



2018 General Membership Meeting

Monday, January 29, 2018

Agenda



- Welcome Lauren Dillon - President
- Minutes Allyson Huntington - Secretary
- Treasurer's Report Joel Berenson - Treasurer
 - 2017 Financial Summary
 - 2018 Budget & Dues Recommendation
- 2018 Committee Reports:
 - **Membership:** Kristen Mattson
 - **Pool:** Renee Anderson and Alexis Weisz
 - **Tennis:** Claire Demeo
 - **House & Grounds:** Pat Towle
 - **Social:** Brenda Kenahan and Stacy Chandler
 - **Youth:** Laura McGinness
 - **Web Site:** Jim Vanaria and Kristen Mattson

Agenda (continued)

- 2018 Board Nominations
- Proposed Membership Dues Increase
- Adjournment

2017 GMM Minutes

2017 General Membership Meeting – Summary

> Treasurer's Report - Joel Berenson

- Recommend dues increase
 - Motion: raise dues to \$1,500 (voting) and \$750 sustaining
 - Motion 2nd
 - Vote: motion passed by majority vote

> Committee Reports:

- **Membership:** Kristen Mattson
- **Pool:** Joan Palazzo and Renee Anderson
- **Tennis :** Soraya Stevens and Claire Demeo
- **House & Grounds:** Pat Towle
- **Social:** Becky Ricci and Brenda Kenahan
- **Youth:** Jane Patterson
- **Web Site:** Jim Vanaria

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➤ 2017 By-Law Amendments

- Motion to increase the Initiation Fee to \$250 (increase of \$50)
 - Motion passed by majority vote, increase adopted
- Motion to increase the Application Fee (for the wait list) to \$150 (increase of \$50)
 - Motion passed by majority vote, increase adopted

➤ 2018 Board Nominations and Vote

- New Board approved by majority vote

Treasurer's Report

➤ **Treasurer: Joel Berenson**

Financial highlights of the fiscal year ending 10/31/2017:

- Profit of \$27,090 — down \$424 from prior year. Our revenues increased approximately by \$4,000 which is due to the increase in membership dues and application and initiation fees. Our expenses have increased approximately by \$4,400 which is comprised of \$4,400 increase in pool maintenance and a \$3,900 increase in payroll net of decreases in interest expense on the tennis court loan of \$700, \$5000 decrease in real estate taxes, \$1,000 decrease in tennis program costs and a \$2,000 decrease in swim program costs.
- Cash at end of the year \$189,594 — up \$13,267 from prior year. This increase is mainly due to our net profit of \$27,000 plus the net increase of \$10,000 in bonds less principal payments on the tennis court loan of \$17,000 as well as fixed asset (tennis court etc.) additions of \$7,000.

Treasurer's Report (continued)

➤ Recommended Dues for 2018:

- Voting Member: \$1,550 increase of \$50
- Sustaining Member: \$ 775 increase of \$25
- This recommended dues increase is to help cover our cost for the increased maintenance expenses which have been growing over the past few years as the club becomes older.
- Bond for 2018: Increase 3%
- BoG has voted, in accordance with Club By-Laws, to increase the New Member Bond by 3% to: \$3,210

Treasurer's Report (continued)

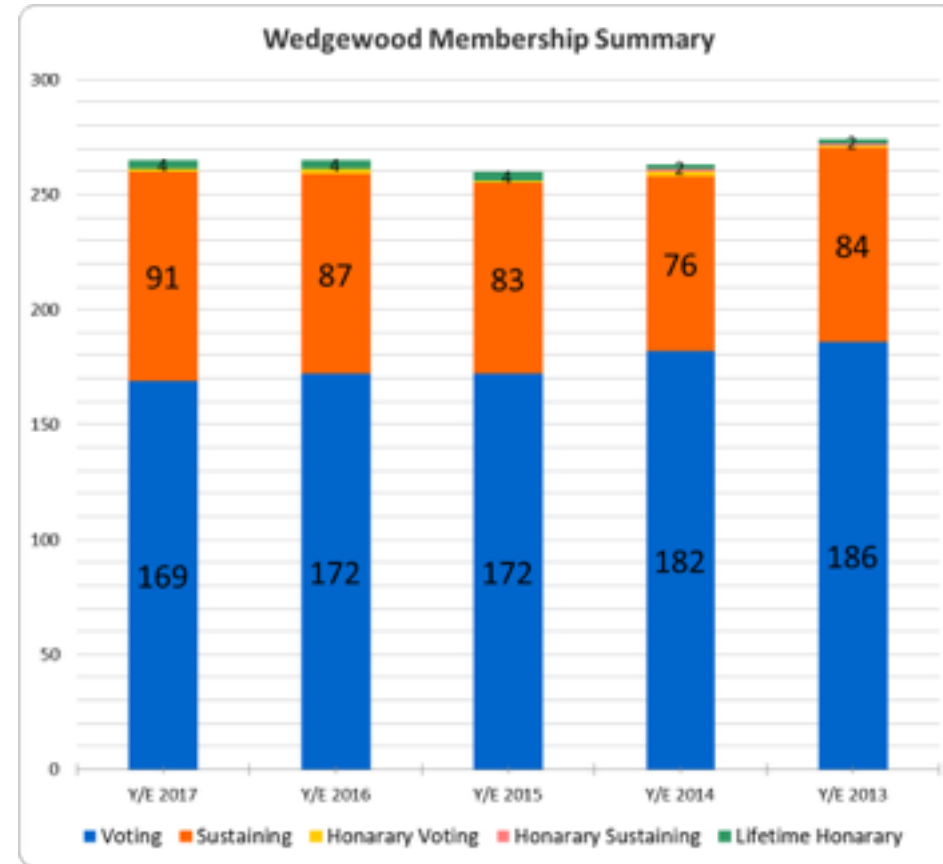
- Initiation Fee for 2018: No Increase — fee remains at \$250
- Application Fee for 2018: No Increase — fee remains at \$150

