

RAPA Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2018

5:00 pm

Rec Center

Meeting called by: Joanne Rosener

Attendees:

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| Joanne Rosener, President | X | Luann Piazza, Competitive Activities MAL | O |
| Barb Parker-Pahl, Vice President | X | Randy Esch, Webmaster MAL | X |
| Pam Parker-Pahl, Treasurer | X | Mike Salscheider, Membership Coordinator & Sponsorship MAL | O |
| 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: Jamie West

Minutes taken by: Angie Tauscher

Duration: 1 hour 10 minutes

Agenda and Minutes:

| Agenda Item: | Discussion and Outcomes: |
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| Minutes Approval- Angie | Minutes from December meeting were approved, Angie sent minutes to Randy to post on website. |
| Treasurer's report- Pam | Starting balance this month is \$19,163.35 Income included memberships +\$224.00 Expenses included TC Rent -\$1500; Website -\$25.16, and Tape -\$143.52 Ending balance \$17,718.67. Report was approved. |
| Member at Large Reports: | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Membership report- Mike/Pam | Total membership is 312, new members in 2018= 150 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skills Development- Jan try to do something this winter | Jan has reached out to 2 RAPA members for training sessions. We are thinking one for 3.5+, one for 2.5-3.0, and then we are hoping to get some advanced players |

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| | to volunteer some time for more beginner player sessions. There would be a fee for the sessions. UPDATE as of 1/15/18 AM: KaSandra Gehrke will be in Winona around March 2-3 and has reached out to offer clinics in Rochester. Jan is in communication with KaSandra to get some clinics scheduled. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitive Activities-Luann | No updates |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intro Lessons-John | <p>17 people at last beginner lesson, went well, had plenty of current members to help teach, THANK YOU.</p> <p>John is still working on getting the lessons in the Rochester 507 magazine, there may now be a fee. If it is a small fee RAPA is willing to pay to advertise beginner lessons. John proposed having a beginner “night” or beginner “times” so those new to the game can get together and are not intimidated by experienced players. The board supported this, RAPA may have to rent time at the Rec or TC to accomplish this, John sent a note to RAPA to gauge interest.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sponsorship-Mike Update/proposal for annual Sponsorship program; need sponsors by March/April | No updates |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Webmaster- Randy | John asked Randy to lower the number of beginner sign-ups to 12 as this will accommodate 3 courts. Randy will make this update. |
| New Business | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2019 Member Dues- who is responsible for getting these? | Joann sent an email about 2019 dues; the fee is \$25.00 to be paid by March 31. RAPA members are always welcome to pay more, any additional money will go to nets, tape, indoor court usage for 2019, but most of our funds will go to the new 6 outdoor courts we are requesting. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change website PW for 2019? | We will change the website password after the March 31 dues are received and communicate to members. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation for the parks and recreation update at their February board meeting | <p>Feb 5th Parks Board meeting to request new courts. Meeting is at government center, 4:30.</p> <p>We will have a separate meeting for this as there is much to prepare for.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy for the Rochester Area Foundation grant | In previous years RAPA has been successful in getting grant money, in particular, for our current 6 courts at |

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| <p>THANKS JAMIE FOR YOUR HELP WITH THIS AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE PROCESS 😊</p> | <p>Cooke. Jamie West has agreed to help RAPA complete grant applications in hopes we can get some funding. The board approved establishing a fund-raising goal of 30K+ for new courts, to include lighting. If we go with solar (energy efficient) lighting perhaps a company is willing to provide and in turn they may advertise at the courts. "lighting provided by XXXXX"</p> <p>Jamie has a few requests that are common for grants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual report- Pam will work on creating this with input from others; should be calendar year now but may change to fiscal year at some point. Items to include- member growth, clinics, beginner lessons for community , kids clinics, dinking tournament, etc • Testimonials would help, people who have benefited from PB, Joanne sent a note to request member feedback • How will we recognize the grant? We can put on our website. We can put signs on 7th street at Cooke Park, this is a very busy street. This would be similar to sponsors or other large donations. <p>Joanne will create a grant folder on the Google drive and we can review the grant proposals as they are drafted.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternative for raising funds such as a go fund me activity | <p>We tabled this item until next time, but if any RAPA members have experience with fund raising or have ties to a local business that is willing to donate money please speak to a member of board. We need money for new courts!</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve a policy that indicates RAPA does not discriminate. This is needed for grants. | <p>The policy was prompted by some grant requirements but the board agrees it is a good idea to have a policy on the topic. See draft policy below (page 5)</p> <p>The policy was approved. Randy will post on website.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intermediate players offering their skills and time for some training sessions for players in the less advanced area of their game | <p>Could the TC be used for this?</p> <p>Member feedback positive for use of TC.</p> <p>See above topic of Skills Development- Jan</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchasing a ball machine | <p>Ball machine is about \$900 but would help with skill development. Some on the board thought it was a large amount of money and we aren't sure how much it would get used. Currently at least 2 members have ball</p> |

