

AMERICAN PADDLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

① The Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the American Paddle Tennis Association was held at the Yale Club at 4:30 P.M., October 23rd, 1947.

Those present were:

- ✓ Mr. Oscar F. Moore, Fox Meadow Tennis Club, President
- Mr. Gordon W. Sanford, Fox Meadow Tennis Club, Secretary
- ✓ Mr. Kenneth Ward, Manufsing Island Club
- Mr. Clifford Sutter, Greenwich Field Club
- ✓ Mr. Clifford Hipkins, Riverside Yacht Club
- Mr. Lamphear Buck, American Yacht Club
- ✓ Mr. Fessenden S. Blanchard, Fox Meadow Tennis Club
- ✓ Mr. James Kelley, Englewood Field Club
- Mr. Weatherby Reinmund, Englewood Men's Club
- ✓ Mr. Frederick Walker, Fox Meadow Tennis Club

② Mr. Gordon W. Sanford, secretary, read the minutes of the last Governors' Board meeting, held at the Yale Club on October 30th, 1946, which were unanimously accepted.

President's Report

③ Mr. Oscar F. Moore spoke of the increased interest in paddle tennis during the last year, evidenced by bigger tournaments, the presence of more young players and the continuous advance in the quality of play. There is likelihood of even bigger tournaments this year.

Publicity

④ Mr. Moore mentioned that publicity for the game is not forthcoming, in spite of the real efforts of our able Publicity Committee. He voiced the opinion, however, that the game is growing and will continue to advance in a healthy manner, with or without publicity.

Balls

⑤ Mr. Moore stated that the balls ordered by the various clubs, placed through the Association and, in turn, by the Association through Mr. Edward Mays, were going to be only partially delivered by the ball supplier. An allocation of a few hundred balls to be made will be shipped to the clubs, in proportion to those ordered, and these will be billed either by Mr. Mays or by the Association. Mr. Moore stated that fairly prompt delivery could be expected of a small supply.

The Faultless Rubber Company, who had made the Paddle Tennis Balls prior to the war, have stated that they were going into production of the regular white prewar ball, and they hope to get back into production by December 1, 1947. The balance of the orders given by the member clubs to the Association and not filled through Mr. Mays, will be produced and shipped to the member clubs by the Faultless Rubber Company, 1270 Broadway, New York City. Any future orders, or any additional quantities, should be ordered direct from the Faultless Rubber Company.

Courts

The supply situation is improving and the following indicate their ability and desire to build courts:

Tennis Courts, Inc. (Mr. Roundey)
101 Park Avenue, New York City

Jack O'Brien (reach him through Kenneth Ward, Rye)
Portchester, New York

Pre-fab Industries Corp. (Mr. William Moore)
Valley Road at Fifth St. Viaduct
Richmond, Virginia

While courts supplied by any of these, or built locally from plans, will be expensive by past standards, it is hoped that competition or sufficient business, or a combination of both, will bring prices down to a level not too far above that prevailing before the war.

Rules

The following rules governing eligibility for Association Tournaments were adopted:

1. A professional in any racquet game (tennis, squash tennis, squash racquets, racquets, badminton, court tennis, etc.) shall be considered a professional in paddle tennis and, therefore, not eligible to play in amateur tournaments of the Association.
2. The entry of an amateur not belonging to a club which is a member of the Association may be accepted in an Association Tournament by the committee running the tournament.
3. It was suggested that the Committee in charge of the Men's Doubles Championship Tournament may schedule the tournament for two weekends if, in its opinion, scheduling the tournament for one weekend would require that the finalists play too many matches in one day.

