

BROOKDALE RACQUET CLUB
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING and ELECTION held on
November 19th, 2009

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. at Brookdale Elementary School.

Attendees: Board members: Tony Hopp, Chris Frantzen, Jim Stoffregen, Christi Grezlik and Randy Liveris. Also present were Janet LaRocque and Kathy Thrush. Members present were Heather Lang, Mike Frantzen, Ed Newhard and Chris Grezlik.

Review of Minutes of Monthly Board Meeting: None

Old Business: None

Reports:

Membership Update: Tony Hopp reviewed the need to sell annual memberships this year. The Board discussed the idea of not selling annual memberships in 2010 and trying to convert those memberships into bond memberships. To date, 13 bonds are available.

Tennis Update: Chris Frantzen gave a summary of tennis activities. There were a total of 255 participants generating \$31,400 in gross revenue. Enrollment in the middle school and high school levels was down from last year. Phil Gallow and Robyn Mendel remained on as instructors.

Social Committee Update: Christi Grezlik reported a good turnout for events. Especially strong participation was noted for Surf & Turf and the Last Day of School picnic. Christi commented on how much she enjoyed her last five years as a Board Member and Social Committee Chairman.

Maintenance Update: Randy Liveris reported on routine repairs to the club facilities. Additional repairs included new pool tiles, coping and concrete repairs, and reconstruction of a portion of the volleyball court perimeter.

Improvements/Swim Team Update: Jim Stoffregen detailed improvements. These included pool painting, new stamped concrete and benches in the waiting area, locker room upgrades and 95 tons of fresh sand for the volleyball court. Thank you to Ken Jones for his volunteer service in managing and updating the BRC website.

Swim team has a new Head Coach, Sharyl Damhorst, and had 171 swimmers this season. The Bucs recorded two 1st place, two 2nd place and one 3rd place finish at City Meet and took 13th place overall. Buc swimmers tallied 421 medals or ribbons between the Classic and City meets. The Buc of a Lifetime Award went to Megan Anderson. Hilary Ferguson and Casey Collins shared the JAJ Award.

Pool Operations/Staff Update: Kathy Thrush reported a total staff of 23, 12 of whom were part time. Three in-service training sessions were held. Guards responded to four swimmers in need of assistance. The pool passed two DuPage County inspections and one federal inspection. Attendance was down an estimated 30% from last year due mainly to cooler than normal temperatures for much of the summer. Lower attendance also negatively impacted concession sales. Free Wi-Fi Internet access was added to the pool property this season and proved popular with users. Special thanks go to Kathy Thrush, Ed Newhard and numerous guards who painted the pool.

Financial Update: Janet LaRocque gave a financial recap and summary of the budget to date. Highlights included net excess from operations of \$13,699. Swim Team netted \$4679, Tennis \$2654 and Social \$784. Concessions were down \$1040. Also, as a cost saving and convenience measure, the BRC bank accounts are being moved to Chase Bank.

New Business: Tony Hopp briefed the members on plans to accept bids for a new parking lot. Members with experience or contacts in the asphalt paving business are encouraged to contact any board member. The board received a request from the Brookdale Homeowners Association to use the parking lot for a Christmas caroling event. Event is under review.

Election: Heather Lang was elected to a two-year term to fill the vacancy left by retiring board member Christi Grezlik. Chris Frantzen was reelected to a two-year term. The board welcomes Heather and looks forward to working with her. The board also recognized Christi and thanked her for her five years of service.

Member comments: Some pool staff were seen doing homework while the grounds needed attention. Suggestions to help bond sales included signs indicating “Memberships Available” and advertising in other neighborhood newsletters. To reduce freezer waste, a door open warning device was suggested.

Next Meeting: The board will reconvene in January in order to begin preparations for the 2010 season. Date and time TBA.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.