

Middlesex Club Board Minutes – September 9, 2020

Directors attending (12): Sean McCarthy; Lisa Cruikshank; Gerrit Veeder; Kim Adams; Kim O'Brien; Rob Steeves; Lindsay Warnke; Sallie Schmidt; Thomas Cerussi; Alison Firgeleski; Meghan Muldoon; Courtney Darby; Rosemary Jordan

Directors Not Attending (3) Jay Baum, Justin Byczek, Katie Briggs

General Counsel: Andrew Reardon in attendance

Management: Tad Keating in attendance

Minutes: Approved the August 19, 2020

Presidents Notes:

- Motion made to approve the August minutes with amendment for cyber liability.
- Labor Day weekend went very well- music night, tennis matches, ice cream- great end of summer event.
- All members adhered to the rules making it much easier.
- Special thanks to Tad and his team for keeping everyone safe and our successful summer.
- Working with Claire and the Safety Committee to ensure paddle is safe for the Fall/Winter season.
- Thursday 9/17 meeting with the Darien club presidents to recap how summer went and how they are handling the club going into the Fall.

Treasurer's Report:

- Looking into charges for snack bar and tennis to make sure they are accurate and have currently made changes to snack bar billing.
- Need to get all expenses in for various committees so we can wrap up expenses for the summer.
- Paddle camp was very successful
- Expenses down \$30K and tennis and aquatics \$\$ still coming in
- Reports sent out and numbers are up to Sept 9, 2020 not year end.

Manager's Report:

- TY to Larry, Kelly and staff for helping make this summer so successful
- While things are fresh in your minds after the season please give Tad a heads up if you have things that need to get done for next summer.
- Looking into lights for the parking lot to make sure it is well lit for people coming and going.

Legal Council:

- Nothing to report at this time.

Committee Reports:

Strategic Planning Committee

- Membership Open House concept was tremendous and well received. We should look to do more of those opportunistically to continue to drive the wait list.
- Thank you to Lindsay for handling the Open House.

House and Grounds

- Bathroom in clubhouse is in good shape ordered a new toilet which was installed. We will be adding a new wastebasket and cabinet and touch up paint in a few spots which will be completed in the next week.
- Old furniture lounge chairs and umbrellas are available to members to come and pick up this weekend if they are interested
- Storing new furniture-looked into a few options which were expensive so will discuss storing them in the breezeway at the main clubhouse.
- Tad confirmed the courts will be swept nightly through September and members should sweep the courts after they use them.

IT/Communications

- Starting to wind down tech platforms (Toast and Omnify) after next weekend.
- Survey will go out soon for the areas that will be doing one.

Membership

- 40 currently on the waitlist and 9 in the 30 day wait period for a total of 49.
- October 1 cycle is well underway and currently filling the last spot.
- Membership Open House- 9 families came through. Membership will be reaching out to them to see if they have questions and follow up on their interest. Many of the tours look like they will result in membership and one family has already applied.

Tennis

- Great season and will continue to play as long as courts are open and bathrooms remain open for a few more weeks. Many members have indicated that tennis has provided an excellent safe activity this summer.
- In late August, members had fun at the Ladies ABC Round Robin, Ilyas Goodbye and the Dynamics Duo tournament. Families also enjoyed the Yellow, Orange and Green Championships and Parent/Child Tournament.
- Over Labor Day the Women's Doubles and Men's Singles tournaments brought out a strong group of spirited competition.
- Color attire will be allowed post Labor Day
- Tennis bookings is still available as well as the no guest policy continues.

Aquatics

- Jodie Scozzafava has agreed to be the 3rd swim chair
- Looking into doing a possible survey this season.

Camp

- No update at this time.

Paddle

- Ties were taken off the doors and approved by safety committee.
- Viking order arrived and we have our balls for the season.
- I am expecting the highest demand for courts than we have ever had, between people still working from home and the increase in winter members and opt ins, numbers have never been higher.
- Adjusted court reservation blocks to 5:30-7, 7-8:30 and 8:30-10. This was done based on the increased demand expected this season and with people still working from home 5:30-7 becomes a more viable time slot.
- No guests allowed outside of official league matches.
- If Paddle wants to come up with a proposal to allow guests, they need to put something together for Safety Committee then bring it to the Board for approval.
- Reservations will have to include all 4 member names.
- Clubhouse remains closed.
- No breakfast for league matches
- No first Friday's
- Men's Thursday scrambles are moved to 7-8:30 & 8:30-10 so that courts can be reserved at the 5:30-7 pm time (historically 6:30-8 and 8-9:30)
- Currently have 7 Winter Member Families and working on 4-5 more. Last year we had 9.
- Sent out Men's "opt in" email for the \$200 season charge. We are currently at 109 opted in vs 100 last year.
- Ladies kick off is 9/12- signups are online and will be (2) 90 minute sessions. One session was not enough as they not have 33 people signed up which is too many at one time.
- Free paddle clinic for new members on 9/19.
- Men's kick off will be on 9/26 and will be done the same way as the Women's as far as signups and two sessions.
- Men's Saturday Clinics will start on 10/3.
- Fairfield County league will begin in October for Men and Women. We have not seen any clubs back out and we believe we will actually have more teams in the league than last year on the men's side.
- We will need to address providing access to our courts for tournaments. The APTA asked to use our courts on 10/16 and 10/17 for a pro event that is based at CCD and Wee Burn. Woodway has also asked for 3 dates for their tournaments.

- Claire is working on the Jr. Clinics and the ladies clinics (day and evening) and aligning the timing of evening clinics with the court blocks so we can maximize court usage on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- Working with Meghan on offering a ladies scramble night in place of a clinics night.
- Need more hand sanitizer stations and bathroom is only open for use and masks must be worn at all times when inside the clubhouse.

Social

- Everyone enjoyed music night Sunday and Labor Day water balloons and ice cream. Thank you to Tad and his staff for all your help.
- Looking at possible Trunk or Treat for Halloween and discussing Christmas party but for now waiting to see what is happening with COVID before making plans.

Safety Committee

- Nothing at this time

General Information:

Unfinished Business- None

New Business-None

Executive Session

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 7, 2020