

MSRC Board Meeting  
February 19, 2023, 3:00 PM  
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**MINUTES**

Carroll Dent Katherine Keckeisen Mary Ann Lane	Martha Hanks Sabdra Penland Anne Reynolds	Deb Sawyer Will Warlick Michael Wescott
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**Call to Order** - The President, Mary Ann Lane, called the meeting to order at 2:36.

**Quorum** - A quorum was established with 9 of 12 members in attendance.

**Minutes** - Minutes of the 1/10/23 MSRC Board meeting had been previously approved by electronic vote.

**Official Board Activity Conducted Electronically Between 1/10/23 and 2/19/23** – In order to fill the vacancy on the Board due to Rhyno Coetsee’s resignation from the Board at the end of December 2022, Katherine Keckeisen made a recommendation that Michael Wescott be considered to fill the position; Barbara Cross seconded the motion. According to a tally on January 30, 2023, a quorum of the Board unanimously voted in favor of the recommendation. Michael will attend the February Board meeting.

**Treasurer Report** – Anne Reynolds, Assistant Treasurer

**Financial Snapshot** – As of January 31, 2023, MSRC has \$87,023.96 in its 3 bank accounts (savings, checking, pool concessions). Considering projected income and expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year, the projected net in bank at end of FY 23 would be about \$52K to roll over to FY 24.

**FY 23 as of 1/31/23** - The worksheet of the ending FY23 budget showed a \$20,662 Net Income, without the mid-year Special Board Approved (SBA) Projects. The SBA Projects of \$24,305 could result in about a \$4,000 deficit for FY 23; however, the SBA Projects, along with the Hard Court Resurfacing which was, in large part accomplished through donations, will yield more than \$52,000 in Club Improvements, Equipment and Bonus Salary this fiscal year.

**Special Projects** - Anne was optimistic that the February-March 2023 financial activity would likely reduce this deficit and presented a motion, seconded by Will Warlick, that the Board approve one more SBA project estimated to cost \$3,000 to install new Backstroke Stanchions and Anchors needed by both the MSRC and the Dutch Fork High School Swim Teams. Acknowledging that approval could mean a FY23 Net income deficit of \$7,000 and also acknowledging that the club would still enter into FY 24 with greater than \$48,000 in the bank, the Board approved the recommendation unanimously.

Discussion about the Pathway to Courts #5,6 and the Ease-of-Entry ramp to the sidewalks (which could possibly comply with ADA regulations) continued. Martha reported that no final recommendation for gravel vs cement had been made, but cost estimates ranged from \$5-\$7,000. Anne stated that before final costs for a possible Ease-of-Entry Ramp could be submitted, the club would need an engineering plan at a cost of \$500 and recommended that we delay until after the summer renewals and new memberships come in. Both projects have been requested by members and recorded as Board

discussions in the minutes for several years now, so the Board affirmed that we definitely revisit them in FY24.

**FY 24 Proposed Budget** –Two dues/fee increase recommendations had been made at the February 13, 2023 budget meeting that required the Board’s vote.

- 1) Anne recommended that membership dues be raised across all levels by \$15 as of April 1, 2023; Carroll Dent seconded the recommendation; the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation. No general membership vote is required for this increase in dues since it is less than a 10% increase.
- 2) Anne recommended that the pool guest fees be increased from \$5 to \$10 and that the 10 visit limit for guests be eliminated; Sandra Penland seconded the motion; the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation.

Refinement of the FY 24 Budget projections during the meeting resulted in a balanced budget with final projected income of \$231,007 and final projected expenses of \$230,903, yielding a net income of \$104.

Katherine Keckeisen voted to accept the FY24 proposed budget for presenting to the membership at the annual meeting; Carroll Dent seconded the motion which was approved unanimously by the Board.

Anne will prepare documents to distribute at the annual meeting and will present each area, highlighting the major actions of 1) increased costs related to lifeguard wages and refurbishing courts 5 & 6 and 2) increased income due to \$15 dues increase per membership and increase in pool guest fee.

**Other Budget Related Discussions** - Several references to building reserve funds or an endowment dedicated to future large capital expenditures such as re-surfacing the pool or rebuilding the hard courts were made throughout the meeting. Anne recommended that the Board consider revitalizing a previous initiative about Legacy donations; perhaps securing the assistance of a member who is an attorney that assists clients with wills and asking a former Board member who had an interest in this initiative to join in on the discussion.

Martha offered to seek assistance from a club member who might lend guidance as to how the clubs not-for-profit/eleemosynary classification noted in its Articles of Incorporation might be used to pursue lower property taxes.

**Committee Reports** – Committee reports were limited.

Katherine reported that the social committee is eager to have a Spring Bunco night and proposed an April 14<sup>th</sup> date; some concern was raised that this date is included in the area schools’ Spring Break week. Other dates mentioned had events conflicting also. Board members were eager to assist.

Martha had emailed the Tennis Report earlier but presented that the roll out of pickle ball play was proposed as a modified Pickle-ish Ball event for Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. She will block off the 4 hard courts for this.

A Spring tennis tournament is planned for the weekend of April 21 on Friday-Saturday, leaving Sunday as the rain date. It will be a Mens and Womens doubles event; partners can be either Member-Member or Member-Guest.

The USTA League Play at MW Guidelines have been revised and Anne will post.

Pool Committee will complete the chair re-strapping in March.

**Annual Membership Meeting Plans** – The agenda will replicate the format presented in the By-laws and reflect the display from last year’s meeting.

Although the Board will encourage members to attend the meeting in-person at the Irmo Branch of the Public Library, a ZOOM meeting will be set up. Anne will send a notice to members of the agenda and the ZOOM meeting. She will also text members closer to the Sunday meeting.

The two items to be voted on at the meeting are the FY 24 budget and electing new Board members.

Committee reports are expected to contain recognition of members’ contributions to the 2022-23 activities and club enhancements, status of this year’s initiatives, projections of future events, and invitations for volunteering.

Michael will assist with the technical needs of ZOOM attendees. Martha will prepare a Power Point for projection. Board members were reminded that all speakers needed to remain at the podium when making remarks. Michael commented that concerns about not being able to hear comments/questions from the audience (whether present or on ZOOM) might be able to be taken care of electronically.

**Adjournment** – The next Board meeting date will be set at the end of the Annual Meeting when the new Board has been established. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Submitted by Martha Hanks 2/20/23