

GOLDEN RACQUETS
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes – June 18, 2025
Virtual via Zoom

PRESENT:

Doug White	President
Suzanne White	Secretary
Ed Falkowitz	Treasurer
Bill Lafield	Ratings Chair
Fred King	Tennis Operations Chair
Karla Vernon	Pickleball Operations Chair
Liz Walker	Newsletter Chair
Joanne Hensley	Caring Chair
Alan Negin	Website Chair
Jeff Feldmesser	Chief information Officer
Al Bready	Membership Chair

OTHERS PRESENT

Ted Gregory, Chip Vernon, Kathy Jackson, Peggy Hill, Megan O'Connor, Dave Lotocki, Bob Linnett, Lofti Ali, Kevin Connors, Margaret Masters

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

President Doug White called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM and welcomed those present.

REPORTS

Treasurer

Treasurer Ed Falkowitz presented the Board with a written report providing an overview of the Golden Racquets current financial position. Invoicing for the spring/summer season has gone well, with a good response to the ability to pay via credit card. Credit card fees are built into the costs charged to members. There are 2-3 invoices that remain outstanding which are being pursued. A balance of approximately \$20,000 remains in the bank account, which will provide a cushion and the ability to pay court fees on time for the upcoming fall/winter season.

Ratings Chair

Ratings Chair Bill Lafield reported that he is implementing some changes as to how ratings reviews are conducted based on feedback provided during the last ratings review period. 40 new members were rated for the spring/summer season. Moving the ratings sessions to an indoor venue proved to be effective in increasing the efficiency of the process. He is proposing that Vice Captains be named for each venue to increase the number of people able to participate and vote on the periodic member ratings assessments. An interim ratings session has been scheduled for June 19th. In response to questions on any appeal process available to members unhappy with their rating result, Mr. Lafield indicated such an opportunity is available upon request.

MATTERS FOR BOARD DECISION

President Nominating Committee

Current President Doug White stated that he would be stepping down at the end of his term on December 31, 2025. As the Golden Racquets constitution requires a Nominating Committee to be formed to find qualified candidates to serve as President, it was agreed to appoint the following individuals to serve in that capacity: Fred King (Chair), Bob Linnett, Al Bready and Chip Vernon.

Appointment of Membership Chair

Doug White **MOVED** to appoint Al Bready as Membership Chair. The motion was **SECONDED** by Ed Falkowitz and **PASSED** unanimously.

Review of New Member Welcome Letter

The Board reviewed a new member welcome letter drafted by Membership Chair Al Bready. It was agreed to add information regarding member ratings processes and the ratings session schedule. Information about signups for spring/summer and fall/winter seasons will also be included as well as the provisional ratings assigned for new members who join mid-season so that they can begin playing as subs. Lastly, language regarding pickleball play needs to be added. Mr. Bready indicated that he will revise the draft letter accordingly and get it out early next week. Mr. Bready requested that new member information be sent directly to him so that he can respond appropriately. It was also agreed that a blast email would be drafted by Doug White and Al Bready regarding how new players for apply Golden Racquets membership.

MATTERS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

Fall/Winter Schedule

The Board reviewed the previous fall/winter schedule. Several suggestions and comments were made for adding sessions or switching scheduled days for certain venues and ratings groups. Mr. White will attempt to incorporate this feedback in creating the upcoming fall/winter season schedule in time for the signup period that will occur later this summer.

Volunteers Needed

Doug White stated that the positions of Vice President and Social Chair remain vacant. At this time, no volunteers have come forward. No social events are being planned and the newsletter remains inactive. Liz Walker stated that the newsletter helps to connect members and provide valuable information.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. White thanked those present for attending and **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent at 10:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted:

Suzanne White, Board Secretary

Date