

***Hop Brook Tennis Club Meeting***  
***February 26th, 2023***

The meeting of the Hop Brook Tennis Club Board was called to order by Ted Almy at 7:10 via zoom.

**Present:** Marc Philo, Tracey Tietje, Ted Almy, Todd Raymond, and Charlie McCormick

**Absent:** Tom Duffy, Althea Schwartz, Jennifer Larwood,

**1. Minutes**

- The minutes to both the Annual Meeting (December 3rd, 2022) and January 22nd Board meeting were approved as presented.

**2. Big Team Paddle**

- The Big Team Paddle tournament dates were discussed. The Board agreed to schedule the tournament for March 25 with the potluck dinner the 24th at a location to be determined. Marc Philo, Charlie McCormick and Jim Peters will organize the event and relay to membership.
- Marc Philo has booked courts at Tumblebrook to allow play at both clubs
  - i. \*At the time of writing these minutes Marc Philo, Charlie McCormick, and Jim Peters decided to move the tournament to April 14th (potluck) and April 15th (tournament). Courts have been booked at Hop Meadow Country Club and the potluck dinner will take place at The Simsbury Coon Club. Invites were sent to membership on Monday, March 13th.

**3. Financial Update**

- Todd Raymond informed the Board that approximately half of the membership dues have been received totaling roughly \$26,000.
- Todd stated that club bills & expenses have not been significant in the last month
- Todd will be sending a reminder to those who have not submitted their dues
- No present Board members have received or heard any complaints regarding the dues increase
- Todd has received a deposit for new members Halley & Paige Willison. Their application will be sent around for approval once received.
- Kris Arnold will not be renewing membership for 2023
- The Board had a lengthy discussion regarding timing of membership dues and official calendar year. The club By-Laws state dues are for the calendar year and are due by March 1st. The Board approved that members joining in October, November, and December, who have paid dues and initiation fee will cover the dues of the following year. Given the dues increase for 2023 members who joined in the fourth quarter of 2022 will need to pay the incremental dues difference. The board will be updating the By-Laws to reflect this.

#### **4. Associate Members**

- The Board discussed associate members who have become more involved in using club facilities. Associate members are limited to using club facilities two times per calendar month. Associate members who are currently using the club more than twice per month need to change their membership to single sport or full time members. They would then also need to pay the initiation fee.
- Ted Almy will send an email out to the club to remind them of the limitations of associate membership and to promote upgrading membership to single sport or full time if warranted.

#### **5. Other Business**

- Ted Almy stated the Board will discuss Tom Duffy's emailed items of discussion at the next board meeting when he is in attendance
- Tracy Tietje will update the website calendar to include the first and last tennis & pickle ball drop in dates.
- The next board meeting has been scheduled for March 19th at 7:00 pm via zoom.

The meeting was adjourned by Ted Almy at 7:58 via zoom.

Respectively Submitted:  
Charlie McCormick