

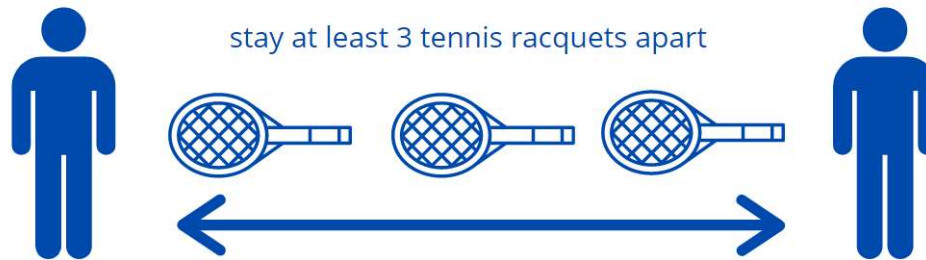


# 2020 General Membership Meeting

Monday, January 25, 2021

## USE SOCIAL DISTANCING

stay at least 3 tennis racquets apart



stay at least 6 feet away from persons not from your household

# Agenda



## **Welcome: Allyson Huntington and Kristen Mattson, Co-Presidents**

- 2020 GMM Minutes Review
- Treasurer's Report (Joel Berenson)
  - 2020 Financial Summary
  - 2021 Budget & Dues Recommendation
- 2020 Committee Reports
  - Membership (Sarah Scoville)
  - Pool (Renee Anderson, Alexis Weisz, Amanda Carman)
  - Tennis (Brenda Kenahan)
  - Youth (Sam Baron)
  - House & Grounds (Adam Ritchie)
  - Social (Chloe Wheaton, Rachel Mark)
  - Website (Kristen Mattson)
- 2021 Board Nominations
- Adjourn

# 2020 GMM Minutes Review



## 2020 General Membership Meeting Summary

### Treasurer's Report - Joel Berenson

- Recommend dues increase
- Motion: raise dues to \$1,680 (voting) and \$840 (sustaining)
- Motion 2nd
- Vote: motion passed by majority vote

### Committee Reports

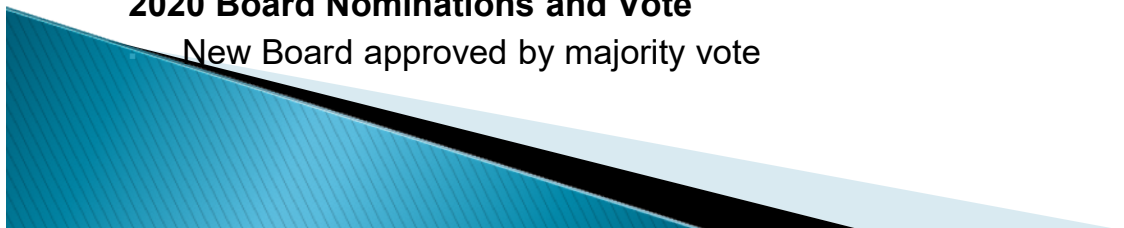
- Membership: Kristen Mattson
- Pool: Renee Anderson
- Tennis : Brenda Kenahan
- House & Grounds: Adam Ritchie
- Social: Chloe Wheaton
- Youth: Brenda Kenahan
- Web Site: Jim Vanaria

