The Tennis Club
Avon Lake, Ohio

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2015 Trustees
Gael Dunn, Pres.; Tom Schmitz, 1st VP
Bill Rowell, 2nd VP; Cathy Sinko, 3rd VP; Olive Lynn, Secretary

Pizza Party concludes summer socials

We want to thank Sherri Chavez for all the work she did this year and many years before to make our monthly socials something really special. Sherri and her small group of volunteers have done an outstanding job. Fifty to 75 people turned out each month for a fun filled day of tennis and themed dinners.

Our last event was to be a Margaritaville Party, but over 50 members and guests enjoyed a Pizza Party on September 28, when the Margaritaville Party was rained out.

Sherri, unfortunately is retiring from her position as Social Committee Chairperson. So, next year, we will be looking for someone to coordinate our events by working with volunteers to plan and facilitate the socials.

We also want to thank Judy and Tom Schmitz for hosting the Annual Steak Roast each year. Tom & Judy are a great team and this event is always sold out!

Maintenance Manager Contract signed

We are pleased to announce that Eric Hodge signed a new three-year contract to work as the club's Maintenance Manager. Eric has worked with us since 2002, and has done an outstanding job with the courts.

Thank you Lynn & Larry Boudon!

Lynn and Larry very generously donated a firepit to the club. Some of the Friday night players christened it for the club!

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Annual Membership Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2014
The Old Fire House, Avon Lake, OH

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

President Ron Smith called the meeting to order at 4:40 pm. Ron Smith moved to waive the reading of the last meeting because they were published in the club's news-letter. Seconded by Becky Solomon and passed.

Reports:
President – Ron Smith
The club purchased 4 new windscreens which were used this season. Ron Smith, Gael Dunn and Eric Hodge met with three companies who submitted bids on fixing the fencing on the south and west sides of the club. The Board agreed to have Elyria Fence Company do the work after the club closes. Both tractors had problems this summer. The Board engaged a new repairman who fixed one tractor, and will look at the other tractor to see if it should be repaired or replaced.

Net posts: Net posts have been replaced on courts 3, 5, 6, & 7. Court #1 posts look good. It is recommended that we replace the posts on courts 2 and 3. We currently have one full set of posts on hand.

1st Vice President – Gael Dunn
24 new members joined the club this year. 19 members did not renew their membership. Of those, 6 were members of USTA teams who were no longer playing on a club USTA team; 5 had to quit playing tennis because of various health reasons; 2 moved away; 1 member died; 2 decided not to renew; and 3 did not respond to several calls and emails.

Gael Dunn contacted the Lorain County Auditor to discuss our current property taxes. In 2012, the property evaluation was reduced from $154,600 to $149,990. The land is appraised at $71,750 and the buildings, fencing, courts, sprinkling systems, etc.. are appraised at $78,240. Research on inflation figures since 1994 shows that the property's appraised value is within $6,300 of the estimated value using an inflation calculator. The Board decided there was not enough of a difference to challenge the appraised value.

New Member Program – Bob Dunn
For the three years the Special New Member Program has been in effect, we have signed 102 new members. Our first year retention level was 75%; 2nd year retention, 98%. Total revenue from the program is $37,850. Our regular membership retention rate is 96%. It was noted that as our original members get older our attrition rate will tend to rise.

USTA – Olive Lynn reported that her 55+ Senior team advanced to the regionals.

Maintenance Manage - Contract
Ron Smith reported that the Board was unable to reach an agreement on the contract for the Maintenance Manager whose contract expires at the end of the 2014 season. Requests had been made to add provisions to the original contract that has been used since 2002. A review by one of our owners who is an attorney indicated that some of the suggested provisions seemed to violate various sections of our by-laws. The 2014 Board referred the contract discussions to the incoming 2015 Board.

New Business: USTA matches
Joan Hufstetler brought up that fact that because the USTA matches that are played in the evening take five courts, there are evenings that members who want to play on the courts are not able to play. We currently have 1 USTA team playing during the day. This causes no problems. In the evenings, we have 4 USTA teams that take 5 courts each, leaving only 3 courts for members to use. A spirited discussion ensued. All comments made by members on both sides of the issue were duly noted by the Secretary, and the issues will be addressed by the incoming Board.

Election of Officers:
The terms of two members of the Board, Ron Smith and Julius Skerlan expired in 2014. Four member owners were nominated to fill the two positions. Tom Schmitz and Bill Rowell were elected to fill the open positions.

The members thanked Ron Smith and Julius Skerlan for their service on the Board.

Olive Lynn, Secretary