

Annual Meeting and Election - San Antonio Table Tennis Club - December 5, 2009

The first annual meeting of the newly incorporated (June 1, 2009) San Antonio Table Tennis Club was called to order by Herb Uecker, President, at 1:30 pm on December 5, 2009 at the Alamo Family Fitness Center with 16 members (14 Voting Members) present.

Herb Uecker cited several accomplishments during 2009 -- especially the Club's move to the Alamo Family Fitness Center in April -- and recognized and thanked several people whose efforts made this year such a significant success, including the following Club members:

- Loren Williams for his administrative efforts in developing and maintaining Club communications (e-mail), for achieving the incorporation of the Club as a Texas nonprofit entity and in assembling and filing the IRS application requesting tax-exempt status (awaiting IRS approval) for the Club.
- The various persons who initiated the move to Alamo by providing and physically moving the first tables -- and, eventually, moving four more tables from the previous venue, the Jewish Community Center: Erich Dallman, Tom Brown, David Steiner, Loren Williams and Tony Bailey. Special thanks to Tony who purchased a new Stiga table and had it delivered to Alamo Family Fitness Center for Club use indefinitely, until replaced by the Club. (Not mentioned by Herb: His own personal table, a Stetler, was the very first table moved into the new venue in February, and is still being used on site.)
- Clark Nicholl for introducing a large group of 7 to 11 year-old kids to the great sport of table tennis on a weekly basis last summer during Alamo's summer camp for kids program.
- Norman Everston for being the reliable keeper of the key -- which allows Club use of the facility on Sundays and for his work in skillfully maintaining and repairing tables and nets.
- Edmund Lo for his ongoing efforts and creativity in designing, constructing and providing our excellent website.
- Steve Claflin, with significant help from Toshi Nobe, Kathy Poirier, Barbara Poirier, Ken Konno, Calvin Todd, Norman Everston and Julie Chase for operating Team Pong (fall TT league) and for conducting the Club's all-city TT tourney in November.
- Tony Bailey for arranging the bi-monthly Club social dinners at various restaurants around the city. Next stop will be the noted Los Barrios Mexican Restaurant, at 4:00 pm, Sunday, January 17, 2010.
- Buster Chase for sharing the glow of his induction into the Texas Senior Games 2009 Hall of Fame which recognized his many years of -- and continuing -- successful table tennis play. Truly amazing even for a guy who is only 92 years young! Buster was presented with a laminated color copy of the November 24, 2009 newspaper story about our Club, which includes a lot of Buster quotes.
- Special kudos to the management and staff of the Alamo Family Fitness Center for the super way they run this place -- especially the manner in which they welcome and accommodate our table tennis activities.

President Herb called for any additional nominations of candidates for election to the board of directors. No additional nominations were offered and so the nominations were closed by acclamation. Herb then passed control of the meeting to Loren Williams, Club Secretary-Treasurer, who conducted the election of four members to the Club's board of directors and reported on membership and finances:

- Election. Written ballots were distributed to the 14 qualified Voting Members who were present. Julie Chase was appointed to receive and count the votes. Subsequently, Julie reported that Steve Claflin, Clark Nicholl, Herb Uecker and Loren Williams each were elected to a two-year term, beginning January 1, 2010. (It is anticipated that next year's annual meeting will elect four more directors, also with two-year terms, thus providing an eight-member board with staggered two-year terms.)
- Membership and Financial Report. A one-page summary was handed out to each person attending which graphically displays table tennis attendance for each month, April through November, with significant milestone events noted and includes a summary of membership and financial data with a breakdown of major items, both membership and financial.
- Membership -- as of November 30, 2009. Email distribution list, 175 names; Monthly active list, 70 names; Dues-paid list, 50 names; Voting Member list, 27 names.
- Financials -- as of November 30, 2009. Year-to-date Income (includes lump-sum transfer \$2,788 accumulated during several years at the JCC venue): \$5,111. Year-to-date Expense: \$1,798. Net cash on hand: \$3,313.

Steve Claflin, Vice President, briefly reported on the fall team play ("Team Pong") and the November all-city tourney -- both of which were well received. Steve also outlined plans for league play to begin in January, with possibly two separate leagues depending on interest. Contact Steve if you're willing to help organize and operate these events, not only league play but also the next Club tournament.

Herb Uecker:

- Reminded members that the Club will be hosting the Senior Games table tennis event on Sunday, April 18, 2010.
- Presented and discussed the opportunity -- an offer from an interested benefactor -- for 1) finding a suitable tract of land within a mile or so of Alamo Family Fitness Center and 2) constructing a dedicated table tennis facility.
- After thanking all who attended and participated, adjourned the meeting at 2:15 pm.