

Middlesex Club Board Minutes – September 4, 2019

Directors attending (12): Sean McCarthy Lisa Cruikshank; Jay Baum; Katie Briggs; Rob Steeves, Carol Kennedy; Kim Adams; Rosemary Jordan; Dana Dolcetti; Jenny Moles; Meghan Muldoon; Courtney Darby

Directors Not Attending (4): Ben Adams, Justin Byczek, Allison Firgeleski, Gerrit Veeder

General Counsel: Mike Burke not in attendance

Management: Tad Keating in attendance

Minutes: Approved the July 22, 2019 minutes

Presidents Notes:

Manager's Report:

- Pool is open until Sunday and everything is going well

Treasurer's Report:

- Sent reports out to everyone to review
- Paid bonuses to camp and swim staff excluding Program Directors/Management Staff
- Tennis still waiting on final expenses to all be in and tallied
- Will get updated reports and busy closing out books for the year and filing taxes

Committee Reports:

House and Grounds

- Tad and crew did a great job this summer, minimum complaints from membership
- Next major thing is capital needs assessment- a lot of information to review
- Assessment was a great launching pad- their numbers are staggering but it is a 20 year plan
- Some quick examples that came up were the tennis hitting wall, 5th paddle court as option for future, water and heating replacements
- Will form a committee for the plan of the club which will be made up of Board members and Non-Board members

Communications

- Not much going on but currently focusing on 2 main things.

- Starting of membership surveys and Ongoing Managed Services inquiry and review of platforms.

Membership

- We had 5 resignations for October 1, 2019 vs 15 from last year.
- Filled 4 out of the 5 spots and have an offer out to one more family.
- The families that have accepted are:
 - Josh and Kristy Peschko
 - Amir and Lindsay Madden
 - Matthew and Leslie DiRisio
 - Daniel and Melissa Buch
- We had three families who asked to be taken off the wait list when the top 20 list went out in July. One moved, one joined Woodway and one at Roton. Including this and removing the 5 spots for new members the current waitlist is 34 families and 5 more applications waiting to be approved.
- Total waitlist is 39

Tennis

- We completed another successful year in the Men's Program with Jim Lipinski.
- One highlight was the Men's MSX 50's team is moving to a higher division.
- Men's Doubles tournament was a success with 4 Father/Son pairings and 2 won their flights.
- Although program was a success, Men's participation was down from prior years.
- Both Up/Down the River and Monday clinics had reductions and we may look at eliminating a Wednesday night team and implement a new fee for Up/Down River.
- Women's Tennis wrapped up a successful season last week with strong attendance at the team dinner and round robin.
- The Junior team also had its color war battle and team awards lunch on Tuesday.
- The new 2 hour elementary tennis program consistently had participation.
- Preliminary feedback reflected positive comments regarding summer programming as a whole particularly regarding Junior pros and program such as Varsity Training.
- Post labor day colors are allowed on courts and we ask members to please sweep the court after use
- Members have approached Jim about offering pickle ball and Jim has offered to do a pickle ball clinic in the Fall to gauge interest.

Swim

- Overall MSX had a successful aquatics season and everyone had fun.

- We had 119 registered aquatics team members across swim, dive and water polo.
- Swim and Dive record was 2 and 3. We have secured our positions in the Division 1 for the 2020 season.
- Water polo midgets finished 5/1, Juniors finished 4/2 and seniors finished 5/0 (many of the other clubs were not able to field teams in this age group which caused more teams to forfeit)
- Midgets won Division 3 championships and MSX Water Polo will be moving up to Division 2 for the 2020 season.
- Beginning immediately, we are searching for a third co-chair to join Kim Adams and Kim O'Brien. We have sent an email to all membership announcing that the position is available and asking for volunteers. We will also target individuals who might be a good fit and welcome recommendations.
- Currently working on the end of season survey and will send out shortly.

Camp

- 2019 was a successful camp season with record attendance and great feedback on the new specials, Instagram account and early/late options.
- Camp survey questions were sent to Gerrit for distribution and 12 responses so far which are mostly positive.
- Sarah wants to reward one of the head counselors some extra bonus \$ for his work this summer. This will need board approval and hoping they returns for one more year next summer since a parent and child favorite.
- Sarah's contract is up and she is interested in signing another 3 year contract
- No big expenses expected for Summer 2020.

Paddle

- Men's paddle in process of switching over to tennis bookings by September 23
- Should have same login as tennis bookings but will confirm
- Meghan, Jay, Claire and Gerrit all have admin rights
- Viking order is in and was able to get the Diamond discount which included free shipping so they saved money.
- All 4 courts have been resurfaced
- Claire wants more court time but need to balance court availability for members and lessons.
- Pre-set court booking time 5:30-7, 7-8:30, 8:30-10
- Ladies paddle sent out a survey to 87 ladies (team players, clinics etc) and received 31 responses.
- Looking to add a social night they pay for and see if people will like it

- Working women wish they had matches at night- want more opportunity to play at night but hard to get court time
- A lot of women want 1.5 hour clinic vs 1 hr clinic and will cost \$200 more a season
- Asking to please put instructions for the music on the wall so people know how to use it properly.

Social

- Another successful summer at MSX and hard to believe it is over.
- Adult game night closed out the summer with a great night
- All events received positive feedback and were well attended.
- Planning to do a social survey to get any new ideas for future events and feedback combining the summer party in July with kick off party in May and doing it in June.

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General Information:

Executive Session 8:20-9:00pm

Next Meeting: Monday, October 7, 2019