

**Woodstock Badminton Club
Board Meeting
November 12, 2013**

Present: Kevin Cougler, Ron Cougler, Drew Fallowfield, Bob Trowhill, Wendy Clements, Carol Bossenberry, David Truscott, Eric Kendall

Regrets: Darlene Hull, Nancy Shaw

Absent: Adam Clark

Business:

Secretary Report:

Wendy read the minutes of the October 10, 2013 meeting. No errors or omissions.

Motion to accept: Wendy. Seconded: Bob. Carried.

Maintenance:

Eric reported that the lockers have been put together. Notes have been put on some of the old lockers that have locks to have them vacated so they can be disposed of.

Eric is waiting for a shipment of 11 pickleball racquets from Peter Singleton. He has a waiting list and most will be sold. He will put in an order for more paddles and balls for the club.

The the bearings are going on the cooler fan in the kitchen, it makes a lot of noise but still works for now.

Ron commented that he has heard feedback that the Fob is "fantastic".

Dave made a suggestion that the club needs a counter top oven.

Motion to purchase one at a reasonable price: Wendy. Seconded: Ron. Carried.

Action: Dave will shop.

Motion to accept report: Wendy. Seconded: Ron. Carried.

Vice President:

Dave commented that things have been going very well for the club and we need to continue to promote to the community. However with increased access to the club he is concerned that unlimited availability may result in some members and guests taking liberties. We need to encourage a standard of behaviour and asked that we look into installing security cameras.

Bob raised a point about separate alarm codes for each member. Carol suggested an article in the newsletter reminding members that the fob is also used for tracking club use.

Action: Kevin will ask Eric to prepare a report about installing cameras..

Publicity:

Carol suggested making the club available to families & youth with some additional morning hours over the holiday season. She will draw up a schedule, check rentals for any conflicts then send a message to members asking for volunteers / openers.

As well the club could be open to families & youth for the morning of Family Day, February 17, 2014. Kevin volunteered to open. There was discussion about advertizing this to the community and asking for donations to a charity and/or non-perishable food items. Kevin suggested partnering with other community organizations such as United Way. He will talk to Kelly Gillson.

Carol registered the club for the Woodstock Recreation & Leisure Fair for March 2, 2014. She will prepare the items for a display including the free standing display, equipment, handouts, free passes, etc. The pre-schoolers will give a demonstration. Kevin & Ron will staff the booth.

Motion to accept report: Bob. Seconded: Drew. Carried.

Junior Program:

Bob reported that there is increasing interest for the Junior group sessions. For the Wednesday lessons there are usually 12 out, from 6 1/2 to 14 years of age. For Saturday lessons usually 15 – 20 attend, ages from 6 – 60. Darlene has been unable to help out recently and Saj has increased his teaching time so there will be an increase in the teaching budget.

There will be an OBA Coaching Clinic held at WBC in December. There is one free position available. Discussion as to who should attend.

Motion to accept report: Ron. Seconded: Drew. Carried.

Membership:

Wendy reported that we now have 112 members including those who should be renewing before the end of the calendar year. Some members who were eligible for the 10% seniors discount paid the full fee (approximately \$625 in overpayments). Discussion about how this will be handled. Wendy will contact each one and ask if they would like to be reimbursed or make a donation to a club project such as the front entrance.

Motion to accept: Dave. Seconded: Carol. Carried.

Treasurer:

Ron reported that the bank balance is \$26,000. Sales of birds is up by 80% and membership is up by 25%. Publicity budget is over budget.

Ron has been in contact with Badminton Ontario about payment for use of the club and we will be paid. There is still some question about rebates for the number of members from WBC. Wendy will check into this.

The insurance premium is due February 8, 2014. Dave suggested shopping around for a different carrier, checking with other badminton clubs, Associations, brokers and agents. The current cost for insurance is \$4500.

There are 2 GICs maturing on February 3 & 8 totalling \$16,000. This money is the emergency fund. Discussion about collapsing the GICs to pay the line of credit. Ron will meet with the Finance Committee.

The Constitution and Bylaw Committee continue to meet monthly and prepared a draft constitution which was sent to board members for comment. These have been addressed and the committee are now working on the changes to the Bylaws.

Motion to accept: Drew. Seconded: Bob. Carried.

House:

Drew reported that the roofing company will be coming back to complete the flashing for the roof and repair the eaves trough that was damaged on Aaron Smith's building. The repairs to the back step will start on Friday. The front entrance will be renovated mid-January. Wendy suggested that we look into an awning over the back door. Drew will measure, check re city ordinances and get a price.

The equipment cabinet has been stocked and items are individually priced. Sales are good. Dave asked if we are able to compare the cost of equipment purchases and the sales of inventory. Drew said that he is working on this. Wendy asked that there be a stock of goggles for juniors.

Wendy asked that openers be sure to ring off the till every day.

Discussion re sales of racquet covers and it was decided to sell them for \$5.

Motion to accept: Carol Seconded: Wendy. Carried.

President:

Kevin reported that he and Drew have visited 8 city schools and talked to the principals promoting the club, 3 have asked to come and use the club. He suggested that there be “goodies” and free passes for the children who attend. Discussion about promotion to families. Permission slips have to be sent home from the school and there is the possibility of sending a club flyer with these.

The Friday Family Nights have 12 – 15 attending.

Kevin will be meeting with the owner of the new Racquet & Fitness Club (900 members) about a partnership.

The Masters tournament scheduled for December 6 – 7 has been cancelled due to conflict with another tournament.

The WOBA tournament on December 14 is from 10 – 2pm. The fee is \$100

Kevin is in discussion with Martha Dennis of the Chamber of Commerce about an e-flyer to business members about the Saturday Corporate Nights. The fee is \$60 per court.

The FCC will have a Corporate Night on December 21st.

The Trillium Grant application was submitted by November 1st.

The City of Woodstock Grant application will be submitted by December 1st.

Wendy asked that club members be notified by email when changes are made to the website.

Carol asked

Motion to accept: Dave. Seconded: Carol. Carried.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is December 10, 2013 at 7pm.