

Minutes of the Meeting of the Golden Racquets
Board of Directors
August 14, 2018
King's Park Library, Springfield, VA

Present:

Ed Grose, President	Connie Dineen, Newsletter	Bala Balakrishnan, Caring
Bob Dineen, CIO	Adele Neuberg, Membership	
Joe Wittling CIO	Claudia Steichen, Secretary	
CJ Dieteman, Past Pres.	Dave Fleming, Ops & Planning	
Laura Riesenberg, VP	Al McFarland, Treasurer	

Absent:

Lindsay Wozniak, Website Mgr.	Steve Mateo, Rating	Howard Ho, Social
Tom Burroughs, Rating	Fred Hart, Ops & Planning	

Approval of the Minutes: Board members voted to approve the minutes of April 10, 2018.

Treasurer's Report: Al's report listed checkbook balance on 4/10/2018 as \$23,581.17. Court fees collected for the Fall/Winter season have not yet been deposited. This was a bit less than last year due to supplementing more court time. Al said that in order to avoid bank fees, the average daily account balance is required to be \$15,000.00. Signatures for officers with check-signing authority need to be updated and this will be done after the Annual Meeting in October.

President's Report: Ed Grose is moving out of state at the end of this year. Laura is willing to stay on as vice-president, but cannot take over the presidency next year. Elections will be held in October at the Annual Meeting for President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. All Board members were asked to search for capable and willing candidates for President. Besides Laura as Vice President, Al will stay as treasurer, and Leigh Albert is willing to have her name put forth for secretary.

Ed reported that there have been many challenges contracting for court time for the Fall/Winter season. A new management company in one club, shifted hours, raised rates, etc. have caused delays. The Fall/Winter season court times have been settled, but Ed sees possible problems in the future. For instance, in two years, the YMCA is due for remodeling and the impact to Golden Racquets is unknown. Also, most clubs have plans to increase fees. The question Ed posed to the board was: 'can Golden Racquets survive in Northern Virginia using the contracting for court time that has been used in the past?' The ideal Golden Racquets has aimed for has been to provide courts for large numbers of

people at an affordable price. Al proposed a possible long-term solution of documenting the challenges and sending a letter to Fairfax County.

This year Ed will take the discussion of the future of Golden Racquets to the Annual Meeting instead of having a speaker. Annual Meeting is October 16, 2018.

The last item Ed addressed is how the email decisions and votes taken by email are recorded in the minutes. From now on, the secretary will keep a record of these matters and bring them up at the next Board meeting as old business.

Caring Chair Report: Bala reports that thirteen members have received a card, phone call, or email for medical or health issues since the April meeting.

Social Chair Report: Howard Ho was not present, but sent an email report. He says there were 17 people in attendance at the Board and Captains picnic. Howard sent a reminder to board members to look at available 'Golden Racquets' branded items available on the website in order to choose some for door prizes at the Annual Meeting. No decision was made except that any items which required a size would not be wise to consider.

CIO Report: Joe said that the Fall/Winter Sign-Up Form were generally filled in better. Joe forwarded completed forms to Al. Golden Racquet's players at the YMCA are responsible for obtaining or renewing the \$45 special program membership required by the YMCA. This is paid directly to the Y.

Membership Report: Three people have contacted Adele regarding membership which is currently closed. She is maintaining a waiting list. Board members recommended against re-opening membership at this time.

Website Mgr Report: Lindsay was not present. Some updating is needed for the home page and current newsletters and minutes.

Rating Chair Report: Tom and Steve were not present. Steve reports by email that he has one rating session at the Y this coming Friday.

Ops & Planning Report: Dave rescheduled the Captain's meeting to August 28th. He will work with the Fall/Winter venue rosters. Captain's meeting schedules for 2019 will be sent to Dave by the secretary for approval before being distributed this fall.

Newsletter Report: Connie has several items available for the next newsletter which she will publish the first week in October. Ed Grose will write an article in the newsletter about what will be discussed at the Annual Meeting.

Old Business: none

New Business: Connie and Laura will be working on an Annual Meeting "Save the Date" note as well as an enticing draft to draw members to this coming Annual Meeting to discuss the future of Fairfax County Golden Racquets.

Al suggested that a new position as Venue Liaison be established. This would free the president to do other duties. Al and Joe will look at the constitution and by-laws to see what would be involved to set up a new position.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m. Annual meeting is October 16, 2018 at PJ Skidoos. Next Board meeting is November 13th.

Respectfully,

Claudia Steichen
Secretary