

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF SQUASH SUBSCRIBERS HELD AT
WAKEFIELD SCHOOL ON NOVEMBER 30 1977, AT 7 P.M.

PRESENT: W. Allan, (in chair) L. Payne, P. Wilson, G.Hill, M.Hill,
D. Ross, R. Ross, N. van Wijk, S. Raymond, J. Kranenburg,
C. Stewart, I. Stewart, D. McClatchy, G. McClatchy, W.Pawley,
N. Patterson, J. Lemelin, P. Martin, W. Weynerowski.

The Minutes of the previous meeting on 18th November 1977, were read and approved.

W. Allan mentioned the results of the Cascades Club Meeting held on 19th November, when full support for the Squash operation was indicated by club members in the final vote: 56 in favour, 4 against. Meanwhile, damage from construction vehicles was extensive and top priority must be given to repairing the turf as soon as possible in spring 1978. Carol Stewart recalled that several years ago the Municipality had discussed availability of \$500 for the club to fix up the field and prepare a ball game surface; perhaps this money is still available, and this will be checked out.

W. Allan said that A. Hopkins asked for guidance regarding requests from individuals to exchange membership for work done. The general opinion appeared to be that a maximum of 5 members should be permitted in this category and this would apply for specialized labour only, which could not be done by members. Each application is to be brought before the Committee for approval.

Cost estimates were then presented by W. Pawley and studied in detail. R. Ross apologised for the mix-up the previous Saturday but promised to contact members for the coming weekend as soon as building materials were received on site. G. Hill recommended that a layer of crushed rock be laid under pipes to prolong life of tile field. W. Pawley said this would definitely be done and the crushed rock would be delivered before Saturday as would the steel septic tank. In reply to a question, W. Pawley assured members that this was a new design steel septic tank approved by C.M.H.C. and carried a 25-year life expectancy.

W. Weynerowski agreed to check that one set of plans will be kept on site, as the block layers have been waiting to start work immediately footings are completed. The price agreed is 65¢ per block and this includes inserting reinforcing rods. W. Pawley mentioned that work had not progressed as quickly or as cheaply as footings proved more difficult than originally anticipated. Work had apparently been delayed due to rain and completion of previous undertakings by McGillivray. However, urgency of the situation was impressed on all contractors and weekend work crews comprising squash members will be available. One change was now confirmed: the front walls will be of plaster and not wood, as originally planned, as the wooden walls tested by various squash members had all proven very disappointing.

The Treasurer then presented his report and analysis, consisting of a five-year projection for operation of the club. Loans from members are shown as being repaid at 12% over four years, with no interest payable in the first year, although this will only be used as a fall-back if further memberships do not materialize. Present balance (at 30/11/77) \$11,291.79 with receivable membership dues of \$1,900; less outstanding construction costs of \$3,800. All cheques to be sent to J. Kranenburg, Box 166, R.R.#1, Kirks Ferry, P.C. JOX 1NO. G. Hill asked that a vote of thanks be recorded to John Kranenburg for the excellent financial statements made available to members.

Motion 1: W. Allan, seconded by W. Weynerowski, proposed that N. Patterson be elected to the Squash Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Stewart asked W. Pawley if monies set aside for finish included exterior finish of squash building. W. Pawley pointed out that the \$3,500 was solely interior finishing and exterior finish would be decided on and financed at a later stage.

W. Weynerowski then discussed the Membership Drive; the wine and cheese party seemed a useful vehicle for recruiting members, and all squash subscribers were invited to assist the membership committee in their efforts on December 4th at 2 p.m. at the Weynerowski home. 72 couples had been invited but not many replies had been received. The reality of the situation: we have 50 members and we need 50 more to reach the Treasurer's projected 100 members to avoid members loans. N. Patterson felt that very much more "hustling" was required and asked that each existing member bring in at least one new member. It was decided to show some squash movies and various members will endeavour to obtain these before the wine and cheese party on Sunday. These movies may also be profitably shown at a central point in Masham for local interest and recruitment.

W. Pawley asked whether people wishing to send post-dated cheques can be accepted for membership. It was generally felt that as there was very little risk involved it was acceptable although a suggestion was made that a policy be adopted to review unpaid accounts after quotas are reached.

Motion 2: W. Pawley moved, seconded by N. Patterson, that membership with payment by post-dated cheques be acceptable, with a minimum sum of \$100 per month and a maximum of eight months to pay. This is for life memberships only; similar arrangements for other terms at the discretion of the Membership Committee.

Carried unanimously.

N. Patterson asked that N. Hogg be requested to get the Bylaws of the Cascades Club registered in Quebec. W. Allan promised to speak to the President about this, as it was not within the powers of the squash subscribers to enforce regulations of Cascades Club Incorporated.

Junior membership was then discussed in detail; what constitutes a junior or "student" member; time limitations, etc. P. Martin presented detailed rules and regulations but it was decided that a "Playing Committee" would look into this matter at a later date.

To resolve the mixed feelings regarding the children of family lifetime members, the following motion was approved.

Motion 3: N. Patterson moved, seconded by W. Allan, that the rights of Family Lifetime Memberships include the entire direct members of the family having, for life, those rights corresponding to their age according to the regulations of the squash club.

Votes in favour: 17

Votes against: 1 (C. Stewart)

Brief discussion followed as to arrangements for the Wine and Cheese promotional party, after which John Kranenburg proposed that the meeting adjourn at 10.45 p.m. Seconded by G. Hill.

..... Chairman

Secretary

Date