

Murraywood Swim & Racquet Club
Annual Membership Meeting
Sunday, February 27, 2022
Murraywood Pool Deck & Zoom

- Call to Order – Mary Ann called the meeting to order.
- Quorum – 43 members were present; a quorum was established.
- President’s Remarks
 - Mary Ann introduced the current board members.
 - She then thanked the membership for the many improvements to the club this year:
 - A new cabana and bench, dedicated to the memory of Cam Littlejohn, have been installed between courts 5 and 6.
 - His son, Justice Littlejohn, painted the mural on the backboard wall.
 - Courts 7 and 8 were resurfaced.
 - 16 new court benches were donated, assembled, and stained by the membership.
 - We are in the process of repairing the upper deck of the clubhouse; the lumber and labor are all donated.
 - We are installing new security cameras, also donated.
 - The ‘tennis’ bathroom has been reconfigured to accommodate a water station and ice machine.
 - The pool entrance has been redone to allow access to the pool bathrooms and changing rooms year-round. Many thanks to the Gabriels for donating the funds for renovating the restrooms, showers, and entrance doors and locks.
 - We have acquired an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) in case of a medical emergency.
 - The blue chairs in the gazebo and the tennis deck were donated as well as the wrought iron furniture.
 - The tennis deck and Japanese Maple tree were dedicated to the memory of Ray Stansbury.
- Financial Report – Carol Paulson shared the financial projections for the current fiscal year.
 - 2021-2022 was a good year for new memberships.
 - We are projecting to end the year with net income of approximately \$25,000 and projected cash in the bank of approximately \$41,000.
 - Due to increase in operating expenses for the club, membership dues for 2022-2023 will increase by 5%. Increases will range from \$15 to \$30, depending on the membership level. Dues should be paid by April 1st. Invoices will be sent this week.
 - We have transitioned from managing payroll via a software package that we license each year to having our accountant handle payroll on an on-going basis. Employees are paid twice monthly.

- Committee Reports
 - Social
 - Barbara Cross reported that now that COVID numbers are declining, we plan to resume more social activities, such as Friday night tennis, the Spring tournament, and pool socials.
 - We hope to host a spaghetti supper in the Fall.
 - Barbara encouraged all interested to join the social committee.
 - Pool
 - Anne Reynolds reported that we are looking for a volunteer to serve as the pool chair on the board.
 - Anne & Tom are working with Mike Breitenstein to transition the certified pool operator duties to Mike. Time Carmody will be serving as Mike's backup.
 - The pool house has been renovated with new showers and restrooms. The new doors allow access from the outside year-round.
 - Swim Team
 - Paige Simesen and her husband will be helping with the swim team this year. Paige will serve as the swim team liaison to the board.
 - Eli Mahoney will be returning as our swim team coach.
 - Online registration for the swim team will start on April 1st.
 - There will be an in-person registration event on Sunday, April 24th at 3 PM.
 - Practices will begin on Tuesday, May 10th. Monday, May 9th will be reserved for testing the younger swimmers.
 - The Columbia Swim League will be functioning as pre-COVID normal with both A & B meets this year; the city meet will be held at USC on July 9-10.
 - For more information, please email murraywoodswimteam@gmail.com.
 - Marketing and Website
 - Anne Reynolds manages and updates our website.
 - The website does reflect the 2022-2023 dues increase.
 - Maintenance and Grounds
 - Will Warlick reported that courts 7 and 8 have been resurfaced; we expect that courts 5 and 6 will both need resurfacing soon.
 - We are experiencing some watering issues; we have purchased new sprinkler heads and have repaired several leaks. Columbia water has installed a smart meter and alerted us of potential leaks. Many thanks to Tom Keckeisen for fixing several of the leaks; however, we did contract with a landscaping/plumber firm to correct the more difficult leaks.
 - We have lights out on courts 7 and 8 and on courts 1 and 3. We are working on getting them replaced.
 - Court 1 remains an issue. We are working with Lexington Country to fix the storm drain and drainage issue that continues to damage court 1. Lexington County has purchased a machine to extract the tree roots that have grown into the drain and pipes, although we do not know when the work will actually take place. Progress is slow. We may have to implement a temporary fix in the interim.
 - Tennis
 - Jeanne Watson is ending her term as tennis chair and thanked several people who have been key to our tennis program.

- Many thanks to Sean Northcott and the tennis coaches for growing our strong junior program.
 - She recognized Bob Hawsey for registering all the USTA team and ensuring courts reserved, Patrick and Martha Hanks for our court reservation system, Phil Watson for court maintenance and managing the guest fees, Mike and Rich Wescott for the court camera, Robin Jones for the beautiful flowers gracing our court entrance, and Tom Keckeisen and Phil for all their maintenance efforts.
 - Sean Northcott reported that we are able to teach more kids now with the addition of Anne and Rachelle's clinics and private lessons. It's exciting to see young families all involved in tennis at Murraywood. Sean added that many of the youth go on to play club tennis in college; in fact, the USC club team, with several Murraywood members, just qualified for nationals.
 - Barbara Cross suggested that we advertise our tennis programs on our kiosk and bulletin board so that visitors can readily view what is available.
- Financial
 - Kathi Sill reported that we have established a strategic financial committee that will focus on strategic investments for the club, such as clubhouse, new courts, potential pickleball courts.
 - She noted that with Rawls Creek transition, Murraywood should be in a position to increase membership, and potentially expand the club's facilities.
 - Anyone interested in participating on the committee, please see Kathi Sill.
- New Business
 - Security Cameras - Rhyno reported we now have security cameras installed to prevent any further car break-ins and reduce incidents of vandalism.
 - Tennis locks - There was a question regarding tennis court locks. Kathi Sill reported that we are working with Irmo Lock and key to resolve the issue; we may have to re-core several of the locks.
 - Door prize raffle – Steve Nash won the \$100 off membership dues.
- Election of board members
 - The board members whose terms expire this year are Barbara Cross, Meredith Fields, Will Warlick, Carol Paulson, Jeannie Watson, and Rita Anderson. Carol, Jeannie, and Rita intend to leave the board; the rest have agreed to stay another term. Anne Reynolds is also concluding her time as a board member.
 - Mary Ann Lane, Sandra Penland, Kathi Sill, Rhyno Coetsee, and Katherine Keckeisen have a year remaining on their term as board members.
 - The following persons were elected to serve on the board. Please welcome to the board:
 - Martha Hanks
 - Carroll Dent
 - Rachelle Crain
 - Robyn Jones
- The new board decided to meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6 PM.
- Mary Ann adjourned the meeting.
- Minutes respectfully submitted by Rita Anderson

Attendees:

Katherine Keckeisen	Sandra Penland	Jeannie Watson	Kathi Sill, Ken Bogan
Mary Ann Lane	Barbara Cross	Rhyno Coetsee	Rita Anderson
Anne Reynolds	Paige Simensen	Will Warlick	Carol Paulson
Eli Mahoney	Rich Wescott	Sean Northcott	Steve Hirsch
Robin Jones	Carroll Dent	Martha Hanks	Joe Balazs
Mike Wescott	Donna Grech	Tony Gossett	Vivian Brewr
Kathy Stephens	Steve Nash	Peggy Rast	Cathy Owens
Veronica McGlauflin	Robbie French	Wanda and Braxton Vick	Jessica Wray
Elizabeth Paris	Wendy Schmoyer	Doni and Dave Jordan	Carol O'Shea
Bob Hawsey	Deb Werdunn	Jean Stone	Jennifer Gabriel
Kim Kirton	Ellen Morrison	Stephanie Stanley	