

AMERICAN PADDLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors -  
October 30, 1942

The annual meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the Yale Club on October 30, 1942 at 4.30 P.M.

Those present were: Manursing Island Club - Kenneth Ward, President and John A. Stephenson, Jr., Sec'y; Oxridge Hunt Club - Karl Herzer; American Yacht Club - Lanphear Buck; Fox Meadow Club - F. S. Blanchard, Donald White, and Oscar F. Moore; Amackassin Tennis Club - Reginald W. Cauchois; Greenwich Country Club - Clifford S. Sutter; Englewood Club - Weatherly Reinmund.

Mr. Ward, presiding, read the minutes of the last Governors' meeting, held at the Yale Club, October 31, 1941. These were unanimously accepted as read.

President's Report: Mr. Ward spoke of the successful year which the A.M.P.A. had enjoyed and thanked the various committee members for their good work. The following points were mentioned. Three new members joined the Association, namely, St. Louis Country Club, Short Hills Club, and the Scarsdale Paddle Tennis Club; seven major tournaments were held during the year, including a Mixed Doubles for students home from schools and colleges. The tournaments included - National Mixed Doubles at the Greenwich Field Club; National Men's Doubles at Fox Meadow; National Women's Doubles at Fox Meadow; Men's Scrambles Doubles Invitation at Manursing Island Club; Mixed Scrambles Doubles Invitation at the American Yacht Club; Mixed Doubles Student Invitation at Fox Meadow, and Westchester County vs. New Jersey Invitation Men's Doubles at the Englewood Club. Mr. Ward warned that because of transportation difficulties and the unavailability of securing an adequate supply of new balls, the Association could not promote as many tournaments this year, and, therefore, each Club should make a particular effort to stimulate interest among its own members by having intramural contests or local tournaments with nearby Clubs. Mr. Ward regretted the resignation of the Indian Harbor Yacht Club from membership. The total membership for 1941-1942 is 22.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Mr. E. H. Brooke, Treasurer, Mr. Ward read the report, as follows:

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Balance on hand 10/31/41	\$377.28	For Tournaments (incl.prizes)	\$157.74
Income from dues	149.00	General Expenses	<u>143.73</u>
" " Tournaments	<u>162.00</u>		
Total	\$688.28	Total	\$301.47
		Balance 10/31/42 -	\$386.81

Mr. Ward submitted his resignation as President, and that of Mr. E. H. Brooke, as Treasurer. F. S. Blanchard proposed a motion which was unanimously accepted thanking Messrs. Ward and Brooke for the enthusiastic leadership and excellent work they had done for our Association in their respective positions.

Nominating Committee: Mr. F. S. Blanchard, Chairman, proposed the following names for officers for 1942-43:

President	- Donald White, Fox Meadow Tennis Club
Vice Presidents	- Benjamin H. Ticknor, 3rd, Englewood Club
	- Clifford S. Sutter, Greenwich Country Club
Secretary	- John A. Stephenson, Jr., Manursing Island Club
Treasurer	- Lanphear Buck, American Yacht Club

the above were unanimously elected.

Tournament Committee: Oscar F. Moore, duly appointed Chairman for 1942-43 suggested that, due to the transportation problem, tournaments for 1942-43 should be limited to three, as follows: Intersectional Men's Doubles to be held at the Greenwich Country Club on Sunday, December 13, 1942; National Mixed Doubles at Manursing Island Club, Rye, on February 13-14, 1943; National Men's Doubles at the Fox Meadow Tennis Club, Scarsdale on February 27-28, 1943.

In order that the Intersectional Men's Doubles could be completed in one day, it was proposed that each area should hold an elimination tournament so that nine teams only would play at the Greenwich Country Club for the playoffs. So that each area might be represented in proportion to the number of people playing paddle tennis, the following quota of teams from each section were allotted: Hartford area - 1 team; New Jersey area - 2 teams; Rye area - 2 teams; Scarsdale area (Scarsdale, Ardsley, etc.) - 2 teams; Greenwich area (Greenwich, Stamford, Darien, New Canaan, etc.) - 2 teams. The Clubs selected to hold the regional tournaments are: Englewood Club for the New Jersey area; Fox Meadow Tennis Club for Scarsdale area; Manursing Island Club for the Rye area; Greenwich Country Club for the Greenwich area.

The Committee to promote and arrange the Intersectional Men's Doubles consists of Messrs. Moore, Sutter, White and Stephenson.

Publicity Committee: Mr. Ward, Chairman, spoke of the activities during the year and suggested the Secretary write J. P. Allen of the New York Sun thanking him for his interest and articles. Messrs. Ward and Sutter told of their efforts to have articles appear in various sports magazines, but with one or two exceptions, have been unsuccessful due to the fact that paddle tennis is not yet well enough known nationally.

The following committee members were appointed for the coming year:

Executive Committee: Donald White, President - Fox Meadow;  
Oscar F. Moore, Fox Meadow; Clifford S. Sutter, Greenwich Country Club; Kenneth Ward and John A. Stephenson, Jr., Manursing Island.

Tournament Committee: Oscar F. Moore, Chairman; Weatherly Reinmund, Englewood Club; Lanphear Buck, American Yacht Club; John M. Kingsley, Greenwich Field Club.

Publicity Committee: Clifford S. Sutter, Chairman; F. S. Blanchard, Fox Meadow; C. C. Agate, Tremont Place Paddle Tennis Club; and Kenneth Ward, Manursing Island Club.

Rules & Equipment Committee: B. H. Ticknor, 3rd, Chairman, Englewood Club; R. W. Cauchois, Amackassin Tennis Club; John A. Stephenson, Jr., Manursing Island; F. S. Blanchard, Fox Meadow; Karl Herzer, Oxridge Hunt Club.

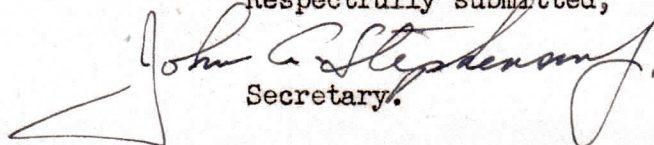
Open Meeting

1. Subject of conservation of balls discussed. 2. Foot-faults in tournaments should not be called by referee. 3. A motion was made and passed to donate \$10.00 to Mr. Ward's secretary for the time she has given to our Association. 4. In order to follow out Sidney Wood's suggestion to lengthen the playing surface of the court, it was suggested that members draw a chalk line one foot behind the present backline to see if it will be more helpful to keep the ball in play and to overcome the advantage of the net man. Members were asked to report their reactions at the next meeting. The present dimensions will continue to be in force in tournaments for the remainder of the year. 5. We will make every effort to learn if balls can be refinished.

Mr. White, newly elected President, expressed his desire to keep the Association active during this war period. He suggested the National Women's Doubles should be held if enough players requested it.

The meeting was adjourned at 5.45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John A. Stephenson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name "John A. Stephenson".

Secretary.