

**Middlesex Club Board Minutes – July 8, 2020**  
**(Zoom Call due to Covid-19)**

Directors attending (13): Sean McCarthy; Lisa Cruikshank; Jay Baum; Justin Byczek; Katie Briggs; Rob Steeves; Kim Adams; Rosemary Jordan; Courtney Darby; Lindsay Warnke; Sallie Schmidt; Thomas Cerussi; Gerrit Veeder;

Directors Not Attending (2) Kim O'Brien; Alison Firgeleski

General Counsel: Andrew Reardon

Management: Tad Keating in attendance

**Minutes:** Approved the June 10, 2020

**Presidents Notes:**

- Thank you to everyone for all your effort and time to help get the club ready to open June 17<sup>th</sup>. We couldn't have done it without everyone's efforts and are so happy to see everyone enjoying the club.
- Please update email to the [msxpresident@gmail.com](mailto:msxpresident@gmail.com) so all MSX president emails go to this account.
- Will review Tennis, Social and Swim Budgets tonight.
- Tad and staff doing an amazing job and members are all so happy.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Sent out reports via email so everyone should have received it.
- The next report will reflect more numbers regarding program revenues.
- Not many disputes so far with the new Toast program which is great.

**Manager's Report:**

- Riverside came and replaced fence by Court 8.
- Everything is running smoothly and impressed with everything.
- Omnify is also running great with no problems.

**Legal Council:**

- Nothing to report at this time.

**Committee Reports:**

**Strategic Planning Committee**

- Meetings are currently on hold but thinking that in a month Strategic Committee could meet to discuss future plans for the club which seems hard to discuss right now. A lot of the projects are big picture plans and can hopefully be discussed during these times.

**House and Grounds**

- The touchless faucet for the clubhouse is delayed until end of July. The locker room bathrooms will be available for paddle users until the bathroom is finished.

- The fence repairmen were working on the fence on Tuesday.
- Sending out a house and ground guideline to membership to remind everyone about dogs, bicycle riding and entrance.
- Tad and staff moved all the old furniture and new furniture from near tennis garage to paddle courts area and stacked it nicely.
- Looking for recommendations on what to do with old furniture long term.
- The Safety committee approved setting up the tables and chairs at the Tennis Pavillion. Looks great and made everyone happy.

### **IT/Communications**

- Pool Registration System is up and running with minimal issues overall. Will continue to work with Kelly to review the “no-shows” weekly basis and inform those members who have not cancelled. At this point no one has been charged a fee.
- Snack Bar ordering online is up and running and similar to Omnify. Toast has only had a few issues which seems to be more user error then actual software problems.
- COVID-19 guidelines review, specifically pool usage, will continue to monitor the COVID-19 requirements as it relates to pool usage and will bring any changes to Safety Committee to review and approve if needed.
- Continually working with CMIT on our footprint. Currently, main WIFI has been an issue with Optimum. If members are having problems, please contact Kelly who will contact CMIT to start a ticket for resolution.
- Handbook will go online this week.
- Board member asked as we gradually progress with opening restrictions when will we consider adding guests to the club? Suggested maybe Monday-Thursday as an option.

### **Membership**

- One new application in the 30 day wait period.
- Current waitlist is 42 families.
- We will only have 4 August membership families this year. We decided to keep our focus on giving membership priority access to the club this Summer.
- Anticipating another tough membership cycle in October. Historically, more families resign after the Summer. With COVID it could be higher and need to plan accordingly.
- Good news is we have a lot of new applicants pending and interest is high to join MSX.
- Please note- one on one tours are available for interested families which we haven't done in the past. The families who has toured MSX love seeing the kids at swim practice, meeting board members or staff around the club and seeing the club in real time.

- If you know of families interested in joining, send them to Lindsay for a tour or any questions.
- Waitlist has been updated on the website.

### **Tennis**

- The tennis director and pros have been working tirelessly to provide safe but enjoyable programs for a broad range of participants.
- Tennis has been hit hard due to COVID and some loss in revenue in many areas due to late Spring start and court restrictions, elimination of Junior Spring Clinics, loss of camp revenue, and loss of many social events.
- MSX has one of the strongest junior programs in the area with over 130 participants and additional juniors participating in pre-team and lessons.
- Along with 9 other clubs, MSX is participating in Darien, New Canaan and Norwalk Interclub league in the A B, and C divisions.
- We are planning for some safe tennis gatherings in the coming weeks- all limited to 4 people per court.
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Mixed Doubles was well attended and everyone enjoyed it.
- Men's Tennis clinics have been full on both Saturdays and Mondays with many traditional NY commuters having more time to play tennis this season.
- The Intra-Club Wednesday match play has also been well attended.
- Please see attached document for Tennis Budget 2020.

### **Aquatics**

- Excited to have swim, dive and lesson programs up and running for 3<sup>rd</sup> week.
- 142 kids are registered for swim and dive and have a large turnout for the swim lesson program due to lack of camp lessons.
- A lot more kids are trying out dive and have really enjoyed diving.
- Working very hard to accommodate everyone as much as possible due to COVID limitations.
- Hired Joe Somma as the Diving Director this year to help build and grow dive program. Joe will bring consistency to the program since the dive coaches change year to year based on availability.
- Aquatics will be participating in virtual meets this season against the other division one teams in FCSL. The results do not count towards our standing in the league.
- The FCSL asked all clubs to test out a new app called Swimmingly, which is a program that is used to run and manage the entire meet. This will reduce the number of volunteers needed to run a meet, shortens the time of the meet and handles all operations of the meet digitally.
- Socially we are trying to keep everything as normal and fun as possible, at the end of each week we celebrate with a special treat or theme.

- We are planning an awards ceremony at the end of season and honor kids in the program and team MSX tees.
- We expect to bring in \$12,000 in program fees and expenses are \$8000 for the program.

### **Camp**

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

### **Paddle**

- Courts are being used but more limited than in the past.
- All Men's teams have opted out of organized Summer paddle leagues.
- Ladies have moved forward and play begins this week Wednesday.
- Claire sent out email for Junior paddle and they discussed how she will handle as far as number of kids per court, spacing etc. Only a few responses so far.
- FCPTL meeting next week to start discussions about Winter Paddle League. We need to make sure clubs can host guests/matches in order to move forward.
- Will meet with Meghan and Claire in the next few weeks to start talking about Fall/Winter and how we will be proceeding with clinics, lessons etc.

### **Social**

- No events planned due to COVID-19.
- Social is looking to approve budget for remaining music nights.

### **Safety Committee**

- Follows up weekly to discuss any updates or safety concerns.
- Committee will come up with a policy about club and send to membership in case traveling in restricted areas.
- What are policies if member or employee gets sick with COVID, what do we do?

### **General Information:**

#### **Unfinished Business**

- Tennis Budget asking for \$5000 which is for the additional 600 hours Jim added this year due to COVID regulations- asking for money to help offset some of this additional cost.

#### **New Business-**

- Motion made and approved Tennis \$5K and Social \$3K Budgets.
- Motion was made and approved that if members travel outside to high risk states the board approved to suspend a family for 30 days if they broke the quarantine rule.

**Executive Session – 8:30 – 8:55**

**Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, August 19, 2020**