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Mr. Daniel Johnson, Treasurer, a report for the period ended October 23, 1947 was read by Mr. Sanford, as follows:

Bank Balance as of 10/30/46.		\$512.85
Income -		
1946-1947 Dues		136.00
Men's Doubles Entry Fees.		92.00
		<u>\$740.85</u>
Expenses -		
Balls	\$28.22	
Mtg. Exp.	17.97	
Prizes	95.40	
Cup Insur.	10.00	
Men's Doubles Exp.	17.35	
		<u>168.94</u>
 TOTAL	

BANK BALANCE as of 10/23/47. \$ 570.91

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The Treasurer wishes to announce that all dues have now been paid. One check, in the amount of \$6.00 which was received from the Short Hills Club, has not yet been deposited.

9 New Members

Mr. Moore announced that an application for membership in the Association has been made by the Scarsdale Golf Club, Scarsdale, New York. They were elected unanimously to membership in the Association. The Secretary was instructed to advise them of this fact.

10 Tournaments

The following dates and clubs were selected for 1947-1948 tournaments:

Men's Doubles Mamursing Invitation

(a) Mamursing Island Club

Rye, New York

Dec. 13-14, 1947

Mixed Doubles Championship

l Englewood Field Club

Englewood, N. J.

Jan. 31, Feb. 1, 1948

Men's Doubles Championship

(c) Fox Meadows Tennis Club

Scarsdale, New York

Feb. 28-29

March 6, 7, 1948

(d) Westchester & Connecticut vs New Jersey (to be determined)

11 Nominations

Messrs. Kenneth Ward and F. S. Blanchard, (co-chairmen) of the Nominating Committee, proposed the following officers for the year 1947-1948:

President

Mr. Oscar F. Moore, Fox Meadow Tennis Club

1st Vice-President

Mr. John A. Stephenson, Jr., Mamursing Island Club

2nd Vice-President

Mr. Gordon W. Sanford, Fox Meadow Tennis Club

Secretary-Treasurer

Mr. James Kelley, Englewood Field Club

✓ The above were elected unanimously.

12 Committees

The following committees were appointed:

Executive Committee-

Messrs. Oscar F. Moore

John A. Stephenson, Jr.

Gordon W. Sanford

James Kelley

Weatherby Reinmund

Kenneth Ward

F. S. Blanchard

Holbrook Hyde (Hartford Golf Club)

Tournament Committee:- Messrs. Oliver A. Kingsbury, Fox Meadow Tennis Club,
 Chairman
 Sumner D. Kilmarx, Fox Meadow Tennis Club
 Allen Lindley, Jr., Manursing Island Club
 Eamphear Buck, American Yacht Club
 Charlea H. Schenck, Jr., Englewood Field Club

Publicity Committee:- Messrs. Samuel R. Harned, Fox Meadow Tennis Club,
 Chairman
 Benjamin H. Ticknor, III, Englewood Field Club
 Kenneth Ward
 F. S. Blanchard
 Clifford Sutter

Rules and Equipment Committee:- Messrs. F. S. Blanchard, Chairman
 Paul de F. Hicks, Manursing Island Club
 Weatherby Reinmund
 John A. Stephenson, Jr.

Disbursements

The following motion, being duly made and seconded, was carried:

The 2nd Vice-President shall be an authorized signer of checks drawn against the bank account of the American Paddle Tennis Association.

This would be an additional signature to the Secretary's or Treasurer's; or as in the case this year, of the Secretary-Treasurer.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon W. Sanford, Secretary
 Scarsdale Manor Apt.
 Scarsdale, New York

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RESULTS OF THE TOURNAMENTS
FOR 1946-1947

Men'surging Invitation

Finals - H. Goodrich, Englewood
Will Price, Fox Meadow

Defeated 6-0, 7-5

Eliot Jackson, Stamford
Henry Dyer, Scarsdale

Daniel

X Mixed Doubles

Finals - Mr. & Mrs. Cooke, unattached

Defeated 6-2, 6-0

A. K. Eaton and Mrs. C. Walker, Fox Meadow

Men's Doubles

Finals - John Moses and John Grant, Fox Meadow

Defeated 2-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-0

Hyde and Wiley, Hartford