### By-law Change to Article III – Membership, Section 2b

By-law change approved by majority vote

### 2020 Board Nominations and Vote

New Board approved by majority vote



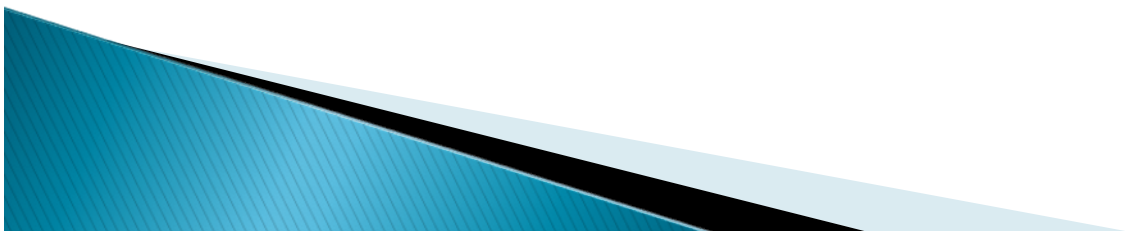
# Treasurer's Report



**Treasurer: Joel Berenson**

**Financial highlights of the fiscal year ending 10/31/2020:**

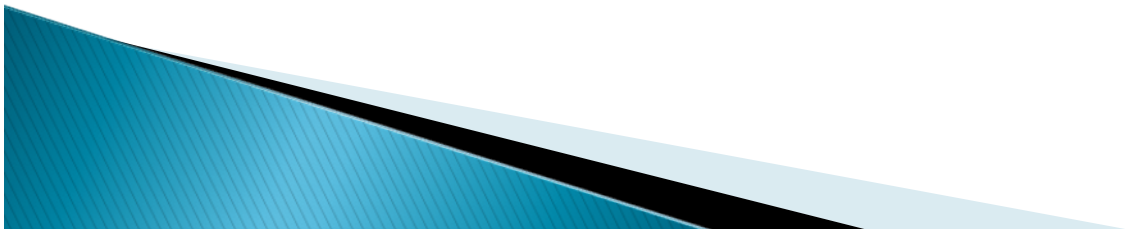
- Net loss of (\$4,946) — decrease in profit from prior year by \$16,800.
  - Our revenues decreased by approximately by \$4,300 which is primarily due to the decrease in tennis court special assessment fees and application fees.
  - Our expenses have increased approximately by \$12,500 which is comprised mainly of increased payroll and payroll taxes.
- Cash at end of the year \$166,000 — down \$35,500 from prior year.
  - This decrease is mainly due to \$11,000 in equipment purchases,
  - \$12,400 in loan repayments and
  - decrease of \$5,400 in accrued expenses our loss of \$4,946 described above and
  - decrease of \$1,800 in bonds.



# Treasurer's Report (cont.)



- **Recommended Dues for 2021:**
  - Voting Member: \$1,680 (no change from prior year)
  - Sustaining Member: \$ 840 (no change from prior year)
  - Minimum Wage is scheduled to increase by an additional \$0.75/hr over the next 3 years starting in 2021 until it reaches \$15/hr in 2023. Dues increases will likely be required to cover this new expense in those years.
- **Bond for 2021:**
  - Increase 3 % to \$3,500
  - BoG has voted, in accordance with Club By-Laws, to increase the New Member Bond by 3% to \$3,500
- **Initiation Fee for 2021: No Increase — fee remains at \$250**
- **Application Fee for 2021: No Increase — fee remains at \$150**





# Membership Committee

**Membership: Sarah Scoville**

## **Statistics as of Season End**

- 254 Members Total
- 164 Voting Members
  - 23 New
  - 22 Resigned from Voting
  - 30 Resigned from Wedgewood
  - 3 Moved from Voting to Sustaining
- 84 Sustaining Members
  - 3 new
  - 8 resigned from Sustaining





# Membership Committee

Membership: Sarah Scoville

## WAITLIST

### AT THE END OF THE SEASON

- 106 families
- 28 families added between October 2019 - end of September 2020

### CURRENTLY

- 171 families
- 65 families added between October 2020 - end of December 2020

- 5 families joining in 2020 waited 5 years
- 15 families joining in 2020 waited 4 years
- 1 family entering in 2020 waited 3 years



**\$150 OFF**

Coupon expires 12/30/2020

Visit the membership page at [www.thewedgewoodclub.org](http://www.thewedgewoodclub.org) for more information and a downloadable wait list application

# Membership Committee



## Membership

### Changes since Season End

- 0 resigned from Voting
  - 2 resigned from Sustaining
- 
- Total current members - 252



# Membership Committee



## Other Membership Updates

- Wait list tour in late August was a big success:
  - 50 families were invited to attend.
  - Well attended, lots of questions
- Will continue using email (with pdfs) for invitation process (no paper)
- Gate documentation will continue in same format
  - Supports guest policy enforcement
- Many families on the waitlist were asked to join late spring last year.
  - 12 families were allowed to defer until this year.



# Pool Committee



## **Pool Committee: Renee Anderson, Amanda Carman, and Alexis Weisz**

- Colonial League Representatives:
  - Becky Weber
  - Sarah Cieplinski Doody
  
- Swim and Dive Lessons:
  - 230 swimmers were registered for swim lessons this year (184 children took swim lessons last year)
  - 30 children took dive lessons
  
- Swim Coaches: Justin Gainer/Julia Doucet
  - We continue to be very fortunate to have Justin Gainer and Julia Doucet heading up our swim team and swim lessons. Even without a Colonial League season, swim team practices continued throughout the summer with 4 extra weeks in August to provide instruction and extra practice for swim team members.
  