Committee Reports

Membership: Kristen Mattson

2017 Summary (at season end)

- 265 Members Total
- 169 Voting Members
 - 23 New
 - 23 Resigned
 - 15 Resigned from Wedgewood
 - 13 Moved from Voting to Sustaining
 - 1 Terminated from Voting
- 91 Sustaining Members
 - 13 New
 - 9 Resigned
- 174 on the Wait List
 - 22 Families added to the waiting list in 2017
 - 10 families entering in 2017 waited 6 years
 - 12 families entering in 2017 waited 5 years
 - 1 family entering in 2017 waited 2 years



Committee Reports

Membership Continued:

Changes since Season End:

- 1 moved from Voting to Sustaining
- 2 resigned from Voting
- 1 resigned from Sustaining
- 3 removed from Wait List
- Current Wait List is 173 families

Committee Reports

Membership continued:

Sustaining Membership Plan:

- Continue to replace voting members who resign from Wedgewood as well as those families who move to sustaining membership status, up to a maximum of 25 new families per year.
- 2017 had 7 families move to Sustaining Membership.
- 2018 Projection:
 - Nine (9) member families meet the criteria in tenure and children's ages to change to Sustaining Membership, including some that were eligible in prior season and did not resign from voting.
- Conduct annual review of membership data to confirm that projections are accurate.

Committee Reports

Membership Continued:

Other Updates:

- No backlash on abolishment of August Membership program last summer
- Changed the “ fall warning” and “invitation” to an email invite with .pdf files
 - Much easier to track timing and receipt of invite (7 day decision window)
 - No plan to use paper mailings in future
- Worked with Kristin Doucet and Lisa McManus to improve gate documentation and work flow for uniform enforcement of the guest rules.

Committee Reports



Pool Committee: Renee Anderson, Amanda Carman, Alexis Weisz

➤ Pool Committee Members:

- Welcome back: L. McGinness, C. Demeo, J. Tonini, K. Doucet, S. Stuzynski, B. Weber, M. Zorn, V. Bullard, A. Silver, A. Sheldon, A. Huntington, B. Venuti, J. Harris

➤ Swim and Dive Lessons:

- 173 children took swim lessons.
- 36 children took dive lessons
- **Coaching Staff: Alex and Tatiana Snegour**
- Alex: PhD Sports Psychology; former coach at School of Olympic Reserve, Moscow, USA swim teams in NE;
- Tatiana: Masters Physical Ed.; former member of Russian National Synchronized Swimming Team; started synchronized swim team in US and coached competitive swimming.
- Patrick Frazier was the assistant swim coach.

Committee Reports

Pool Committee Continued:



Dive Coaches: The 2017 coaches were Megan Demeo and Tina Coleman. We wish Megan Demeo luck as she joins the Rutgers dive team for her freshman year after the 2018 summer. They have both agreed to come back and coach for the 2018 dive team season.

➤ **Swim & Dive Team – Colonial League:**

- Swim Team = 89 participants Dive Team = 25 participants
- Competed in 4 dual meets, 4 Dive only meets, Swim and Dive All Stars meet, our 2nd “friendly” meet with Groton, Colonial Classics, Swim championships and Dive championships. Wedgewood finished in 5th place at Championships for 2017.
- New initiatives included Music Monday, Wacky Wednesdays, and Food Fridays. Team members really enjoyed the spirit building activities. Pool Committee plans to continue these activities with older and younger age groups.

