

Murraywood Annual Membership Meeting

February 26, 2023, 2:30 PM

*Irmo Branch of the Lexington Public Library
6251 St. Andrews Road, Columbia, SC 29212*

MINUTES

1. Welcome, Introductions, President's Remarks
 - a. A quorum was established with more than 38 members in attendance.
 - b. President, Mary Ann Lane, welcomed the members and invited the Board of Directors to introduce themselves and indicate their position on the Board.

2. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Assistant Treasurer, Anne Reynolds, provided members a statement of balanced Assets, Liabilities and Equity which the MSRC accountant had generated as of January 31, 2023. Additionally, she provided Budget Worksheets (showing parallel FY23 close-out projections and FY24 budgeting projections).
 - b. The MSRC Financial Snapshot she provided documented that FY 23 was an outstanding membership year, with strong income projections at this point.
 - c. Financial reports in late 2022 indicated a net income, after expenses, to be similar to FY21 and FY22. The fact that MSRC is no longer carrying a mortgage has contributed to this trend of a positive net income in the past 3 years.
 - d. The Board has decided that due to MSRC's positive fiscal position, as we approach the close of FY23, that special club improvement projects should be funded with the projected net income.
 - i. Re-strapping the pool chairs/loungers
 - ii. Pool deck repair
 - iii. Pool manager bonus
 - iv. Backstroke stanchions/anchors for swim team
 - v. Tents and coolers for club
 - e. Even with this year's significant capital improvements (including the Hard Court Resurfacing which was offset by member donations), MSRC should close FY23 with a strong Bank Balance to roll over for the new fiscal year.
 - f. FY24 projections indicate lower membership figures than FY23 and increases in operating costs, inclusive of increases in lifeguard wages.
 - g. To offset increasing expenses, the 2023-24 dues will increase by \$15 across all membership levels.
 - h. Pool Guest Fees will increase to \$10 with no limit on visits.

3. Committee Reports

a. Membership - Katherine Keckeisen, chair

- i. Invoices for the 2023-24 year will go out March 15th
- ii. Members should update their contact information and include cell numbers that can be used to receive club text messages
- iii. Typically, MSRC experiences a balance of 100 new and 100 exiting pool members each season
- iv. Club membership totaled 378, inclusive of Pool Only (263), Tennis Only (53) and Full Facility (62).
- v. It will likely be June before it is clear how Rawls Creek's decision to close their pool might impact pool membership.

b. Pool - Joel Doughty, Deb Sawyer

- i. Socials in 2023-24 will likely include some of this year's well-attended events like the Pool Opening party in May, the July 4th celebration, movie evenings, and a Polar Bear Plunge.
- ii. Members were invited to the March 4th Pool Chair/Lounger Re-strapping party at 10:00 AM.
- iii. Pool decking project dates will be announced soon.
- iv. There is a plan for the pool to open 2 weeks earlier in May and to remain open on the weekends 2 weeks longer.
- v. Lifeguard wages will increase \$1.25/hr across the various year's of experience; the pay range will be from 1st yr- \$9.25 to head guard - \$12.25.
- vi. Tim Carmody will return as Pool Manager this year.

c. Swim Team – Eli Mahoney

- i. Members recognized Coach Eli as the "Coach of the Year for 2023" as she led the 170 MSRC Sharks to an outstanding 2nd place finish at City Meet.
- ii. Paige and Christian Simensen will continue to manage the team.
- iii. Online registration will open April 1st murraywoodswimteam@gmail.com.
- iv. Meet and greet the coaches will be April 23rd, with in person registration possible.
- v. City Meet will be July 8th and 9th
- vi. Practice schedules are posted on the MSRC website now.