- Dive Coaches: Caitlin Pequeno and Bella Seldon
  - The 2020 coaches were Caitlin Pequeno and Bella Seldon. We are looking forward to having both Caitlin and Bella continue to coach our divers for the 2021 season.



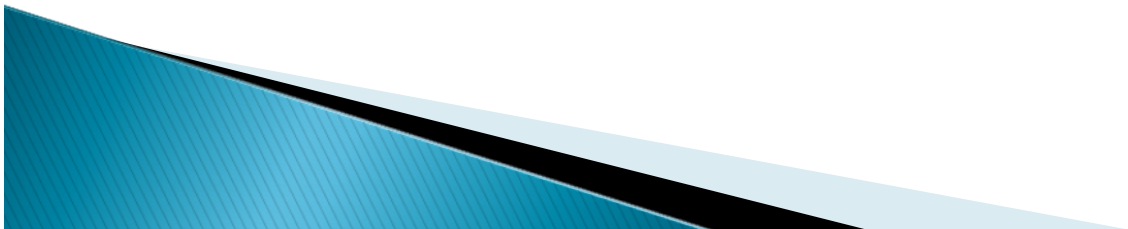


# Pool Committee

Wedgewood continues to be fortunate to have dedicated volunteers and staff who made swim and dive lessons happen this year. We had to be extremely creative and lessons were offered to all members. These efforts = a successful Wedgewood summer!!

Here's some of the things that we did a little differently to accommodate all members:

- Opened the pool an hour earlier M-F
- Added swim classes on the weekends
- Parents joined their swimmers in Level 1/Level 2 classes following no contact guidelines
- Added lap swimming for 2 hours in the morning (in place of swim team practices)
- Grouped family members in same lesson slots
- Organized a mock meet for WW swim team
- Used an online swim reservation system to allow for capacity restraints



# Swim Committee 2021 Planning

The Pool Committee plans to organize a fun-filled 2021 season with swim and dive lessons for all swimmers. Additionally, we hope to continue with the following team bonding activities that encourages the team spirit and bonding that makes Wedgewood special!

- Music Mondays, Wacky Wednesdays and Food Fridays
- Annual pasta team dinners
- Mock swim and dive meets
- Spirit week
- Funky Relay Day
- Pancake breakfasts



"UNDEFEATED" 2020 Wedgewood Swim Team



# Tennis Committee

**Tennis Committee:** Brenda Kenahan & Pam O'Brien

## Tennis 2020 Style!

- John Geilfuss returned for his 11th season as Tennis Pro and Marjorie Marino returned as Assistant Pro
- Most of the staff from 2019 returned as well as 1 new staff member
- The staff rose to the occasion and did an AMAZING job adapting the season and were very flexible.
- Tennis lessons were reduced to half hour slots enabling us to add more lessons. This format actually worked very well and we're hoping that can continue for the Beginner and Adv Beginner lessons.
- John, Marjorie & the staff added an extra week of lessons!

## ➤ Youth Tennis

- 124 kids participated in tennis lessons and 58 on tennis teams (119 in 2019)
  - 13 Girls combined between a Division 1 A-Team (14 in 2019)
  - 27 Boys on two Division 1 A-Teams (25 in 2019)
  - No A-Alternates in 2020 (6 in 2019)
  - 18 Boys on B-Team (9 in 2019)
- **The Sudbury Valley Junior Tennis League** cancelled the 2020 season so there were no competitive matches with other clubs.
- The teams were able to have lots of playing time between practices and inter-club round robin style games



# Tennis Committee

- **Adult Tennis**

- Adult Tennis Lessons - Ball Machine Clinics and most adult lessons ran as normal with the exception of the Tuesday Tennis Skill Builder and Cardio Tennis.
- A new online sign-up system (SignUpGenius) was used for signing up for adult lessons and will continue.
- Adult (modified) Round Robins were successful and the new online sign-up system (SignUpGenius) was used and really well received so that will continue moving forward.

- **Tennis Events**

- Most of the traditional tennis events (Carnival on the Courts, Tennis Team Parties) were unable to happen but we did have a safe/socially distanced modified Awards Night where all Team members (along with the Swim Team) received an “Undefeated Champions” t-shirt a nod to winning all matches/meets by default!
- **Tennis Camp** was run by John and some of the staff and was done safely and was well attended.
- **The Ninth Annual Wedgewood Cup** was pulled off thanks to the never-ending dedication of Jim Vanaria. Congratulations to the 2020 winners: The Earthtones!

