

WOODSTOCK BADMINTON CLUB
BOARD MEETING MINUTES (unapproved)
March 8, 2016
310 Hunter Street
7:00 p.m.

Welcome: Russell called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 7:00.

Present: Carol Bossenberry, Nancy Shaw, Bob Trowhill, Dana Wells, Russell Yeung

Regrets: Wendy Clements, Miranda Rountree (resigned)

1. Review of last Board Meeting Minutes from February 9, 2016- The Minutes were reviewed, no errors or omissions were noted. Carol moved to approve the Minutes, seconded by Dana, all approved. Motion to accept passed.

2. President's Message - as submitted by Russell

There have been questions lately regarding Tuesday night badminton. It used to be an adult only night. I thought that is still the case but I have not been able to find anything that explicitly says so. I am getting questions regarding this. Does anyone know?

I am starting to get complaints again regarding the damage to the floor. When I was there on Thursday, I noticed the courts were severely gouged. I have never seen anything like it. I am guessing that this is fairly recent. We play on court 2 on Sundays and I am pretty sure that I would have noticed the amount of gouges on that court. I seem to remember this was previously discussed and it was blamed on renters. Well we have not had renters for family functions since Christmas. And I can tell you if the damage was caused by badminton rackets the club will be littered with broken rackets. Unfortunately that leaves pickleball play. I would hate to see how much it will cost to refinish the courts. I believe that it was 40,000+ to fix the floors from the Trillium grant.

Regarding the issue of Friday nights opening. It is unfortunate that people show up and the club is not open. When we accepted the family membership, we knew that this was a possibility. I don't know how much that family comes out but it appears maybe not enough. I have had a complaint about it and now there is another. The website calendar suggests that even though the club is open, it is also subject to opener availability. I feel that this is enough to give us an out. At this point, you are not going to find anyone who will commit to opening every Friday. I am against paying someone to open as what will pay out will not be recovered from one family membership. I see no alternative to leave this as is.

Finally, it is unfortunate that we lost Miranda from the board. She has been quite helpful and will be missed. We can be thankful we had her help for as long as we did. We will need to fill those duties, to some extent anyway.

Carol followed up on the topic of the damage to our courts. Most have observed these new gouges, but the source is unknown. It is a disturbing occurrence, but no action will be taken at this time.

Carol made a Motion to accept Russell's message, seconded by Dana. All approved, Motion passed.

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

I have to say that I'm proud of the way that everyone has stepped up this season to fill the gaps in the board. The lack of volunteers has meant an extra workload for everyone. Along with that extra workload, however, we have had some overlap and different ideas about how some of the

duties are completed. I think that this is normal in any organization but I must remind everyone that as a team we must work together toward a common goal. To that end, each of us needs to follow the due process set out by our constitution and by-laws. This means that we all answer to the board and are bound by the decisions reached either by e-mail or by vote at a regular meeting. We must also understand that there will be different opinions and ideas amongst our group of peers. Each of us needs to take the time to appreciate and respect a different point of view and know that each of us have the betterment of the club in mind. We are all volunteers that have offered valuable time away from our families and this alone has to be admired. No matter how passionate a debate may become during one of our exchanges, when we address the membership, it should be as one.

We are a great team that has kept the Woodstock Badminton Club sustainable for another season. Let's finish the season the way we started, with hopes and ideas for the future.

Nancy thanked Bob for his positive messaging.

Carol made a Motion to accept Bob's Report, seconded by Dana. All approved, Motion passed.

4. Youth Director's Report- as submitted by Bob

Numbers are remaining strong for the lessons. Two new junior memberships last month mean we have equaled the numbers from last season. To date we have 34 active junior members in the Youth Program and 48 members, including youth members, participating regularly in the Saturday morning lessons.

The kids are all training hard for the upcoming Bill Parks Memorial tournament slated to be held in April. This tournament showcases our talent and is our best advertisement for the Youth Program.

I'm looking forward to meeting prospective members and possibly signing a few to the program.

Discussion on the tournament followed: supplies in place, volunteers needed to staff the canteen.

The Secretary will send out an all Member email in this regard.

A Motion to accept Bob's Report was made by Dana, seconded by Carol. All approved, Motion passed.

5. Membership Director Report- as submitted by Carol

I just processed 4 memberships, 3 students & 1 adult [Marg J]

We currently have 126 members; 102 memberships.

Carol and Russell noted all the old fobs are now disabled. Only the newly coded fobs will work.

Carol further broke down membership by category; these will be circulated to the Board after the meeting.

Nancy made a Motion to accept Carol's Report, seconded by Bob. All approved, Motion passed.

6. Maintenance Director Report- as submitted by Dana

Much of the items listed have already been covered in previous emails so I will briefly list them:

1. Rentals - we have had a number of rentals in the past month including:
 - a) WHEAT group
 - b) Woodstock Christian School
 - c) WCI
 - d) Marg Johnson's group
 - e) Southgate Centre

2. A bulletin board has been installed by the kitchen door to list the upcoming schedule and rentals for the next 2 months
3. Toilets have been fixed, a credit will be issued on our next water bill after I sent a letter to the County of Oxford explaining the hardship it has caused with a one month water bill from December in excess of \$400
4. LED lights have been installed in the front, side and back corner positions giving abundant light around the club - no complaints so far from the neighbours which was not the case with the previous lights we had
5. Recreations and Leisure Show this past weekend was a success at Cowan Park and helped with the promotion and recognition of badminton and pickleball in Woodstock
6. The fire safety plan has been approved by the Woodstock Fire Department
7. Our annual exit sign, emergency lights and fire extinguishers have been inspected by Tillsonburg Fire and Safety
8. Registration forms and payments have been coming into the club for the May 7 Pickleball and Pies Tournament. According to John Kupisz it is 50% filled.
9. A new item I would like to discuss is the old Manitoba maple tree along the side entrance where people park. The tree is old and has areas of rot. Although it is not the Club's tree, we need to address it with our neighbor - Koinonia Church to see if we can get it taken out as it poses a risk to our members who park in that location.
Dana added that for his own information, he has obtained quotes on tree removal, even though this tree is not on WBC property. They are approximately \$1,000.00.
A sincere thank you was extended to Dana for all his work.
Carol made a Motion to accept Dana's Report, seconded by Bob. All approved, Motion carried.

7. Treasurer's Report- last month's Financials circulated by Wendy:

Comparative Income Statement 01/02/2016 to 29/02/2016 vs 01/06/2015 to 29/02/2016

Comparative Income Statement 01/02/2015 to 28/02/2015 vs 01/02/2016 vs 29/02/2016

Comparative Income Statement 01/06/2015 to 28/02/2015 vs 01/06/2015 to 29/02/2016

Balance Sheet as at 20/02/2016 (\$316,242.47)

Queries were made about outstanding bills/ cheques. Russell will ask Wendy to include a Monthly Ledger in her Financials. In her absence, further discussion is deferred to next Board meeting.

8. Other Business- none

9. Next Board Meeting- Tuesday April 12th, 2016.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Dana, seconded by Carol. All approved, Motion passed. The Meeting closed at 7:46.

Submitted by Nancy Shaw