d. Tennis - Martha Hanks

- i. Tennis members' enjoyment this past year was credited to
 1. an active Tennis Committee
 2. strong teaching Pros who encouraged both adult and junior members during lessons/clinics/summer camps
 3. dedicated maintenance team
 4. courtside and grounds beautification focus
 5. tennis league captains and those managing the reservation site
 6. members inviting guests and managing fees
 7. event volunteers for the Friday night socials, Sponge Ball Fundraiser, Hard Court Resurfacing Tournament and the Legends Tournament
 8. MSRC "Doing Good in the 'Wood" focus – coat and food donations
- ii. Updating the Hard Court Resurfacing began with a word of thanks to all members and especially to those who gave donations specifically for the project.
 1. there are still concerns about cracks and delaminating areas on Courts #1 and #2 in areas where the Rite-Way product was not installed over the areas that were not part of the 1,600 linear feet of cracks that were repaired by Talbot Tennis; the company guarantee does not cover cracks that appear in areas not treated by Rite-Way
 2. the expectation of cracks to appear in hard courts after resurfacing is replete throughout the tennis industry literature and the statements of warranty disclaimers are routine
 3. inspection of these areas on Courts #1 and #2 indicate that the acrylic material Talbot had applied was adhering to the old surface which had been repaired with a fiberglass patch in 2016 and that it is the old material that was delaminating
 4. plans are to apply epoxy to the surface areas that are delaminating to produce a safe and playable surface
 5. MSRC has not yet paid Talbot Tennis in full
- iii. Future racquet events
 1. This Sunday March 5 3-5 PM - Pickle-ish Ball ; all members and playing levels are welcome to try out MSRC's modified version of pickleball, played by pickleball rules and scoring on hard courts, using our junior (blue) lines ; loaner paddles available

2. April 21st weekend – Member-member or member-guest doubles tournament (Mens and -Womens)

e. Social - Katherine Keckeisen

- i. Tennis and pool activities have been well-supported by the social committee this year
- ii. Planning is in process for a BUNCO night for the ladies poolside
- iii. Suggestions for other events are welcomed

f. Marketing & Website-Anne Reynolds

- i. Texting and e-mail communications will continue to get the word out
- ii. Murraywood is a very community oriented club and as such, if members know of organizations that might be having auctioning fundraisers for which the club could provide a gift baskets that include pool fun items and MSRC pool guest passes, please contact Anne.
- iii. A flyer will be going out to the community about MSRC's pool season and summer tennis camps, pairing with swim team.

4. New Business - Mary Ann Lane

- a. AED awareness will be conducted courtside this coming week to remind members where the AED is located and allow members to experience a trainer device that simulates MSRC's AED; an email about the dates and times will be forthcoming
- b. Member questions taken from the floor -
 - i. Has the roof leak been repaired? The chimney was removed, roof and wall were repaired professionally
 - ii. Will the pool deck be repaired professionally? Members will work to repair the pool deck at this time, as a professional repair would be beyond MSRC's budgeted expense at this time, since the old surface would need to be jack-hammered completely; several years ago, a contractor indicated that this would be a year-long process and preclude any swim season in 2023
 - iii. How can the club could plan for high cost investments like re-guniting the pool, professionally repairing the pool deck and replacing the club house?
Member suggestions included:
 - 1. Equity Loan
 - 2. Legacy Endowment Campaign
 - 3. Fundraising drive, especially with MSRC's 50th Anniversary Year in 2024.

5. Election of Board Members - Mary Ann Lane

Five (5) Board Members have a year remaining of their two-year term:

- 1. Rachelle Crain
- 2. Barbara Cross
- 3. Carroll Dent
- 4. Martha Hanks
- 5. Will Warlick

The Board Nominating Committee presented a slate of 7 candidates to fill 7 existing vacancies. Bylaws require a minimum of 12 Board Members, but more than 12 members are permitted. Two (2) nominations were made from the floor

- 1. Joel Doughty
- 2. Katherine Keckeisen
- 3. Mary Ann Lane
- 4. Sandra Penland
- 5. Anne Reynolds
- 6. Deb Sawyer
- 7. Michael Wescott
- 8. Bill Dugar
- 9. Kelly Marlin

A motion was made and seconded to accept the slate of 9 members to be voted on in its entirety at one time. The membership unanimously approved the motion.

A motion to vote on the slate was made and seconded. The slate was unanimously approved for Board membership for 2023-25.

Old and newly elected Board members were asked to meet following the meeting.

6. Adjournment

Mary Ann Lane