

Quail Ridge Tennis & Swim Club
Annual Board Meeting
April 23, 2021

Note: No 2020 annual meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In attendance: Board members, Martin Bryant, Arianna Thompson, Amy McNeill, Annette Bullard, Connie Dean, and Dan Dellinger. There were three club members present.

President Martin called the meeting to order.

1. Martin presented the financial report, including the average annual operating cost with a breakdown of expenditures and funds available in the bank account.
2. We have 91 members and approximately \$5,000.00 owed in unpaid membership fees. Martin will continue to work to collect the owed fees.
3. We will continue to promote use of the Venmo mobile payment service, which gives members the option to pay dues electronically.
4. The raising of the membership fee and the dues in the recent past has allowed the club to have the funds needed to ensure proper maintenance. Last year we only maintained the existing amenities due to the pandemic, so we have a bit more funds. At this time, we should be able to move forward with enhancing the aesthetics of the tennis courts and pool area, so that the members can see their dues being put to good use.
5. Since our last annual meeting, the pool was been repainted. Also, the bathhouse was been repainted by volunteers.
6. Suggestions made by the club members present included relocating the existing large light over the bathhouse entrance to a new pole so that it does not detract from the appearance of the building, removing the brick grill and installing a new metal grill, and enhancing the tennis courts.
7. The meeting was adjourned.

The required board meeting following the annual club meeting was convened. All board members were present. President Martin called the meeting to order.

1. Martin has received a cost estimate for repair of the tennis courts. The tennis courts have been in disrepair for years and if repair and/or upgrade work is not undertaken soon, there is a concern that they may become unusable. The large crack that bisects the courts is a safety concern and they are becoming an eyesore with the fencing becoming rusty and the

courts in need of cleaning. The Board is to explore options for repairing/upgrading the tennis courts in a reasonable manner.

2. The Board voted to approve the purchase of new buoys/ rope to replace the rope in the shallow end of the pool that has broken and when tied back together keeps filling the pool filters with yellow filament, two new signs to remind people to stay off of the ropes (which we must have in the pool to separate the different pool depths), and a new faucet & parts to fix the sink leak in the ladies' restroom. It was noted that we will try to fix/reuse when possible, but some items that we must have in order to stay open must be purchased.
3. Additional revenue may be needed for repairs and upgrades. Once the operating expenses are met, there is little money left for repairs and upgrades to maintain the pool & tennis courts in their current condition and it is possible that the Board may not have the funds needed to cover a large expense. One of the two pool pumps broke last winter and we were fortunate that Pentair uses us as a test facility for that pump, so it was replaced. The second pump and other pool equipment are approximately the same age, so we anticipate additional pool equipment will need to be replaced soon. The bathhouse needs repair and it would be nice if it could be finished, the tennis courts need repair, the pool will need to be painted soon, the concrete around the pool needs to be repaired, we need to buy more pool chairs, swings break every year, etc. Options for additional revenue include increasing annual dues, special assessments, and fund raisers.

Given the lack of member attendance at the annual meetings over the past years and the lack of response when Board members have asked for volunteers to assist with the tasks associated with opening and closing the pool for the season, member participation in fund raisers does not seem like a viable option.

Increasing the fees charged for private schools who use the pool as part of their summer camp programs was agreed upon with the exact amounts to be determined based on their hours & days of pool usage this summer with the new fees becoming effective next year.

The membership list and payment information have been reviewed and those who owned the Club money have paid or their card has been turned off.

Annual dues for regular members have been \$300.00 for many years; therefore, raising dues to \$400.00 appears to be the most viable means of increasing revenue. Currently we have 92 members and continue to sell memberships upon request, but we do not want the amenities to be overcrowded or over used in such a manner that they are no longer enjoyable for our members; therefore, a membership drive does not seem like a good solution to our long term problems.

Taking all of these factors into consideration, the Board voted to increase the annual dues for a regular membership from \$300.00 to \$400.00 and to raise the cost of a new regular membership from \$800.00 to \$1,000.00 with both increases effective as of January 1, 2020.

Hopefully, this will get the Club back on track and will allow the Board to maintain/upgrade the pool and tennis courts. The increase in regular membership cost should also allow members who are selling their membership to secure a reasonable return.

4. The new option for members to pay dues electronically via Venmo mobile payment service was discussed, along with the benefit of going as paperless as possible in the future.
5. Quarterly payment of dues will still be allowed, with regular billing cycles of months 1, 4, 7 and 10 (January, April, July, and October).
8. The meeting was adjourned.