

Middlesex Club Board Minutes – August 19, 2020

Directors attending (9): Sean McCarthy; Lisa Cruikshank; Jay Baum; Justin Byczek; Rob Steeves; Lindsay Warnke; Sallie Schmidt; Thomas Cerussi; Gerrit Veeder;

Directors Not Attending (6) Kim O'Brien; Alison Firgeleski; Kim Adams; Courtney Darby; Rosemary Jordan; Katie Briggs

General Counsel: Andrew Reardon not in attendance

Management: Tad Keating in attendance

Minutes: Approved the June 10, 2020

Presidents Notes:

- Thank you to everyone for all your continued efforts to keep members happy with all the new changes and updates.
- Members are complying with quarantine states guidelines.
- Storm damage and clean up was done by Tad Keating and club was up and running next day.
- Many other clubs did not fare well with the storm.
- Closing time for pool is now 8:00pm as opposed to 8:30 since it gets darker earlier.
- Proposed shut down is Monday of Labor Day and closed for the season as of Tuesday, September 8th.
- Good Humor Ice Cream Truck for Monday of Labor Day.
- We will continue to hold off on Fall social events.

Treasurer's Report:

- Sent out report via email to everyone.
- Still some issues with Toast program charges.
- Spend is on par with last year.

Manager's Report:

- Needs for next year: tennis equipment, furniture etc. give Tad a heads up now before waiting until Winter or next Spring.
- Looking into a Pod for Storage for new pool furniture.

Legal Council:

- Nothing to report at this time.

Committee Reports:

Strategic Planning Committee

- Meetings are currently on hold but planning to meet with Strategic Committee to discuss future plans for the club.

House and Grounds

- We purchased a bike rack at tennis courts per a member recommendation and Tad assembled it and it has been a great addition.
- Touch less faucet for Clubhouse bathroom is in and will be installed next week. After that the bathroom is ready for use.
- Old pool furniture to be discussed and decide how much we want to keep and where to store it.

IT/Communications

- Updating database for 10/1 resignation.
- Updating Sonos and checking on pool sound system.
- Omnify for paddle(proposed) keeping it open to be discussed with Board Members. Would like to discuss Omnify for next season if it can be used for all committees which would reduce cost and easier for members.

Membership

- 10 resignations this year making this 25-26 resignations for the year.
- Current waitlist is 44 and the offers going out to waitlist now are people who have been on the list for one year.
- Need to come up with some strategies to bring in new members going forward.
- Proposing to do some outdoor cocktail party with Board for potential new members in the Fall to get interest. Rental market has exploded bringing many new young families to Darien and we need to capitalize on this.

Tennis

- Tennis going well and coming to an end.
- Asst Pros getting ready to leave. Gigi left and Ilya is leaving next week.
- The club is having a tennis event to honor Ilya and say good-bye.
- Sunday August 23rd will be a mixed doubles tournament
- Labor Day weekend will have a doubles tournament for women and singles for men
- Extension of season to mid-October weather permitting
- After the season we will conduct a club survey to get feedback and evaluate ways of improving the MSX tennis programs.

Aquatics

- Swim and dive season have officially ended.
- We had 4 virtually swim meets and 5 virtual dive meets. It took a lot of patience and flexibility from everyone to make this all come together.
- We received a lot of positive feedback and most participants appreciated the chance to have a somewhat normal summer.

- In lieu of our traditional banquet, we celebrated with end of the season events by age group which included relay races, fun competition, awards, gifts and treats.
- We extended swim lessons for an additional week and are running a dive camp in conjunction with paddle this week.
- Thanks to Tad and Kelly for all their hard work and coordinating to help accommodate all of the practices, meets, clinics and lessons during a very tricky year with limited pool time.
- Working on an end of the season survey and looking for a new co-chair to join Kim O'Brien and Beatrice Repking next year.
- Next summer is the last summer for Marj's current contract and will need to begin negotiations this year.

Camp

- Not much to report as everyone knows camp was cancelled.

Paddle

- Viking order for the season went in and we have received delivery of balls for the season and paddles for Claire to sell.
- FCLP League is moving forward and starting October 2nd.
- Match time weekends 8:00am and 10:00am.
- Thinking new structure, new rules and new guidelines to continue play.
- Inter-Club discussion to be held with Claire to discuss leagues, clinics, Scrambles etc as we did in the Spring with proper guidelines in place.
- Reservation system online must be strictly enforced.
- Tournaments if any will be moved to the very end of season.
- No guests allowed which will be strictly enforced.

Social

- Planning to do one more music night Labor Day weekend.

Safety Committee

- Addressed all issues via email prior to Board meeting.
- Planning ahead for Fall paddle etc,

General Information:

Unfinished Business- None

New Business-

- Membership is having a "meet and greet" for prospective members, adhering to social distancing, and they can meet the Board and other members in case they are new to town and don't know many people.
- An email will go out in the next week to membership asking for volunteers for the nominating committee. We will like to start them earlier so they have some transition time.

- Nomination was made and passed to have Lindsey and Lisa the 2 Board members on the nominating committee and they will nominate 3 non board members.

Executive Session

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, September 9, 2020