

Capital Region Tennis Association

Board Meeting, January 31st, 5:00 P. M.

Queen Street, Fredericton

Attendees: Debbie Keeler, David Clark, Gerald Goodine, Reg Gallant:
Victor Paul-Elias

Regrets: Jim Gallagher; Jeff Lenehan; Ruth Mullin

Agenda:

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| 1) | Call to Order | Debbie | |
| 2) | Agenda approved | Debbie | |
| 3) | Minutes of previous meeting approved | Debbie | |
| 4) | Program Committee recommended program for 2007 | | Victor |
| 5) | Indoor tennis update | David. | |
| 6) | Bank Account | Debbie; | |

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 5:10

A quorum was established as being present.

- 2) The agenda was amended to add 7) Membership and 8) Tennis NB

ACTION Agenda amended.

- 3) The minutes of the last meeting were approved as circulated without changes or additions.

NO ACTION REQUIRED”

- 4) The program proposal was discussed as tabled. There were no changes in the program suggested in the meeting. The Board suggested that the program be discussed with the City of Fredericton and coordinated with their program.

The Board approved the program as put forward. The Program report is attached. The Board agreed to underwrite the Kick-Off Spring event with profits to be returned to the CRTA.

The tennis ladder should be displayed on the CRTA website. The ladder and CRTA website should also be displayed on the Tennis New Brunswick website.

The Board has agreed to support the High School tennis Club with a box of tennis balls. The Chair of the Program Committee was asked to go to the City of Fredericton to seek sponsorship, if possible.

Promotion and advertising for events in the Program will be done in cooperation with the Board, Ruth particularly.

Members will have priority in all events except the Thursday drop-in which will be open to the public.

There was no University activity in the program. Victor is to approach Glenn Cleland and determine his interest in taking this activity on.

Motion There was a motion by Gerald and seconded by Reg, that the Board accept the report and the recommendations of the Programs Committee. The motion was passed unanimously.

ACTION Victor to follow-up on suggestions and report at next meeting.

5) Indoor Tennis Update.

David updated the Board on developments on two fronts, New Maryland and the Coliseum. Either site would be a community tennis center. Both options are being actively pursued and both potential partners are aware of all activities.

New Maryland would be a new four-court facility. The facility would cost over \$ 1 million and the Village and surrounding Local Service Districts are willing to pursue Provincial and Federal funding to help make this center a reality. There is a meeting to occur next month with the Village, representatives from the CRTA and representatives from Tennis Canada. Tennis Canada will support the initiative with programs and technical support and advise and are already providing excellent support.

David Clark is leading the effort with New Maryland and will keep the board informed.

ACTION David to keep the Board informed.

The Coliseum would require major renovations once the ice surface is decommissioned. The cost to convert to a four-court facility is estimated to be less than \$ 300 000. The Exhibition Commission would require the facility two weeks a year for the exhibition. CRTA would have to remove the surface or cover it to protect it.

Tennis Canada would support this project as well. The City of Fredericton is unable to offer capital commitment to the project but would offer program support.

Bill Johnson is leading the effort with the Coliseum.

ACTION The Executive will report on the progress in this effort.

6) Bank Account

A bank account is to be established for the CRTA. The account will be housed in the Royal Bank. Application will be made at the Queen Street branch.

Signing authority will be two signatures of the three executive members – President, Vice-President; and Treasurer. The check book and account will be held and maintained by the Treasurer.

Motion It was moved by Reg and seconded by Gerald that the bank account be established as described above. Carried unanimously.

ACTION Victor is to establish the account. The executives will have to go to the bank and have their signatures witnessed. They will receive directions from Victor when the account is ready.

7) Membership

The Board discussed membership. It is felt that the CRTA cannot demonstrate value for membership at this time. There will be a charge for events, as minimal as possible, but with a slight 'profit' to enable other activities.

It is hoped that membership will be encouraged at activities and events. There could be signs placed at courts and in all announcements showing the website, once established, e-mail address, address for the tennis ladder, and other information that will attract members.

There will be seem money available to the association from last year's doubles event which had sponsors and money transferred from Tennis Fredericton which will dissolve once CRTA is incorporated.

ACTION David to pursue incorporation of CRTA as a not-for-profit organization.

8) Tennis NB

The position of Secretary to Tennis NB has been offered the CRTA. The seat will be occupied by the President of the Association, Debbie at this time.

Debbie will be also attending a Tennis Canada event in Toronto, with the support of Tennis Canada.

ACTION Debbie to report on Tennis NB and Tennis Canada activities which she attends.

9) Other

Media announcements and coverage – Debbie will discuss with Ruth about these. Ruth will be asked to pursue these. The Board would like to get as much publicity and visibility as possible. There was discussion of using Public Service Announcements, newspaper spots, and any other opportunities.

ACTION To be pursued at next meeting.

The idea of promotions was discussed and a banner was suggested as a good promotion item which could be used at all CRTA events.

ACTION Gerald to pursue potential costs for banners and report at next meeting.

Insurance Insurance for the CRTA and the Board was discussed. It was agreed that some insurance we required for the Board and for events held by the CRTA.

ACTION Reg to pursue estimates and advise on insurance.

10) Next Meeting

No date was established for the next meeting. Debbie will notify the Board.

11) The meeting was adjourned at 5:25.

Minutes recorded by Victor