

AMERICAN PLATFORM TENNIS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE 1971 ANNUAL MEETING

The 38th Annual Meeting of the American Platform Tennis Association was held at the Princeton Club, New York City, at 5:30 p.m. on November 1, 1971.

The meeting was attended by 128 people.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Paul C. Molloy, President, welcomed the group to the meeting.

It was unanimously agreed that the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting be waived.

Mr. Molloy stated that, "The last two years as President have been great ones for me. I have been fortunate to have a real good committee to work with - Thistle, Brown, Hernigold, Kindred, Frothingham and Metzger."

"We have met many times each year to cope with the new problems that arise in the administration of our great game."

"We created the NEWSLETTER to keep people informed throughout the year."

"As you can see by the tournament schedule this year we have done a lot of work to keep the tournaments coordinated and to recognize the new areas of paddle activity. We have had to create satellite tournaments to help satisfy the needs of all those who want to play tournament paddle. The Mixed Doubles Tournament has been extended to three days this year because of the increase of interest."

"In addition to initiating National rankings this year for the first time, I am pleased to announce that there will be a trophy for the individual man and woman gaining the most points from tournament play. The Hennessey people have offered to donate these cups each year."

"Another important area that had to be recognized was the tremendous upsurge of play by the ladies. Their tournament schedule grows each year as has the caliber of play. In order to properly recognize this situation the APTA nominating committee has been asked to nominate a woman as Co-Tournament Chairman. She will be a member of the APTA Executive Committee and give the ladies the representation on the board that they deserve."

"What I have listed as problems are not really problems, but growing pains. These we welcome and we are prepared to deal with them. As Ned Swanberg as aptly put it two years ago, the APTA is interested in the orderly growth of the game."

"I have been very close to the game now for several years and there

is still no way I can picture where our game will be 10 years from now. The instant appeal of the game is so great that it is impossible to estimate how long the accelerated growth will last and how far it will spread."

"In conclusion I would only like to say that it has been a real privilege!"

SECRETARY'S REPORT

TREASURER'S REPORT

Robert A. Brown, Treasurer, submitted the financial statement for the Association for the fiscal year November 1, 1970 - October 31, 1971, as follows:

APTA
 FINANCIAL STATEMENT
 FISCAL YEAR 11/1/70 - 10/31/71

BALANCE SHEET

	<u>10/31/70</u>	<u>10/31/71</u>
ASSETS: Checking Account	\$ 3,454.26	\$ 1,808.44
Savings Account	6,238.41	9,736.46
Total Cash in Bank Accounts	\$ 9,692.67	\$ 11,544.90
LIABILITIES	N O N E	N O N E
NET WORTH	\$ 9,692.67	\$ 11,544.90
 PROFIT (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR	 \$ (192.49)	 \$ <u>1,852.23</u>

INCOME STATEMENT

	<u>Fiscal Year 1970-71</u>
Receipts:	
Dues	\$ 4,240.00
Plans and Specifications (59)	1,770.00
Ties (86)	517.00
Books (21)	101.25
Interest Income	398.05
Scarves - Commission Income	-
Total Receipts	\$ 7,026.30
Expenses (See Details Attached)	5,232.51
Subtotal Profit (Loss)	\$ 1,743.79
Tournaments Profit (Loss):	
National Boy's	\$ (44.07)
National Senior Men's & Veteran's	25.84
National Mixed	197.94
National Men's	117.13
National Women's	5.00
National Senior Women's	(193.40)
Subtotal Tournaments Profit (Loss)	\$ 108.44
Net Profit (Loss) for the year	\$ 1,852.23

DETAILS OF EXPENSES
FISCAL YEAR 11/1/70 - 10/31/71

Meetings, Awards, Publicity, Entertainment	\$ 1,520.50
Mailings, Secretarial, Printing, Postage, Phone	2,495.05
Balls	345.00
Rules Booklets	-
Ties	250.00
Books	-
Plans & Specifications	-
Other (Insurance, Repairs, Equipment, etc.)	671.96
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 5,282.51

TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Richard Hornigold reported on tournament activities during the 1970-71 season. He noted that this was the first time that a National Championship tournament was held outside of the New York Metropolitan area, with the National Women's Doubles having been held at Chevy Chase, Maryland. This year also marked the first National Senior Women's Tournament. Mr. Hornigold reported the following tournament results:

National Boy's Doubles: In a tournament shifted from the Christmas holidays to the Friday after Thanksgiving in an effort to increase the draw, 31 teams entered, a sizeable increase from the previous year. Charles Baird and George Krieger defeated Matthew Tekulsky and Richard Maier, 6-4, 9-7.

National Veterans Men's Doubles: Walter Frese and Buzz Holloway defeated William Miller and Greg Prince, 4-6, 6-2, 7-5.

National Senior Men's Doubles: Bob Baldwin and George Schmid defeated Tad Bowen and Sid Sweet, 6-4, 6-1.

National Mixed Doubles: With a record draw of 86 teams, Joan Hannas and Kim Kimberly defeated B. J. DeBree and Dave McKissock, 6-1, 6-3.

National Senior Women's Doubles: Held for the first time this year, this tournament drew 18 teams, and was won by Mrs. Charlotte Lee and Mrs. Clare Hesselatine over Mrs. Ann Symmers and Mrs. Clifford Sutter, 6-2, 6-2.

