

WOODSTOCK BADMINTON CLUB
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 11, 2015
310 Hunter Street
7:00 p.m.

Welcome: Drew called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Carol Bossenberry, Wendy Clements, Drew Fallowfield, Miranda Rowntree, Nancy Shaw, Dana Wells, Russell Yeung

Regrets: Bob Trowhill

1. Review of Minutes from last regular Board Meeting of June 9, 2015 -already accomplished at June 23, 2015 meeting.

2. President's Message-

Drew is pleased to report WBC's updates with the Canada Revenue Agency is now complete. This facilitates WBC's business processes e.g. payroll, correct address and confirmation of our business number.

Carol inquired about having the previous Canteen staff return. Drew explained we need to find out if there are grants available to cover costs or the Club would be responsible for the full salaries. It would be optimal to have the previous staff since they are already trained or new staff would need the full training/ orientation. Around the table it was agreed having staff on Tuesdays and Thursdays in particular is very desirable; estimated annual cost: \$3000.00. Drew will make further inquires.

3. Vice President's Message- as submitted by Russell

Not much to report. Contacted OBA to confirm dates for the BK Jr High Performance tournament. Inquiry from OBA as to our interest in hosting any Masters and Adult tournaments. I told her I will put this on the agenda for our board meeting and get back to her our intentions.

Request from Joanne Quinn (WHEAt gym) to rent the club on the following dates ... Feb. 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2016. Friday afternoons from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. apparently in the past they have paid on a donation basis (they have been paying \$50/session).

We now have all the pickleball paddles we had ordered. The remaining 2 were dropped off to my son in Waterloo. Unfortunately I forgot and left them at the cottage and I won't be back for a couple of weeks.

Further discussion at this meeting: Dates for the BK Junior Tournament are confirmed: September 19th, 20th. Round table discussion followed on the possible hosting OBA tournaments. Everyone felt WBC does not have the human resources to accomplish this; Russell will follow up with Jean Wong.

4. Treasurer's Report -Wendy circulated copies of the Financials for July/15:

Comparative Income Statement 01/07/2015 to 17/07/2015 vs 17/06/2015 to 17/07/2015

Comparative Income Statement 01/07/2014 to 30/07/2014 vs 01/07/2015 to 17/07/2015

Balance Sheet as at 17/07/2015 (\$314,561.02)

Wendy advised in the above statements, "17/07/15" indicates the last ledger entry but in reality the statements reflect the full month.

A June 2015 - May 2016 Budget was also distributed (see attached); Wendy based estimates for future numbers on previous amounts and added in other expected costs such as a Club banner. This Budget will provide a framework from which the Board can make sound business decisions in future planning.

Dana made a Motion to accept Wendy's Report, seconded by Miranda. All approved, the Motion was passed.

5. Maintenance Director Report - Dana has nothing to report at this time.

6. Fundraising Director Report - Miranda has nothing to report at this time.

7. Membership Director Report - as submitted by Carol

Membership Fees and Senior Member Discounts

September 1st 2015- August 31st 2016

The Following discounts apply where the member (or any one member of a multiple person membership) is over age 55

Category

Regular Rate	Seniors Rate	Student \$189.00
\$549.00	\$499.00	
Friday Family		Social \$59.00
\$299.00	\$259.00	
Adult		Court fees \$7.00
\$289.00	\$259.00	
Couple		
\$409.00	\$369.00	

Carol proposed there be a slight increase in membership rates as above. She is also revising the corresponding forms.

Wendy made a Motion to accept Carol's Report and new rates, seconded by Russell, all approved, Motion passed.

Dana asked about the arrangement WBC has with Southgate Seniors' Centre. There does not appear to be a tracking system of those from Southgate who make use of WBC. It is unclear what reciprocal benefits are set up for WBC members. Drew will contact Kevin who was involved in the initial agreement and follow up at the next meeting.

Carol brought forward a request from a Member for a Club credit. He has sustained an injury which prevents him from playing. After some discussion, Carol made a Motion to allow a

credit of four months for this exceptional circumstance. Miranda seconded the Motion, all approved, Motion was carried. Carol will advise this Member.

8. Youth Program Director Report- as submitted by Bob

It would appear that the new season is upon us as we get ready for what I'm sure will be one of the busiest years that the club has had for a long time. The lesson season will kick off Saturday, October 3rd at the usual time with the first Wednesday lesson slated to start October 7th. These dates should be published in the usual fashion. I will be sending an e-mail blast out to the regular participants of the lesson program to inform them of the start-up dates.

It has recently come to my attention that some of our members have been removing the good used birds from the garbage cans located on the courts for personal use. These birds have traditionally been used as training birds for the Youth Program. Without frequent sorting and collecting of these birds throughout the regular and off peak playing times the training programs will run short during the lesson season. Dana has been kind enough to print signs stating that these birds should be left in the bins until sorted for the program. I'm hoping that our members will understand that they are supporting our club in two ways by not only purchasing birds through our club but by allowing our youth members and indeed our lesson group to train with the slightly damaged birds.

It has been confirmed that the Black Knight Junior High Performance (A) Tournament is scheduled for the 19th & 20th of September. This tournament happens very early in our season traditionally making the September kickoff quite busy. Provisions must be made to have volunteers available to;

- assist Badminton Ontario with the execution of the tournament
- ensuring that the club is configured for the tournament
- the canteen is stocked
- kitchen staff is available throughout the weekend

After reading the notes from the "informal" general board meeting held in July, I feel that I would like to respond to the suggestion of an increase in membership of \$10.00 across the board, at least the Youth Program aspect. Three years ago the price of a junior membership was significantly reduced by about 20% to increase membership. During that time we have increased the junior membership numbers by providing a very high level of coaching at a incredibly low price. By increasing the junior membership to \$189.00 we will be able to continue to provide the same excellent, high level of coaching at a still very affordable price. Based on the number of coaching hours projected for the upcoming season, at \$189.00 this equates to **\$1.21/coaching hour!!!** This along with the other benefits of membership translates into very good value for your membership dollar. I feel that at this time the Youth Program would be able to sustain a 12% increase as we strive toward a completely self sustaining and hopefully expanded Youth Program.

This report was circulated prior to this meeting. Discussion and Acceptance will occur at the next meeting of the Board.

9. Other Business

a. Drew asked for discussion on the WBC Open House which traditionally is the third week of September. It was decided free play will be offered the week of September 21-27th. This will be advertised via the Website, all Member e-mail, and Carol has a full list of community partners to be contacted. She will compose a notice to send along to Miranda (website) and Nancy (e-mails).

b. Nancy brought forward a Member request to have 9-11 Wednesday mornings be designated as a time slot for Pickleball. Discussion around the table reviewed this request and it was agreed the calendar should be kept as is at this time. The Board strives to address the wishes of Members while keeping times open for Members to drop in, and allow time for Rental requests. No action will be taken to change an established, balanced schedule. Nancy will follow up with this Member.

c. The Club is now required to use the new Canada Post superbox. Keys will be made for the appropriate Board members.

10. Next Meeting- the date for the next meeting is Tuesday September 8th.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Carol, seconded by Dana at 8:25. All approved, Motion was passed.

Minutes submitted by Nancy Shaw