

**FAIRFIELD COUNTY TENNIS LEAGUE  
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 1, 2009**

The President, Roy Anderson, called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. at Woodway Country Club, Darien. He thanked the Woodway club for its courtesy in giving us the use of our meeting room. He noted that we are grateful to John Schmidt, a member of Woodway, who this year is terminating his long service on the League's Board, for making these arrangements possible. He also thanked the team captains for their work in the League.

The Assistant Marketing director for the Pilot Pen Tournament, Matt Fraenza, addressed the meeting and stated that the tournament will offer the opportunity to see many outstanding men's and women's Tour players and, will be even more user friendly than in past years.

The President mentioned that entry forms for the popular Play In May Tournament were available in the room, and applications for raffle tickets supporting Norwalk Grassroots Tennis, a free program that brings tennis to youngsters at the Bridgeport, Norwalk, and Stamford Housing Authorities were also available.

The Minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting were approved.

Brian Skinner presented the Treasurer's report showing that there was a cash balance of \$8,294.36 as of December 31, 2008, and that his recommendation was to keep dues at the same level as in 2008. The Treasurer's report was adopted unanimously. Roy Anderson thanked former Treasurer, Stan Mattison, who is leaving the Board for his eight years of dedicated service.

Art Goldblatt, the chairman of the Nominating Committee, preceded the presentation of the Committee's recommendations with a brief discussion of the service to the League that has been rendered by Roy Anderson who no longer is a candidate for President. He noted that Roy has served as President for thirteen years, during which time he earned the respect and affection of everyone he dealt with, and that no President had served as long or as well as he. Art presented Roy with a certificate of appreciation from the League together with tickets for box seats to the 2009 US Open including limousine transportation. Roy received a standing ovation.

Roy noted that Arnie Heogler was retiring as Scheduling Secretary after five years of service. He stated that the preparation of the schedule for our 140 teams is an enormously time-consuming and demanding task. No prior Secretary has been as efficient or devoted to the job. He thanked Arnie warmly to the applause of the meeting.

Art Goldblatt reported the recommendations of the Committee for Directors as follows: Roy Anderson, Wisner Brown, Jacques deSpoelberch, Shelly Frank, Art Goldblatt, Casey Jones, Bill Marshall, Jim Parsons, Keith Rudolph, Brian Skinner and Ed Weiss. The Committee's nominations were unanimously approved. The nominations of the Committee for officers: Ed Weiss, President; Roy Anderson, Vice-President; Brian Skinner, Treasurer; Keith Rudolph, Scheduling Secretary; Art Goldblatt Secretary were unanimously approved. The meeting appointed Brian Skinner, Casey Jones and Art Goldblatt as the Nominating Committee for the 2009-2010 year.

The new President, Ed Weiss, assumed the conduct of the meeting. He announced that the starting date for League play this year will be May 20<sup>th</sup>. The scheduled finishing date is July 29<sup>th</sup>. He announced the winners of the 2008 Alex Reddin Tournament, and that the 2009 tournament will be held at the Lake Club on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

The President awarded to Long Ridge the League trophy as winner of Division 1 of the Open League. He announced the final standings for the 2008 season and proposed the admission of a Middlesex 3 team in division IV East. Middlesex 3 was unanimously admitted.

Arnie Hoegler submitted the schedule for 2009, which was received without comments or discussion.

Ed awarded the Master's League trophy to Ridgefield Athletic Club, the winner of 50+ Division 1 in the Master's League, and also announced that Fairfield Beach was the winner of the 60+ Division (and noted that Fairfield Beach was already in possession of the trophy). He then announced the final standings for the 2008 season.

Bill Marshall, our website Chairman, announced that the website and its procedures will remain unchanged with the exception that this year both the home and visiting captains will have the ability to enter the score of a match. Previously only the home team captain has been able to do that. The primary responsibility for entering the score, however, remains with the home captain.

Arnie Hoegler reported that the necessary steps have been taken to incorporate the League as a Section 501 C 7 organization, which is exempt from Federal taxes but does not have the power to confer tax deductible status to donations to the League.

There was discussion concerning "designated players". In some cases clubs list designated players who do not play very much for their team. Ed stated that the need for enforcement of good faith in this respect will be discussed by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur J. Goldblatt, Secretary