

FAIRFIELD COUNTY TENNIS LEAGUE

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

MARCH 26TH 2008

The President, Roy Anderson, called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. at the Woodway Country Club, Darien. He thanked Woodway Country Club for its generous hospitality in making its excellent facility available for our meeting. He thanked the team Captains, saying that their work is what makes the League possible.

Stan Mattison, noted that the popular Play In May Doubles Tournament, benefitting Norwalk Grassroots Tennis will be held at various Darien and nearby clubs on May 3rd, and that a raffle featuring an all expense trip to Wimbledon will be held in connection with the tournament.

Matt Fraenza, Assistant Marketing Director for the Pilot Pen Tournament noted that that tournament will be conducted during the week of August 15th-23rd, and that attractively priced group tickets will be available to captains in our League for the Tuesday session of the tournament.

The Minutes of the 2007 meeting as posted on the Internet were approved by the meeting.

Brian Skinner, the Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report with a cash balance of \$15,968.45 which was approved by the captains present.

Art Goldblatt, chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported that the Board recommended that the position of Vice-President be created as an additional office. The meeting unanimously approved this recommendation. Mr. Goldblatt stated that the Committee consisting of Casey Jones, Brian Skinner and himself recommended for the 2008 season the following Directors: Roy Anderson, Wisner Brown, Jacques deSpoelberch, Art Goldblatt, Arnold Hoegler, Casey Jones, Bill Marshall, Stan Mattison, John Schmidt, Brian Skinner and Ed Weiss. He reported that the Committee recommended as officers for the coming season: Roy Anderson as President and Secretary of the Masters League; Ed Weiss as Vice President; Art

Goldblatt as Open League Secretary; Arnold Hoegler as Scheduling Secretary; and Brian Skinner as Treasurer. The recommendations were approved unanimously. The meeting unanimously appointed Mr. Jones, Mr. Skinner and Mr. Goldblatt as the Nominating Committee for the 2008 season.

The President announced the winners and finalists of the Alex Reddin Tournament and suggested that the 2008 tournament be held on September 13th at Woodway. His recommendation was approved unanimously.

The President announced that the winner of Division I in the Open League for 2007 was the Four Seasons Club.

Arnie Hoegler gave the report of the Scheduling Secretary. He stated that the scheduling had gone smoothly in 2007 and changes were being made in accordance with the rules for exchanges of top and bottom finishers in the Divisions. He noted that the emphasis on geography to mitigate traffic difficulties was being maintained in the allocation of teams to geographic Divisions.

Roy reported that the Master's League 50+ Division I Champion was the Ridgefield Athletic Club and that Fairfield Beach was the 60+ Division Champion. He noted that applications for admission to the 60+ Division have been made by Bailiwick and Innis Arden. Both applications were unanimously approved. A motion was made to approve the scheduling lineups for 2008 as submitted by Mr. Hoegler and was unanimously adopted.

Bill Marshall reported that there will be no substantial changes to our web site. There was discussion about extending the mandatory reporting of detailed scores from Division I to other Divisions. The benefits of having detailed match scores on line to discourage "stacking" were weighed against the additional burden placed on captains by this requirement. A motion was made and approved to extend mandatory detailed reporting of the players in each match together with the set scores for Division II, but not the other Divisions. Detailed reporting will also be required in the Master's Division I. It is requested that the captains in all other Divisions(III & IV in the Open League and 50+ II & III and 60+ in the Master's League) report detailed match scores.

The President recommended a change in the By-Laws specifically to empower the Board to realign teams which was unanimously passed.

There was a discussion of the increasing difficulty because of traffic for players to make 6 or even 6:30 starting times. No change in the rules was proposed, but the sense of the meeting was for captains wherever possible to try to accommodate late comers. Where enough players are present to begin matches among lower ranked teams, matches should begin if there is strong evidence that the missing players from the higher ranked teams are on their way. If the players from the higher ranked teams do not appear after the other matches start, (thereby defeating the rule that defaults must start at #4) the matter should certainly be reported to the Division Secretary who may then report it to the Grievance Committee. All four matches of the defaulting team may be defaulted, or other adjustments may be made.

The President reported that in view of the amount in the Treasury, almost \$16,000.00, and the likelihood that the majority of this amount will not be needed in the foreseeable future, the Board recommended that an \$8,000.00 contribution be made to a tennis charity. The Board recommended that in view of its work bringing tennis to over 400 under-privileged children in Bridgeport, Norwalk and Stamford without charge to any of the youngsters, Norwalk Grassroots Tennis be designated as the beneficiary. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25.