# Tennis Committee



We're excited that **Pam O'Brien** is continuing for her second year and we welcome **Claire Demeo** as her **Tennis Co-Chair**. Claire has previously served as Tennis Co-chair and along with her love of the Wedgewood Tennis program she brings a lot of history and knowledge. Welcome back, Claire!

## Goals for the 2021 Season:

- Keep improving participation and enjoyment of Youth and Adult Tennis at all levels and increase promotions of the Adult Tennis program
- Continue to streamline communication between staff, players and parents
- Identify ways to disperse the various responsibilities associated with the Tennis Program amongst a larger Tennis Committee to make finding volunteers easier in the future



# Youth Committee



**Youth Activities:** Due to COVID restrictions, we weren't able to do all of our normal youth activities like splash parties and family day. We were able to have daily activities each weekday from 2-3pm run by the gate/ youth staff

**Youth Staff:** Evan, Sydney, Kate, Danielle, Madi, Maya, Sophia, Sarah

**Games:** Youth staff led games twice a week including capture the flag, duck duck goose, and different variations of tag. Kids of all ages from pre-K up enjoyed playing together in the back field.

**Physical Activities:** Obstacle courses, traditional field days games, and water balloon fights were rotated thru the Wednesday schedule over the course of the summer.

**Crafts:** Crafts were held once a week. Some notable crafts included slime making, decorating your own mask, making fairy wands, and dream catchers.

**Tie Dye Day:** Huge thanks to Kate Faulkner for tackling a traditional WW favorite!

**Family Movie Night:** while at the very end of the season, 5-10 families came to enjoy watching Mulan on the big screen in the back field. We hope to run more of these in future summers.

A huge thanks to Wendy for helping to organize activities and youth staff all summer! Hopefully we will be able to reinstate some of the more popular activities in 2021, but the daily activity period, which was so successful, will remain. Samantha Baron will be staying on as Youth Chair for Summer 2021.

# Committee Reports



## House & Grounds: Adam Ritchie

### 2020 Accomplishments

- All maintenance performed with in-house personnel; eliminated need for external contractors leading to thousands of dollars worth of savings
- Garage doors repaired instead of replaced
- Installation of automatic opener for workshop/office (safety issue)
- Completed all edging along fences, buildings and planting beds
- New WiFi system installed by WW member Alex Zhilyakov
- Purchase of new high efficiency mower and training of operator
- Completion of fence repairs and maintenance
- Repair of barn roof
- Newly paved entry way



# Committee Reports



## House & Grounds: Adam Ritchie

### 2021 Goals

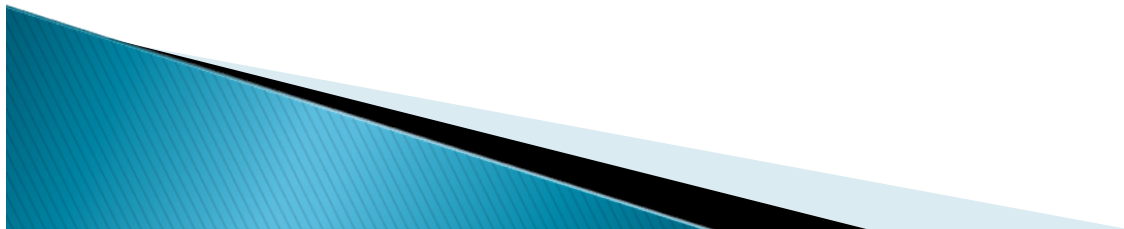
- Continue trend of performing more maintenance and improvements in-house (greater utilization of H&G staff; further reduce idle time)
- Continue to teach crew new skills and foster team work
- Identify leadership among crew; reward staff who take initiative
- Solicit volunteering and material donations from membership
- Create seating area next to snack bar (area already cleared in preparation)
- Creation and organization of compost facilities for all green refuse
- Centralize equipment and H&G operations to ground floor barn
- Improvements to front gate-render more appealing and welcoming to members and guests



# Social Committee Report

**Chloe Wheaton and Rachel Mark**

- **Due to COVID, we were unable to host Family Day and Fun Friday's**
- **New! Socially Distanced Adult Night**
  - **Live band**
  - **Members brought their own food, drink, and chair**
  - **A lot of positive feedback & requests for 2x a season**
  - **This event will become a yearly event for Wedgewood going forward**