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| | machines. Randy will reach out to them to see if they would be willing to offer their ball machine in 4 hour increments for about \$10-20. 8am- noon, noon-4, 4-8 pm. If members take advantage of this, then perhaps RAPA would invest in one, but we don't know the demand. Feedback to RAPACommunications is also welcome on this subject. |
| Old Business | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indoor court usage | <p>Tennis Connection: There were 14 on Sunday, 4 on Monday. We will let TC decide if they want to continue. Sundays may continue to be busy as the time differs from the Rec Center. Start time is 8:00 am for all days; TC play will continue for now as they have issued punch cards and what to honor them.</p> <p>RC play at Rec Center: Joanne following up with Ed to indicate that we understood that there would be staff there to collect money and to see how he would like to handle the situation when players don't stop by the office to play. Will also discuss time for novice/new players.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shirt order | Only 4 orders, we'll see if that is enough to place an order; order extended until Feb 15. |

Parking lot items: Painting lines on tennis courts next year; purchasing indoor nets; Paddle Saddle usage/skill levels; practice board; Dale has 2 additional PaddleSaddles he will donate to RAPA (perhaps use indoors?); sign-up sheet at Cook for 2019 to show court usage; lock box and code for next spring; 2019 indoor court time- RAPA rent Rec Center and then we can decide what to do with the hours, members pay RAPA (Randy)

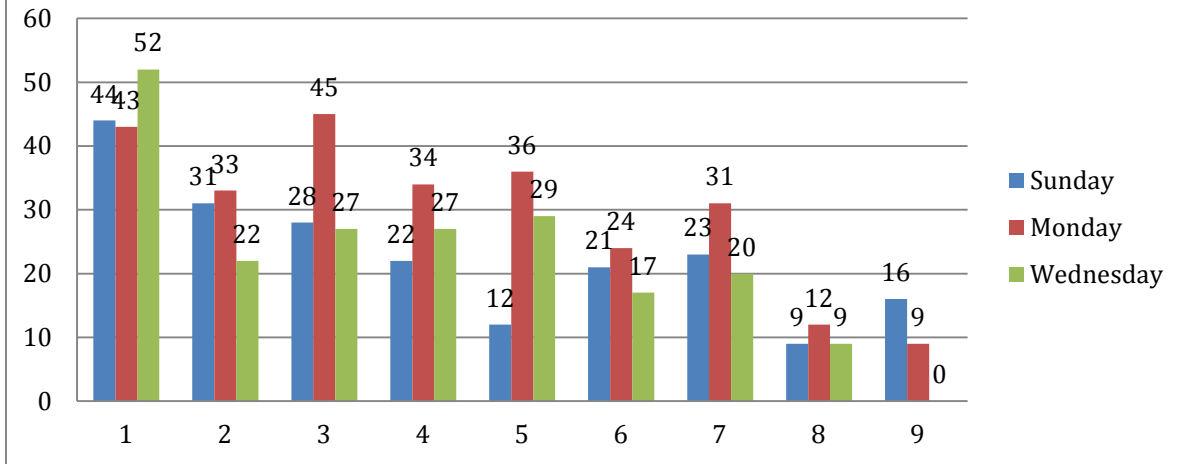
Next RAPA Board Meeting:

Monday, TBD

5:00 pm

REC Center

Number of Players at Tennis Center by Week



RAPA

Approved: _____

Non-Discrimination Policy

RAPA does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations. These activities include, but are not limited to, selection of volunteers and vendors, provision of services, or hosted activities. We are committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members, volunteers, visitors and guests.

Date: _____

Signature/Position: _____