

**Murraywood Swim & Racquet Club
Annual Membership Meeting
Sunday February 28, 2021
Murraywood (also via Zoom)**

Attendees

Board Members			
Katherine Keckeisen	Mary Ann Lane	Rita Anderson	Anne Reynolds
Jesse Merritt	Paige Youmans	Barbara Cross	Doni Jordan*
Carol Paulson	Will Warlick	Meredith Fields	Jeannie Watson
Members Attending			
John Rodgers	Sarah Holleman	Jennifer Gabriel	Ken Bogan & Kathi Sills
Mike Wescott	Betty Webb Moore	Vivian Brewer	Jo Norris
Ana Reed	Kathy Stephens	Robert French	Robin Jones
Tom Rayfield	Judy Sheratt	Cheryl Cooper*	Amy Long*
David Langan	Carol O'Shea	Rhyno Coetsee	Donna Greach
Steve Nash	Steve Hirsh	Elizabeth Paris	Rachelle Crain
Wendy Schmoyer	Judy Mohan*	Sandra Penland	Deb Werdunn
Dianna Davis	Josh Snyder	Eli Mahoney	Sean Northcott

*Indicates attendance via Zoom

- Jesse called the meeting to order.
- **Quorum** – A quorum was established. 43 voting members were in attendance.
- **President's Remarks**
 - Jesse introduced the board members and thanked everyone for following protocols and making it through a difficult year.
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - Carol reviewed financial projections through the fiscal year end and a projected budget for the fiscal year starting 4/1/21.
 - We expect to end the year with a loss of \$4737 due to COVID impact on our membership numbers and resulting dues.
 - The upside is that we will pay no income tax for the year.
 - We have budgeted, conservatively, for \$138,000 in dues for the new fiscal year as we do not know yet whether we will still have to limit attendance again at the pool this summer.
 - Carol thanked all the people who contributed to our success with the pool this past summer.
 - We do not plan to increase dues this year.
 - Carol also noted that we have benefitted from the work and contributions of various volunteers this year, such as the purchase on new benches for the courts, and the new deck in Ray Stansbury's memory.

- **Committee Reports**

- **Membership**

- Katherine reported that we had a total of 295 memberships. Our pool membership count was a little lower than past years due to COVID.
- The new membership year is 4/1/21 through 3/31/22. Dues are due on April 1st. Invoices will be sent this week.

- **Tennis & Maintenance**

- Jeannie began with acknowledging the help from various members in supporting the tennis program.
 - Sean and Anne have really built the youth tennis program.
 - Martha and Patrick Hanks continue to fund and support our tennis reservations system.
 - Phil Watson manages our guest fees.
 - Bob Hawsey reserves the courts for league play.
 - Mike Wescott supports the court cam.
 - David Jordan gave us a great deal on the court 5/6 lights.
 - Will Warlick hired Tommy Rayfield's replacement.
 - Finally, many thanks to Tommy for his years of service in maintaining the courts; Jeannie presented Tommy with a check as a thank-you from the tennis membership.
- Court 1 surface cracks are due to drain overflows from a drain that runs from above the court to the area near the tracks.
 - The land is actually owned by CSX. We have now received approval from CSX for Lexington County to access that land to repair the drain.
 - We will need to repair the drain before we can pursue options for repairing the court surface.
 - Rachele asked whether we would consider a 'band-aid' fix to the courts if the process with CSX/Lexington County extends into the summer; we agreed that a 'band-aid' fix would not work.
- **Guest Fees**
 - Sandra raised the concern that we have some guests who play on a regular and frequent basis and asked whether we can implement a limit on how often a guest can play at Murraywood within the same month.
 - Jeannie reported that the tennis committee should address the issue.
- **Marketing / Website**
 - Anne reported that we had less marketing activity this year as we typically promote summer pool memberships the club via school events such as fun fairs.
 - We are hoping for a more normal year this year, especially since the outdoor aspect of the pool will be a selling point.
 - The website is in maintenance mode; we have discussed of creating an online directory for the facility and tennis members and will probably address that in the coming year.

- Pool
 - Paige reported that DHEC guidelines for pool operations have not yet changed from last summer at this point.
 - We plan to open the pool on Memorial Day weekend; the schedule will be forthcoming as we will have to work around the lifeguards' school commitments.
- Swim Team
 - Jesse reported that we had a good swim season despite the pandemic with a team of 124 swimmers; we typically field a team of about 160 swimmers.
 - Elizabeth Mahoney will return as our swim coach.
 - We do know that no city meet is planned, but we do not yet know what the league meet schedule will be this year.
 - We do not yet know whether we will be able to accommodate swimmers age 5 and under yet; this will depend on COVID guidelines. Last year, we were not able to coach the younger swimmers due to the social distance restrictions.
- Social
 - Katherine shared Doni's report for the Social Committee.
 - We were not able to hold our typical social functions this year, but we did hold a Stuff-A-Truck event for Sharing God's Love. We contributed \$500 and 3 truckloads of food for Sharing God's Love.
- **Election of Board Members**
 - The board members whose term expires this year are Anne Reynolds, Mary Ann Lane, Jesse Merritt, Katherine Keckeisen, and Doni Jordan; all are willing to serve another term with the exception of Doni.
 - Nominations from the membership are Kathi Sills, Rhyno Coetsee, and Sandra Penland.
 - All were elected.
- **New Business**
 - Joseph Gabriel asked whom on the board should he or others contact if they are interested in helping with building improvements? Barbara Cross responded as she is the clubhouse chair and will be happy to support any other building improvements.
 - The last order of business was the 'door-prize raffle' for \$100 off membership dues; Ana Reed was the lucky winner.
- Jesse adjourned the meeting.
- Minutes respectfully submitted by Rita Anderson
- Next Board meeting will be Monday, March 15th at 7 PM at Murraywood; in case of rain, we will meet via Zoom.