

Barbara (Wood) -

4/22/94

FM/"HALL OF FAME" ROOM

I thought you might find these old letters of interest. I had estimated ~ 15 years; it's actually 22 years ago! Some of the thoughts were different then than now, but the general concept might still apply.

Regards, Bob

August 4, 1972

1994 COMMENTS



Mr. Stephen B. Wilson
11 Barry Road
Scarsdale, N.Y. 10583

Dear Steve,

Platform paddle tennis has its origin in Scarsdale, and the Fox Meadow Tennis Club holds the distinction of being the "Founder Club",

The American Platform Tennis Association was established in 1934 by representatives of Fox Meadow, Manursing, and the Greenwich Field Club. Since that date, officers of the Executive Board of the APTA have come from clubs in the metropolitan area, and Fox Meadow has always been strongly represented. The tie between Scarsdale, the birthplace of the game, Fox Meadow, and the APTA has always been strong. We feel this is fitting and that this tie should be maintained.

The APTA has never had a "physical focal point", so to speak. There is no one place where files or memorabilia are kept, or where meetings are held. Many meetings, but not all, are held at Fox Meadow, and as you know provision for such meetings at the club are makeshift in nature and not top-drawer.

With the above in mind we would like to propose for your consideration the establishment of a room at Fox Meadow to serve as an Executive Committee meeting room for both the APTA and the Fox Meadow Board as well as a place for storage and display of APTA records and trophies.

We visualize that such a room could be constructed by utilizing the present storage area beside the kitchen plus a portion of the southeast corner of the new room. Alternate storage area, it is recognized, would be a problem but this could be studied and hopefully worked out.

NO LONGER THE CASE

FILES - NOT NECESSARY

LATER VISUALIZED AS AN ADDITIONAL ROOM WHERE THE PATIO IS.

I have discussed this in general terms with you and other members of the FMTC Board and have received a generally favorable reaction. The purpose of this letter is to record our interest in such a project and to suggest that we hold serious and specific discussions about the matter in hope of reaching agreement in detail on the room, its financing, location, construction, and use.

If this broad overall proposal meets with your approval we would appreciate the opportunity to sit down with you or your designee(s) to discuss the subject in further detail.

Sincerely yours,

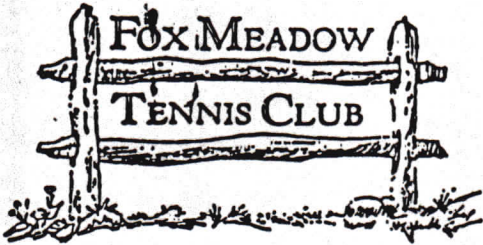
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8/7/72



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September 22, 1972

Mr. Robert A. Brown
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Dear Bob:

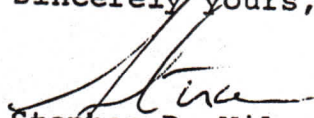
The Board voted to host the National Mixed Doubles Tournament to be held on February 17, 18 and 19. The Board's approval was given subject to our receiving the same compensation which we received last March for hosting the Mens' Nationals, which I believe was \$250, plus a commitment from the APTA to pay for all snow removal costs incurred in connection with the tournament, other than the cost of the normal plowing which is done for us under a season contract. As you know, this additional snow removal cost usually involves high school boys and chemicals. Much of the work is usually done by volunteers.

We look forward to having the tournament and I trust the arrangements outlined above will be satisfactory.

With reference to your letter of August 8th, the Board voted to appoint a special committee to work with your Association to develop a mutually acceptable proposal. Messrs. Koegel, Ware and Lee from our Board are on the committee. We plan to have one member of the Club who is not a Board member serve, too, and I will give you his name as soon as I have his consent.

FM
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MEMBERS

Sincerely yours,


Stephen B. Wilson





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FOX MEADOW ROOM

BASIC CONCEPT: To build, if space, economics, zoning, and other considerations permit, a Room to be used for

- Meetings (FM Board) *national/APTA*
- Storage of important ~~club~~ records
- Tasteful display of records of national champions, Honor Award winners, possibly past Presidents, etc., *FM Past Presidents.*
- Storage and/or display of memorabilia such as old paddles, photographs, books, etc.

*APTA BOARD
NOW "NJ
FOCUSED"*

The room ^Cwould be used as a Board Meeting Room by ~~both the APTA and~~ the Fox Meadow Board, and might also, with suitable decor, serve as the game's equivalent to the Hall of Fame.

THE ROOM: The room is pictured as being carpeted, with a large oval (or other shape) meeting table surrounded by chairs; paneled, with waist-high cabinets for storage, with file cabinets within portions of the panel-front cabinets; upper cabinets around some of the walls for display/storage, with other portions of the walls open for hanging plaques, pictures, etc.

APPROACH: The following approach to the project is suggested:

- (1) Joint APTA/FMTC committee meet to discuss basic concept, to define possible locations for the room and problems to be faced.
- (2) Obtain architectural assistance and advice and draw up rough plans and cost estimates for the one or more locations defined in (1)
- (3) Select the best location



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- (4) APTA and FMTC
decide whether to proceed (possibly
a review with FMTC membership will be
necessary at this point). *How to finance?*
- (5) Seek local zoning/neighborhood approvals
as needed.
- (6) Issue invitations for construction bids
- (7) Award construction contract

R.A.B.

November 11, 1972

First Meeting Nov. 11, 1972

Bill Koegel	-	FMTC
Bob Lee	-	"
Paul Molloy	-	APTA
Brook Kindred	-	"
Bob Brown	-	"

Thereafter - No further
progress due to lack of funding.