

AMERICAN PADDLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors - October 30, 1946.

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the Yale Club, October 30, 1946, beginning at 4:30 P.M.

Those present were: Benjamin H. Ticknor 2nd, Englewood Field Club, President; Oscar F. Moore, Fox Meadow Tennis Club, Vice President; John A. Stephenson, Jr., Manursing Island Club, Secretary; Donald White; Kenneth Ward, Manursing Island Club; Weatherly Reinmunde, Englewood Field Club; Charles H. Welling, The Paddle Tennis Club of New Canaan; F. S. Blanchard, Fox Meadow Tennis Club; C. H. Hipkins and John Barhydt, The Riverside Yacht Club.

John A. Stephenson, Jr., Secretary, read the minutes of the last Governors' meeting held at the Yale Club, October 30, 1945, which were unanimously accepted.

President's Report: Mr. Ticknor spoke of the increased activity in the tournament play last year, due primarily to the availability of gasoline and the return of many of our younger players from the services. The large entry lists taxed the capacity of the host clubs and in several cases preliminary rounds were played on neighboring club courts. The Manursing Island Club of Rye started off the tournament season with its annual Invitation Men's Doubles Tournament on December 15 & 16, 1945, which was won by Messrs. Clifford S. Sutter and Allen L. Lindley, Jr., who defeated Messrs. Charles M. O'Hearn and Henry N. Eyre by the score of 7-5; 6-1; 6-2. The National Mixed Doubles Tournament was held on February 10 & 12, 1946, at The Englewood Field Club, and was won by Mrs. Oscar F. Moore and L. M. Fearing, who defeated Mrs. Madeline Beck and Addison Wilson by the score of 6-3; 4-6; 14-12. The National Men's Doubles Championship was held at the Fox Meadow Tennis Club, Scarsdale, on March 2 & 3, 1946, and was won by Messrs. Clifford S. Sutter and Basil Maguire, who defeated Messrs. Clifford D. Couch, Jr. and Charles M. O'Hearn by the score of 5-7; 3-6; 6-1; 6-2; 6-4.

Mr. Ticknor regretted that the white official ball made by the Faultless Rubber Co., Ashland, Ohio, and known as their model "No. 27 sponge tennis ball", is not yet in production. Likewise, seasoned lumber and the proper one-inch mesh galvanized wiring is not yet available for new courts or repairs on the old courts. He expressed the hope that by the beginning of the 1947 season these materials will be readily available and that some company will again take up the production of the courts in order that the game may be expanded to new clubs.

He especially thanked the various committeemen and the members of the tournament host clubs for their generosity and hospitality in making all the tournaments such successful events.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Mr. Lamphear Buck, Treasurer, the report for the period October 31, 1945 through October 30, 1946 was read by Mr. Stephenson, as follows:

<u>Bank Balance</u> - October 30, 1945			\$392.35
<u>Income:</u>			
1945-46 Dues (paid by 18 Clubs)	\$151.50		
Balance from Men's Doubles Tourn.	<u>10.22</u>	\$161.72	
<u>Expenses:</u>			
Insurance Premium on Cup	10.00		
Publicity (Books)	4.54		
Mailing (Notices, etc.)	6.47		
Paddle Tennis Balls (Tournament)	9.00		
Annual Meeting Expense	<u>11.21</u>	<u>41.22</u>	<u>120.50</u>
<u>Bank Balance</u> - October 30, 1946			\$512.85

Nominating Committee: Messrs. Kenneth Ward and F. S. Blanchard, co-chairmen of the Nominating Committee, proposed the following officers for the year 1946-47:

President: Oscar F. Moore, Fox Meadow Tennis Club
Vice Presidents: Weatherly Reinmunde, Englewood Field Club
Paul deF. Hicks, Manursing Island Club
Secretary: Gordon Sanford, Fox Meadow Tennis Club
Treasurer: Daniel Johnson, The Seminole Club

The above were unanimously elected.

A vote of appreciation was extended to the past officers for their work during the year.

The following committees were appointed:

Executive Committee: Oscar F. Moore, Fox Meadow Tennis Club; Weatherly Reinmunde, Englewood Field Club; Gordon Sanford, Fox Meadow Tennis Club; Daniel Johnson, The Seminole Club; F. S. Blanchard, Fox Meadow Tennis Club; Kenneth Ward and John A. Stephenson, Jr., Manursing Island Club.

Tournament Committee: Oliver A. Kingsbury, Fox Meadow Tennis Club, Chairman; Sumner D. Kilmarx, Fox Meadow Tennis Club; Lanphear Buck, American Yacht Club; Clifford S. Sutter, Field Club of Greenwich; Witherbee Black, Jr., Manursing Island Club; Mrs. B. H. Ticknor 2nd, Englewood Field Club; and James Kelley, Englewood Field Club.

Publicity Committee: Samuel R. Harned, Fox Meadow Tennis Club, Chairman; Benjamin H. Ticknor 2nd, Englewood Field Club; Kenneth Ward, Manursing Island Club; F. S. Blanchard, Fox Meadow Tennis Club; Clifford S. Sutter, Field Club of Greenwich.

Rules and Equipment Committee: Donald White, Chairman; F. S. Blanchard, Fox Meadow Tennis Club; Frederick Fuller, Jr., Amackassin Tennis Club; W. Rufus Brent, Fox Meadow Tennis Club; and Harold Holmes, Orange Lawn Tennis Club.

Membership Committee: The following clubs were duly elected to membership in our Association: Orange Lawn Tennis Club, Orange, New Jersey; and the Riverside Yacht Club, Riverside, Conn.

Open Meeting: The Faultless Rubber Company is still unable to manufacture the official paddle tennis ball. However, they are making a red sponge ball which is the same size, weight and consistency as the official ball, and it is suggested that members use this for home play. One of our club members which still has a small supply of the white ball has very generously offered to supply us these in tournament play. According to the research departments of the larger rubber companies, no 100% efficient white paint is now available to cover the red ball, but for older players whose eyes do not focus too well it is suggested that they secure a can of white paint used for white-walled tires and dip the red ball in it two or three times. This could be repeated as the paint wears off the ball after play. The red ball, model 814, may be secured from The Faultless Rubber Co., Ashland, Ohio, or from certain local sporting goods or 5 & 10¢ stores.

Tournament Dates, 1946-47:

Manursing Island Invitation Men's Doubles Tournament, December 14 & 15.
National Men's Doubles Championship, Fox Meadow, March 1 & 2.
National Mixed Doubles Championship, Englewood Field Club, February 8 & 9.
Men's Doubles, Westchester vs. New Jersey --- date to be set in January.

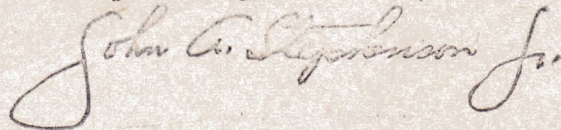
Rules: The following new rule has been adopted: "A ball which lands in court of play and bounces up and over side or back walls shall be considered a "let ball" and the point replayed.

A number of members have suggested that the playing dimensions of the court be changed in order to reduce the distinct advantage to the net players, at the same time giving a better chance for lobbing. We suggest member clubs try out the following: Move base line back six inches and service line three inches.

The Rules Committee would be glad to hear of reactions to this suggestion.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary

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