

Murraywood Annual Membership Meeting

February 25, 2024, 2:30 PM

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

MINUTES

1. Welcome, Introductions, President's Remarks - Mary Ann Lane
 - 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, reported that, as of February 25th, 2024, the club had a NET of \$59,744.16 in the bank. Projected Additional income for FY 24 is \$2150 with projected expenses (Operational as per FY24) of (\$8900) leaving a projected sum of \$52,994.16 in the bank at the end of the club year, March 31st.
 - b. Summary of FY23: FY24 Projected Actual Profit/Loss: Income \$262,781, Expenses \$262,252, with a net of \$529.
 - c. Budget projections for FY24 were net \$5,461 but certain expenses areas went over budget:
 - Lifeguard Wages +5.5K
 - Soft Court Maintenance Project +8.6K
 - Electricity +3K
 - Garbage Collection +1.7K
 - d. Over-Budget expenses were offset by:
 - Dues revenue \$17K over budget
 - Windscreen Fundraiser (net \$5K)
 - Pool Socials +1.7K
 - e. The important takeaway from FY24 is that the club is continuing to rollover approximately \$50,000 each fiscal year while doing needed Club improvements.

3. Committee Reports
 - a. Membership - Katherine Keckeisen
 - i. Invoices for the 2024-25 year will go out mid-March. Family Full Facility, Family Pool and Family Tennis will see their dues increase by less than 3%.

- 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 370, inclusive of Pool Only (256), Tennis Only (53) and Full Facility (61).
- b. Pool - Joel Doughty, Deb Sawyer
- i. Pool social events in 2024-25 will likely include many of this year's well-attended events. A few of those events were the Pool Opening party in May, the July 4th celebration, Family Movie evenings in the pool, and the Polar Bear Plunge. Check the MSRC website for information.
 - ii. Members will be needed to volunteer as there are many things to do in preparation for the pool season. An email will go out to the membership with more information. Thanks for the help.
 - iii. The Pump house is now repaired thanks to our wonderful volunteers.
 - iv. Last year's summer pool evening lighting issue is a top priority this club year. The club will be exploring how our lighting can be improved so that the club can stay open until 9 PM.
 - v. Tim Carmody will return as Pool Manager this year.
- c. Swim Team – Christian Simensen
- i. Paige and Christian Simensen will continue to manage the team.
 - ii. Coach Eli was recognized for the 2nd consecutive year as the “Coach of the Year” as she led the 172 MSRC Sharks to an outstanding 2nd place finish at City Meet. Of those 172 swimmers, 70+ are 8 and under.
 - iii. Swim team registration opens on April 1st. Check the MSRC website for information about how to register.
 - iv. The Swim season has been changed a bit this summer due to the earlier start date for school.
 - v. City Meet will be June 29th and 30th.
- 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 tennis/pickle-ish ball events
 8. MSRC “Doing Good in the ‘Wood” focus –donations to Special Olympics, Pet Supplies, Sharing God’s Love, and Ronald McDonalds.
- ii. Will Warlick and Mike Breitenstein have been overseeing the successful “lift” of courts 5 and 6. Clay will be applied more often as needed.
 - iii. Windscreen sales were very successful and all of the old windscreens have been replaced.
 - iv. LED lights were installed on Court 4.
 - v. Tennis league captains now and in the past were recognized. Eight USTA teams will be playing out of MSRC this spring.
 - vi. The next racquet events will be a St. Patrick’s Day Tennis and Pickle-ish Ball Social on March 17th. Check the information on the website to find out more and to sign up. Summer racquet socials are also being planned.
- 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 Bunko night for the ladies poolside in the near future.
 - iii. Suggestions for other events are always welcomed.
- f. Grounds – Barbara Cross
- i. Our landscape company, Down to Earth Landscaping, continues to provide consistent, high-quality maintenance of our property. Recently, an area around courts 5 and 6 was cleared of underbrush and tree branches that were overhanging the courts.
 - ii. This spring we will again be replenishing our pine straw. Members may be needed so check our website.
 - iii. Thanks to members who have donated four new benches this year. We appreciate all the members who help keep our property clean and looking good!

g. Marketing & Website-Anne Reynolds

- i. Texting and e-mail communications will continue to get the word out about MSRC and events held by the club.
- 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

Member questions taken from the floor:

Carol Paulson asked a question about whether our board had discussed a Pickleball and the use of the courts for that sport. Do we have a policy?

Response from Mary Ann and Martha was that up to this point we haven't felt it necessary but it is a good idea to begin the discussion.

5. Election of Board Members - Mary Ann Lane.

Nine (9) Board Members have a year remaining of their two-year term:

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

The Board Nominating Committee presented a slate of 4 candidates to fill 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

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| 1. Rachelle Crain | 4. Will Warlick |
| 2. Barbara Cross | 5. Deb Werdunn |
| 3. Martha Hanks | 6. Nikki Morgan |

A motion was made and seconded to accept the slate of 6 members to be voted on in its entirety at one time. The membership unanimously approved the motion.

A motion to vote on the slate of candidates was made and seconded. The slate was unanimously approved for Board membership for 2024-26.

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

6. Adjournment at 3:34 PM

Submitted by,
Barbara Cross, Secretary