➤ **Wedgewood hosted the All Star Dive Meet in 2017 :**

Wedgewood will be hosting the Dive Championships in 2018.

- The Pool Committee along with the Wedgewood Board are currently in the process of looking for new swim coaches for the 2018 season.

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Tennis Committee: Monica Bou and Claire Demeo

Tennis Highlights from 2017 Season:

➤ John Geilfuss returned for his 8th season as WW's Tennis Pro; Marjorie Marino returned as Assistant. We had 11 staff members and are expecting 8/9 of them will return for the 2018 season .

➤ Youth Tennis

- 90 kids participated in tennis lessons and 80 on tennis teams
 - 22 Boys on two division one A Teams
 - 14 Boys on the Intra Team
 - 17 Boys on the B Team
 - 27 Girls combined between a division one A and a B Team
- The girls team members were encouraged to participate in match play. The A team played in every match scheduled but occasionally were only able to field partial teams.
- We had two strong Boys A Teams – including one League Championship Team!!
- B-team matches were very well-attended, and also competitive

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➤ Adult Tennis

- Adult Tennis Classes- Tuesday Tennis Skill Builder, Free Intro to Tennis, Adult Monday Morning Clinic, continued to be popular with similar attendance to previous years
- Adult beginner classes were regularly attended, though the numbers varied each week
- Adult Round Robins and Tennis Ladders continued to have good participation – it was a consistent and stable core group
- Cardio tennis participation was lower than previous years and dropped off towards the end of the season

➤ Tennis Socials

- Sixth Annual Wedgewood Cup Tennis Event was again popular. There were 15 entries and a social followed the tournament. We would like to invite another club again next year
- Kids pizza party and Awards Night were successful and well-attended.
- Unfortunately we were not able to arrange the Racquet Demo-Day but would like to try again this coming season

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➤ Tennis Goals for 2018 season:

➤ Participation

- Keep improving participation and enjoyment of youth and adult tennis at all levels
- Encourage and promote participation in the kids round robins and other social events
- Try and field a full team for all girls matches in 2018
- Try to find league play for all boys teams - possibly combining teams or creating a division 2 team depending on sign up numbers

➤ Communication

- Concerted effort to improve communications in 2018
- We have a new website and will be linking through Facebook and/or Twitter to keep members updated with current information
- Team Coaches will be provided with email and text information for all their team members to keep information as direct and up to date as possible
- Constant Contact will still be used for youth and adult tennis information.

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House & Grounds: Patrick Towle

- Loam & seeded near tennis courts
- Tree work near courts
- Repaired irrigation line & heads
- Purchased two planters
- Replaced toilet in men's locker room
- Purchased new backpack blower
- Purchased new mower
- Fence repairs
- Drained cleaned pool & repainted lane lines
- Replaced Hydro valve & flow pump lap pool
- Backwash leaching field (on going project)



Committee Reports

- **Social: Brenda Kenahan and Stacy Chandler**
 - The New Member Reception was well attended and ran smoothly.
 - Fun Fridays kicked off with live music in June and continue to be a success.
 - Family Day was great with over 240 members participating:
 - The new pay by credit card option was very successful with over half of the attendees choosing to pay online.
 - New and also successful, was the entrance only fee with meal tickets being optional.
 - Volunteers were helpful as usual, but we could definitely use some more in the future to help run the pool activities and games.
 - Going forward, the Last Hurrah will be discontinued in favor of a “Fun Friday Finale” earlier in August before staffing becomes an issue in September.

Committee Reports

Youth Activities: Laura McGinness

> Youth Staff: Liz and Melanie

- Having 2 youth staff helped increase involvement in youth games
- New this year: arts & crafts supplies available daily in barn

> Special events:

- Splash Parties
- Barn Movie Night – 20+ children attended
- Tie Dye Day
- Floatie Night
- Flick-n-Float

Committee Reports

Web Site – Jim Vanaria, Kristen Mattson

▶ Current Website Capabilities

- Lesson Signup
- Adult tennis ladder signup
- Adult tennis ladder scoring and standings
- Club schedules, information, calendars
- Emergency Information
- Twitter feed *Club Open/Closed information, Swim/Tennis meet schedule changes
- *Special Messages

