

**GOLDEN RACQUETS**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Minutes – November 20, 2025**  
**Virtual via Zoom**

**PRESENT:**

Doug White	President
Steve Grant	President Elect
Suzanne White	Secretary
Bill Lafield	Ratings Chair
Fred King	Tennis Operations Chair
Alan Negin	Website Chair
Jeff Feldmesser	Chief information Officer
Al Bready	Membership Chair

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Art Politano, Chip Vernon, Bob Linett, Laura Lapin, Moe Moussavi

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

President Doug White called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM and welcomed those present, who introduced themselves and welcomed incoming president Steve Grant.

**REPORTS**

**Ratings Chair**

Ratings Chair Bill Lafield reported that he is working with venue captains to facilitate the 3-year ratings reviews for 162 members to be completed in February 2026, with the Ratings Committee, and venue captains and co-captains participating in the process. All those being reviewed will be notified of the results. There was some discussion of the 3-year ratings review policy and it was agreed that the policy seems to be fair and reasonable for members and the Ratings Committee. New member ratings will be conducted on indoor courts, which appeared to work well for last season. Mr. Vernon referenced pickleball ratings in that there are two venues that require a 3.5 rating to play, and suggesting that there be a 3.8 rating added in the future.

**MATTERS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION**

**Proposed Changes to Seasonal Sign-up Process**

The Board discussed revamping the current Excel-based system used for member signups and venue assignments. Mr. Grant offered to fund the development of a new web-based solution to streamline these functions. The Board agreed to move forward with creating a new system, with Mr. Grant to consult with an IT specialist with input from the Board about writing a new program that would eliminate the need for Google forms. It is hoped that the new system can be run parallel with the existing system for the spring/summer 2026 season and fully implemented for the fall/winter season. Mr. White and Mr. Bready will meet to discuss and coordinate the new member intake process for the upcoming season, with Mr. White to send out a communication about opening new member signups in January/February.

There was some discussion of balancing court availability and player demand. Mr. White indicated that both court availability and number of players has remained fairly steady from season to season, with the problems occurring when certain venues are oversubscribed based on player preference. Some manual manipulation of venue assignments is always part of the signup process. There will be a need of additional indoor courts at some point in the future.

### **Vacant Board Positions**

Doug White indicated that the position of Vice President remains open and anyone wishing to volunteer to fill it should contact him. He also indicated that a number of Board positions seem to have become obsolete and suggested that a volunteer task force be appointed to review and propose revisions to the GR constitution document. He offered to solicit volunteers from the membership to serve on this task force.

### **Proposal to Share Medical information**

Steve Grant proposed sharing medical information and resources for members via the GR website. After some further discussion, it was agreed that pursuing the matter was not feasible.

### **Upcoming Social Events**

Mr. White reported that a tennis party has been scheduled for February 21, 2026. There was some discussion of scheduling a pickleball party as well, with Mr. Negin volunteering to assist. Pickleball Operations Chair Karla Vernon will be included in the planning process.

### **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 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

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Suzanne White, Board Secretary

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