

RAPA Board Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2018

5:00 pm

Rec Center

Meeting called by: Joanne Rosener

Attendees:

Joanne Rosener, President	X	Luann Piazza, Competitive Activities MAL	X
Barb Parker-Pahl, Vice President	X	Randy Esch, Webmaster MAL	
Pam Parker-Pahl, Treasurer	X	Mike Salscheider, Membership Coordinator & Sponsorship MAL	X
Angie Tauscher, Secretary	X	John Dockerty, Intro Lessons MAL	X
Jan Czaplewski, Skills Development MAL	X		

MAL= member at large X=present O=not present

Additional Attendees: Dan White, Mark Piazza, Dale Haigh, Stan Czaplewski

Minutes taken by: Angie

Duration: 1.5 hours

Agenda and Minutes:

Agenda Item:	Discussion and Outcomes:
Minutes Approval- Angie	The group reviewed minutes and homework items. Mike still needs to send a thank you to Shoot-n-Save. Minutes were approved.
Treasurer's report- Pam	Pam distributed the financial statement, current balance \$19,646.34. No significant changes.
Member at Large Reports:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Membership report- Mike/Pam Request for RAPA member privacy (name not posted on member list)	Currently 271 members, 113 new members in 2018, membership has slowed down over the past few weeks. Recently a member requested that their name not be listed on the website/Cooke Park. The group determined we will post the first name and last initial. The group felt it was important to have first and last names listed, if we have similar requests we may need

	to re-evaluate.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skills Development-Jan Update on recent skills clinics 	<p>Thanks Jan for organizing the recent clinics. There were some changes made due to scheduling but Jan is managing the situation. We will consider other clinics in the winter but this will depend greatly on court time. Another clinic can be offered in the spring outside.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitive Activities-Luann 	<p>2 ideas were presented to the group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dinking competition 6 court card game (Randy did this in 2017), randomly pick a playing card which tells you your partner and court. Winners move up, losers move down. <p>Luann will create descriptions of how these games will work and see if there is interest from RAPA members. These could happen Tues or Thurs nights in Sept because ladders are done in Aug. Or Monday nights as novice night is also done in August. Use Sign-Up Genius to register.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intro Lessons-John update on lessons through summer 	<p>Novice night ends in August. John will continue with indoor lessons once we figure out our winter venue(s). Last year we did one hour 2 times a month, people signed up in advance so we knew how many beginners we would have and how many teachers we would need. John can discuss logistics with Barb who managed this last year.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sponsorship-Mike Update/proposal for annual sponsorship program 	<p>Mike has gotten 2 volunteers to help with sponsorship: Doug Hillenbrand and Steve Strauss- THANK YOU!</p> <p>We are looking at getting some big sponsors to donate and then putting signs at the courts displaying the sponsors/advertising. The group discussed temporary signs (vinyl?). Signs would be up from May-October each year; we would need permission from Park and Rec to post signs. We could also get grants- Jamie West writes grants, perhaps she would be willing to help. Mayo Clinic health system recently gave Eau Claire Parks and Rec \$20,000 which they hope to use for PB. What about Fraser Construction? Kwik Trip? Hormel? Hormel just donated to build PB courts in Austin.</p> <p>We need money for indoor court rental and for 6 additional outside courts.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Webmaster- Randy 	<p>Website needs an overhaul so it is more user friendly,</p>

Plan to add pics and bios of new board members	perhaps Pam can help since she has previously designed websites. The web team will work on this. We took a picture of the new board tonight; this will be posted on the website.
Old Business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Picnic: 9/18 What additional help is needed? 	Shelter is rented, flier is posted, we will have a 15 minute annual update and group photo; members can voice any ideas/concerns.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Court cracks update- Joanne No volunteers Next Steps? 	The latest- Rochester Sand and Gravel and Tennis West did the courts, they reviewed with Park and Rec and said the cracks (and divots) are normal and we should not be fixing them. RAPA is considering hiring an outside contractor to get a second opinion but Joanne has gotten no volunteers. Joanne will again ask for the warranty and assessment documentation. Joanne will set up a meeting with Paul, Dale can also attend.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indoor court usage- Still need volunteers to help explore options 	<p>The group hasn't gotten anywhere with this. We decided we will hire a commercial realtor to find us court space. Angie contacted Terry Johnson to see if he has any connections, Laurie Mangen may also have some connections. John Dockerty will also talk to the Y. Once we get a realtor we will have to meet with them and give them our requirements. We may have to split court time. Example- Rec Center mornings and a rental space nights and weekends.</p> <p>We haven't had a partners meeting in a while (RAPA, Park and Rec, 125Live, and Rec Center). Joanne will set this up, Barb and Jan will also attend.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PB lines on tennis courts update- Joanne 	Paul did not get back to Joanne, we will not pursue further this year. Next year we would like to paint lines on Goose Egg and Quarry Hill.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paddle Saddle Usage How is it working now? <p>New comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> not distinguishing by skill levels / play as one group or schedule foursome play aside from RAPA scheduled time Ignoring a saddle and just playing as a group 	<p>People are not playing at their skill level ☹️</p> <p>About half of the players are putting their paddle in "advanced" which overstates the number of advanced players. The following ideas were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should we schedule separate hours for advanced/competitive play? <i>This likely wouldn't help because those who think they are advanced may still come.</i> Should we purchase a fourth PaddleSaddle for competitive play or foursome play? <i>If we had a</i>

	<p><i>saddle for foursome play this could freeze out others waiting to play.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should we have Todd or other members rank players? <i>This may be a good solution and this is done in other PB communities. One idea is that this could be done for the advanced players- everyone wouldn't have to be ranked, but if you want to play in the advanced PS you would have to get ranked to play at that level. Something to consider.</i> <p>The group ultimately decided not to make any changes this year but Joanne sent an email to the members regarding this concern. PaddleSaddles must always be used.</p>
New Business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lock box issues 	<p>The new combo is 1492, a new type of lock has been added. Please remember to lock when you are done. Box should mainly be opened for cleaning wet courts or finding lost items. Balls are not provided by RAPA except in novice class. Members should be purchasing their own balls.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Installing a practice board on a court 	<p>Good idea, Joanne will ask Parks and Rec about this.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comment from John Dockerty to add 6 feet of fence to west side of Cooke 	<p>John would like 6 feet of fence added to the top of the West side so we don't have to shag balls. Is this a big concern for other members? RAPA members- if you would like to see fence added please let us know.</p>

Next RAPA Board Meeting:

Monday, September 10 (if other meetings have occurred) or September 24

5:00 pm

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