National Women's Doubles: This tournament, held at Chevy Chase, drew 56 teams. Gloria Dillenbeck and B. J. DeBree defeated Charlotte Lee and Peggy Stanton, 7-5, 4-6, 6-4.

National Men's Doubles: This tournament again had a full draw of 128 teams and was won for the third straight year by Jesse Sammis III and Gordon Gray over John Mangan and Bob Kingsbury, 3-6, 7-5, 6-4, 6-2.

In the first tournament of the 1971-72 season, the Buffalo Men's Doubles tournament was held last weekend and was won by Kim Kimberly and Dave Dickenson over Bob Brown and George Reynolds, 6-2, 6-1, 6-2.

The National Men's Doubles will be held over 3 days this year for the first time instead of over two weekends as in the past. The dates are Friday-Saturday-Sunday, March 3-4-5, 1972.

National Rankings were initiated this year for the first time. Men's teams were ranked on the basis of play in at least 3 of 7 specifically selected tournaments during the year and the women's on the basis of 2 of 5 tournaments. The tournaments were selected and weighted on the basis of the size and quality of the draw. The national rankings are as follows:

APTA 1971 Men's Doubles Rankings:

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| 1. | Gordon Gray
Jesse F. Sammis III | Greenwich Field Club
Greenwich Field Club |
| 2. | Robert Kingsbury
John Mangan | Fox Meadow Tennis Club
Manursing Island Club |
| 3. | Dwight Lowell
Bradley Drowne | Short Hills Club
Short Hills Club |
| 4. | Oliver A. Kimberly
David Jennings | New Canaan Field Club
New Canaan Field Club |
| 5. | John Beck
Herb Fitzgibbon | Bedford Country Club
West Side Tennis Club |
| 6. | Douglas Russell
Stuart Ludlum | West Side Tennis Club
West Side Tennis Club |
| 7. | Richard Squires
E. L. Winpenny | Manursing Island Club
New Canaan Field Club |
| 8. | E. I. Prince
J. E. Rogers | Chevy Chase Club
Chevy Chase Club |
| 8. | Charles Baird
Roger Lankenau | Short Hills Club
Westchester Country Club |

APTA 1971 Women's Doubles Rankings:

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| 1. | Mrs. Ronald DeBree
Mrs. Joseph Dillenbeck | Rumson Country Club
Montclair Golf Club |
| 2. | Mrs. S. W. Lee
Mrs. Charles C. Stanton | Short Hills Club
Field Club of Greenwich |
| 3. | Mrs. Allen Hannas
Mrs. H. Peter Perrine | Summit Tennis Club
Orange Lawn Tennis Club |
| 4. | Mrs. David Dixon
Mrs. B. F. Reinmund | Seabright Tennis Club
Englewood Field Club |
| 5. | Mrs. Eldridge Birmingham
Mrs. William Jackson | Edgeworth Club
Edgeworth Club |
| 6. | Mrs. Rowle Deland
Mrs. Bradford Briggs | Wee Burn Club
New Canaan Country Club |

HONOR AWARDS

G. Estabrook Kindred gave a brief history of the APTA National Honor Award and acknowledged the presence of former award winners Charlotte Lee and Ken Ward at the meeting. No Honor Awards were presented this year.

RULES & EQUIPMENT

Robert Frothingham reported on efforts with Barr Rubber Company to improve the ball and asked Stan Greene of Marcraft to report on their efforts to enter this activity. Mr. Greene stated that they have a source for balls but are still working on the flocking problem. They hope to have limited quantities available this season.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Paul G. Sullivan, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, sincerely thanked all of the past year's officers of the APTA and submitted the following slate of officers as proposed by the Nominating Committee of Charles Baird, Paul Sullivan and Edmund Swanberg.

President	Peter A. Thistle	Englewood Field Club
Secretary	Robert A. Brown	Fox Meadow Tennis Club
Treasurer	Alan W. Peters	Englewood Field Club
Tournaments	Richard C. Farr	The Lake Club (?) ← ?
	Mrs. Charles C. Stanton	Field Club of Greenwich
V. P. Honor Awards	G. Estabrook Kindred	Fox Meadow Tennis Club
Equipment	Robert Frothingham	Manursing Island Club

Regional Vice Presidents

Charles Lockwood	New England
Michael Keneflick	Western New York
A. George Dartt	Long Island
Woolly Birmingham	Western Pennsylvania
George Ball	New Jersey
Richard West	Mid Atlantic
Carrington Clark III	Ohio (and environs)
Richard Hornigold	Illinois (and environs)

The nominations were seconded and unanimously elected.

Mr. Sullivan then introduced Peter Thistle, new APTA President. Mr. Thistle announced the appointment of Mr. Jan Meyer as Publicity Director for the APTA. He also thanked the past year's Publicity Director, Charles Metzger and the retiring Regional Vice Presidents, George Potter of Long Island, Steve Parsons of New England, Charles Baird of New Jersey, Karl Korby of Mid-Atlantic, and Jack Turbin of Cleveland for their efforts on behalf of the APTA in their respective regions. Regional Vice Presidents in attendance at the meeting were invited to comment on activities in their regions. Brief comments were made by Charles Baird of New Jersey, Carrington Clark of Cleveland, and George Dartt of Long Island.

With the business portion of the meeting completed, a film produced by SMAC and made available through the courtesy of Richard Squires was shown.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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