# Website Committee Reports

## Website and Communications – Kristen Mattson

- Website
  - Complete calendar of club events – the only full calendar
    - Big thanks Altheney Woolnough for volunteering to run the calendar!
  - Information on club and programs
- Constant Contact email
  - Weekly emails, instructional emails, special notices
  - Sign up on “Newsletter” page of website
- Facebook (The Wedgewood Club, Bedford MA, search in Facebook)
  - Used to promote events, lost and found, general member-member communications, urgent messages may be posted to both Twitter and Facebook
- Twitter feed: [@WedgewoodClub](https://twitter.com/WedgewoodClub)
  - Generally anything time sensitive that needs immediate notification
  - Examples: Club Open/Closed information, Swim/Tennis meet schedule changes

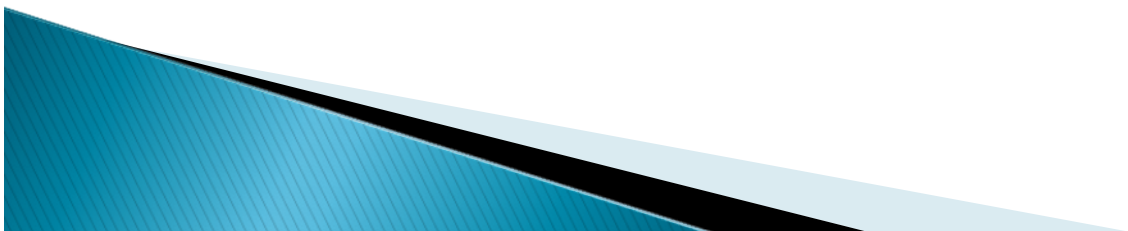




# Website Committee Report

## Club Communications – Kristen Mattson

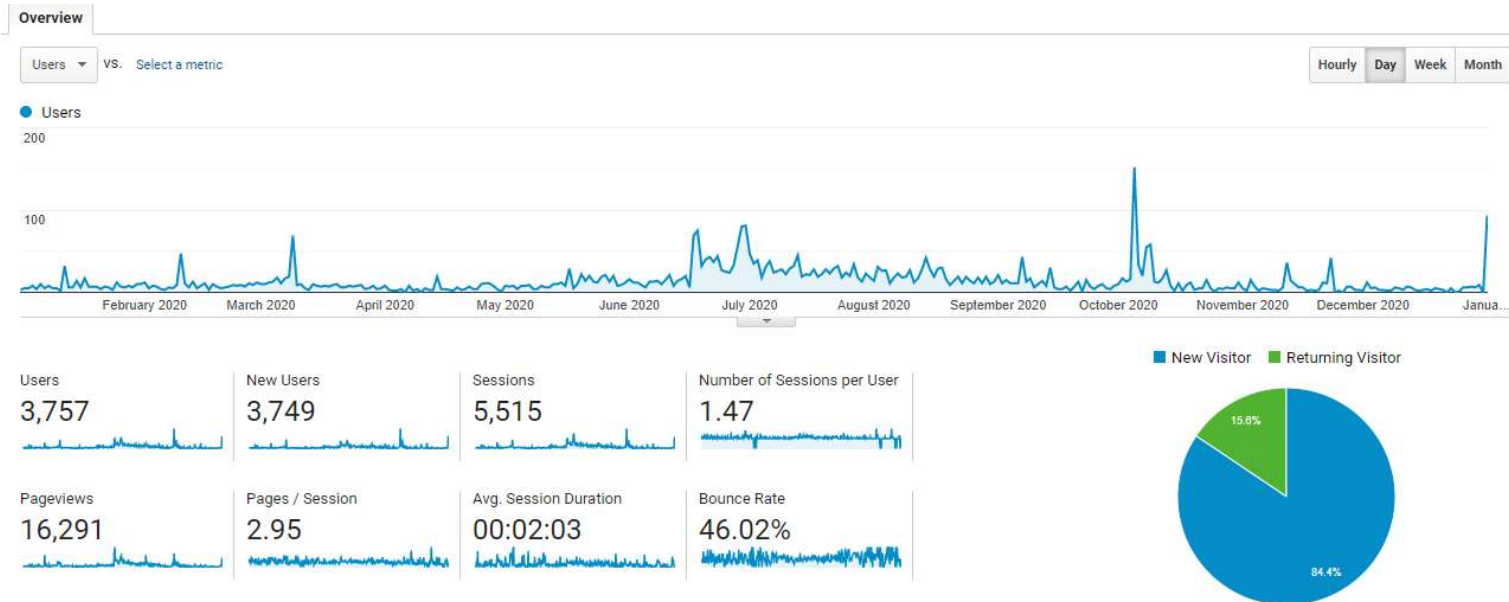
- Constant Contact
  - All email communication is done through Constant Contact
  - Secure communications, each email address is registered
  - Emergency contact information is stored once authenticated through your email account
  - This is a subscription based system, this means you must subscribe, we cannot add or maintain your contact information and email address changes. New members will get instructions how to subscribe.
- **Note! Emergency Contact Information:**
  - Each year it is mandatory to update your emergency contact information
  - Look for directions distributed with this year's dues



