 for completion.

Membership:

- Waitlist holding steady at 47 people, plus two more are coming
 - Member/Guest BBQ was successful, with a few new applications expected already from guests
- Membership tri-fold is done with one small run
- Seven August members this year

Tennis:

- Lots of successful events each weekend
- Jr Darien Cup and Ladies team party are next
- Color Wars is this weekend and late in the afternoon on Sunday
- More kids than last year participating in the tennis program

Swim:

- Last water polo and swim home matches are this week where the seniors will be honored
- Logistics around Divisional Swim meet and parking was discussed
 - Each club would get 10 spots at MSX
 - Tuesday August 7th – two policemen are here again patrolling the neighborhood
 - Camp is over by then – tent will stay up
- Water Polo matches have been in the afternoon – lifeguards and the water polo coaches should set up for practices and meets

Camp:

- Good number of drop-ins for camp have been helping our numbers
- New soccer goals have been popular
- One volunteer for the Camp position so far, in response to blast email
- An Instagram feed was proposed, as is done at other locations in town. They would like to do something during the camp – MSX Camp Instagram Feed – can put it in place for next season

Social:

- Almost at 100 RSVPs for the adult party on 7/21
 - Caterer is set - bartender & DJ all lined up
 - Alison will call for volunteers and last minute signups
- Family Fun Night on 8/17 is Super Duper Weenie and inflatables
- Music Night on August 19th
- August 25th is Adult Game Night – will get out an early call for RSVPs for planning purposes

Paddle:

- We should not be re-surfacing grit this season
- Need to get paddle schedule for maintenance
- Finalizing Claire's contract
- Volunteer for ladies' paddle chair – discussion of process around filling non-Board positions
 - Jenn H will draft written process document to memorialize

NOTE:

The directors in attendance adjourned to executive sessions to discuss a private member matter. Minutes resumed 8 minutes later following that discussion.

Management:

- The Grassroots tennis event went over really well
 - Parking at Holmes School and the van shuttle worked out well
 - Little boy was injured playing soccer during the event...but was OK
- Pizza bingo night went over really well and prizes did as well with the kids
- Club side things are going well – structurally things are going well
- Pool deck was power-washed
- Tennis courts doing great and new calcium has been dropped down
- Paddle gate needs to stay shut – leads to pool hoppers – we had one that Tad is investigating

President Notes:

- Kids' petition for the water cooler was presented
 - We will look at the costs to install new water fountain in the breezeway
- Nominating Committee:
 - Gerrit to send out a blast calling for volunteers ASAP
 - A discussion of involving past Board members, as is done at other Clubs

- A discussion of the Board's role in feedback to the Nominating Committee

Next meeting: August TBD