

# THE TENNIS CLUB

Avon Lake, Ohio

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2014 Trustees Ron Smith, Pres. Gael Dunn, 1st V.P. Cathy Sinko, 2nd V. P. Julius Skerlan, 3rd V.P. Olive Lynn, Secretary

# The Tennis Club Annual Membership Meeting February 23, 2014 - 2:00 pm Old Firehouse - Avon Lake, OH

Board Members Present: Ron Smith, Gael Dunn, Cathy Sinko, Julius Skerlan, Olive Lynn

President Ron Smith called the meeting to order at 2:15 pm.

The final financial report for 2013 was reviewed by Joan Keller. She noted that the real estate taxes have increased for the 2014 year. A discussion was held on the taxes and the Board was asked to look into appealing the appraised value of the property. The Board will also evaluate other insurance proposals.

Ron Smith read the minutes from the November 3, 2013 Membership Meeting. Gael Dunn moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Seconded and passed.

Ron Smith gave the President's report, covering these items:

The Board extended the new membership program through 2014.

The Board will begin to negotiate a new contract with Eric Hodge which will start in 2015.

Board had an attorney review our by-laws regarding reinstatement of lapsed owner members. The policy as required by the bylaws will be included in Owner certificates and dues invoices so that all owners are aware of the bylaw requirements.

The Board lowered the Owner dues by \$20 per Single and \$40 per Family to encourage members to become owners.

# Membership Fees Due April 15

Remember to send your 2014 dues to Joan Keller as soon as possible.

Make check payable to: The Tennis Club.

Mail to: Joan Keller, 2788 W. Asplin, Rocky River OH 44116

If you need another invoice, please send an email to Gael Dunn at: GAEL 243@aol.com and I will email you a new invoice.

Per a member request, we will see if we can apply bright colored tape to the sprinkler heads to make them more visible to avoid tripping.

Eric has agreed to open the Club at 8:30 am starting in June (it's too dark in May to get the courts ready by 8:30 in May).

We will again have a reduced maintenance schedule at the end of the summer. A schedule will be posted in September.

Per a member request, the Board reviewed the policy that USTA teams must leave 3 courts for non-USTA play. It was decided to leave the policy as is. If problems arise during 2014, the suggestion to leave 4 courts open will be addressed again. The Senior Women's USTA league will begin play at 11:00 am to accommodate more non USTA play.

It was noted that the fence that was taken down in order to dig the drainage ditch at the end of the summer will be put back in place by Eric at no additional charge.

A discussion was held on ways to help new members get acquainted with other members and schedule games. Gael will look into an Internet Group site where members could post things such as: the groups they play in; requests for players who want to be on sub lists; members looking for pick-up games and queries for members who want to set up regular playing times.

Joan Keller presented the proposed budget for 2014, noting that the increase in taxes will have to be included in the final budget. After discussion, Mary Smith moved to accept the budget as amended. Seconded by Julius Skerlan and passed.

# First new members!!

We are pleased to welcome Paul & Robyn Miklovich of Avon as our first new members for 2014.

# **2014 Three-Year**New Member Trial Program

The Board of Trustees has extended the special membership program for members joining in 2014.

Membership fees for those joining in 2014:

#### First Year

Single Dues - \$150.00 Family Dues - \$175.00

#### **Second Year**

Single Dues - \$150.00 Family Dues - \$175.00 Initiation Fee: - \$75

#### **Third Year**

Single Dues - \$150.00 Family Dues - \$175.00 Initiation Fee: \$125

#### **Fourth Year**

Single - \$265.00 (or current dues) Family - \$390.00 (or current dues)

There is a downloadable brochure on our web site describing this program in detail.

WEB: thetennisclubavonlake.com

Members are urged to give copies to friends who may be interested in taking advantage of this offer.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Olive Lynn, Secretary

# **Junior Memberships**

Available to players under the age of 21. The single membership fee is \$150 per year with no initiation fee requirement. To retain membership when a player turns 21 the \$200 Club Member Initiation Fee shall be paid plus the single or family annual membership fee.