# Website Committee Report



## Website - Kristen Mattson



- Need SSL certificate to secure site
- May upgrade hosting/PHP
- Major updates completed

- Website URL: [thewedgewoodclub.org](http://thewedgewoodclub.org),  
login:wwmember,  
password: pleasevolunteer
- Report any problems or issues:  
[thewedgewoodclub@thewedgewoodclub.org](mailto:thewedgewoodclub@thewedgewoodclub.org)



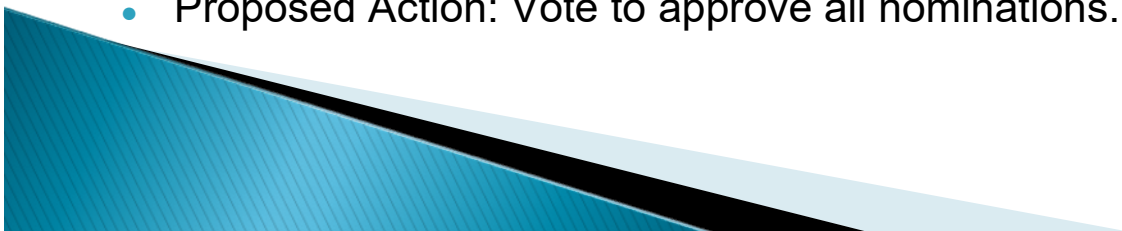
# Slate of Officers and Governors for 2021



- President 2nd Term – Kristen Mattson\*
- President 1st Term – Brenda Kenahan\*\*
- Vice President - Renee Anderson\*\*
- Treasurer - Joel Berenson\*
- Secretary – Kristin Doucet\*\*
- Corresponding Secretary – Nina Tate
- Membership – Sarah Scoville\*
- House & Grounds - Adam Ritchie\*
- Pool – Renee Anderson\* (transitioning)
- Tennis – Pam O'Brien\*, Claire Demeo
- Social – Chloe Wheaton\*, Rachel Mark\*, Maureen Lally (only two voting positions)
- Youth – Samantha Baron\*
- Website – Kristen Mattson\* (acting)

- \* denotes presently in position
- \*\* denotes presently on Board but in different position
- \*\*\* denotes Sustaining Membership

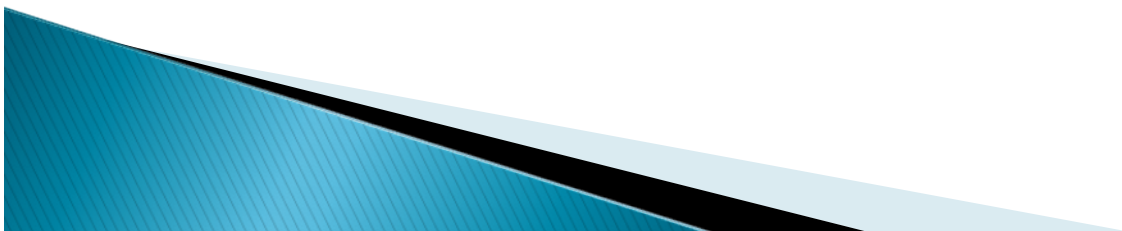
- Proposed Action: Vote to approve all nominations.





# Membership Dues

- **Recommendation to keep membership dues flat for 2021 season (no increase):**
  - **\$1,680 for Voting Memberships**
  - **\$840 for Sustaining Memberships**
- **This lack of increase is in recognition of the hardships associated with COVID-19. We do not expect to continue this in future years in anticipation of the minimum wage increase.**
- **Proposed Action:**
  - No action required (no change)





# 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 volunteering on one of our committees
- Adjournment:
  - 123 Days Until the Club Opens on Saturday, May 29th!