▶ Report any problems or issues:

thewedgewoodclub@thewedgewoodclub.org

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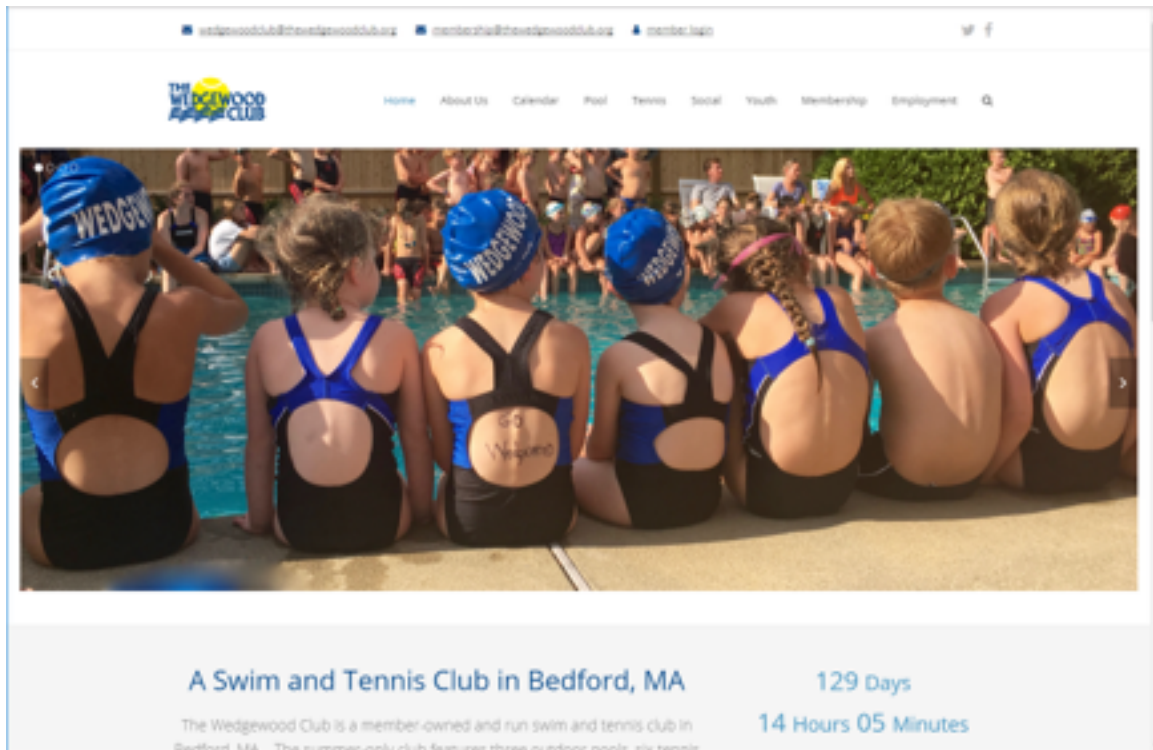


Web Site Update:

- ▶ New website being launched
 - Converted to wordpress
 - New look, mobile friendly
 - Events and Calendar displays
 - Member login will remain the same
 - Updates can be done by all board members – as “Editors”
 - Linked with Wedgewood social media accounts

- ▶ Note
 - Please update your emergency contact information
 - Look for directions distributed with this year’s dues

Committee Reports New Web Site



- ▶ The new site is “dynamic” meaning its content is optimized for use on mobile devices (phone, ipad)

2018 Board Nominations

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|---|-----------------------------------|
| ➤ President 2nd Term* | John McPhee* |
| ➤ President 1st Term | Sergei Nemirovsky** |
| ➤ Treasurer | Joel Berenson* |
| ➤ Secretary | Allyson Huntington* |
| ➤ Corresponding Secretary | Kristin Doucet* |
| ➤ Membership | Kristen Mattson* |
| ➤ House & Grounds | Pat Towle* (1) |
| ➤ Pool | Renee Anderson* and Alexis Weisz* |
| ➤ Tennis | Brenda Kenahan** and Jenn Heller |
| ➤ Youth | Laura McGinness* |
| ➤ Social | Stacy Chandler* and Janet Hallett |
| ➤ Website | Jim Vanaria* (1) |

* denotes currently in position

** denotes currently on board, but nominated for new position

(1) Sustaining Member

Membership Dues Increase

- ▶ **Increase membership dues by \$50 for Voting Memberships (to \$1,550 for 2018 season), and by \$25 for Sustaining Memberships, to supplement our capital budget and prepare for foreseeable major expenses.**
- ▶ The Club's facilities are aging, and we expect that, in the not-too-distant future, will need major repairs. The pool and its systems, the lower three tennis courts, and other aspects of the house and grounds are all showing signs of age. It is our responsibility as stewards of the Club to make some preparations for the future, so that there will be savings to pay for a portion of the expenses when they are needed.
- ▶ **Proposed Action:**
- ▶ Vote to adopt the membership increase.



Thank You for Coming!

- Remember – We are a Volunteer Club!
 - Our board members serve for 2-year terms.
 - We always welcome new people - please consider working on one of our committees.

- Adjournment:
 - 117 Days Until the Club Opens on Saturday, May 26th!