

## GOLDEN RACQUETS (GR) BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

July 11, 2023

Board Members in attendance were: Tom Burroughs, President; Catherine Ngo-Wilde, Vice President and Chief Information Officer; Al McFarland, Treasurer; Russ Short, Deputy Treasurer; Art Politano, Chairman, Ratings Committee; Doug White, Deputy Information Officer; Fred King, Chairman, Planning and Operations Committee; Liz Walker, Newsletter Editor. Absent board members were: Adele Neuberg, Membership; Suzanne White, Secretary; Howard Ho, Chairman, Social Committee; Joanne Hensley, Web Master. Guest and interested observers attending were: Jeff Feldmesser, Information Team Member; Al Bready, Information Team Member, Ralph Bresler, Tennis Captain; David Lotocki, Tennis Captain; Chuck Dodd; Mel Kollander. Tom opened the meeting by introducing the Board Members and guests.

Mel, Chuck, Art, and Ralph discuss possible concerns with older players and potential modifications to address these concerns. Suggestions included dividing the membership into age groups of 50-65 and 66+; adjusting ratings with the divided age groups; and having venues restricted by age group. Chuck and Mel advocated for making accommodations for older players. Ralph believes that the current system is adequate, provided that captains remain sensitive to differences in players' abilities within the venues. Art had polled members and found that most would prefer not to segregate players based on age. Tom indicated that the Board would take up this matter and decide later whether to adopt any changes.

A draft of the venues for the fall/winter season was presented. It was not finalized because negotiations on times and costs with the indoor venue was ongoing. A new feature for the next season is a women's ladder group. The venues schedule will be finalized by the end of the month so that it may be sent out to the membership for venue selections. Catherine presented a timetable for the venue selection process.

Liz discussed the possibility of adding a section to the newsletter where upcoming tennis events in the area would be listed. All agreed that this was a good idea and members will work with Liz to implement this.

Tom updated the group on the caring committee. Joanne is currently performing the duties for this committee until a permanent chairperson is found.

Al McFarland presented the Treasurer's report. He expressed concerns that GR was accumulating more funds than the target over time because the number of courts actually used has often been reduced after the costs were calculated. After some discussion, it was decided that for this season, if the number of courts is reduced after the fees are announced during

signup, the costs will be recalculated before bills are sent to members. Zelle will be offered as a payment option for the next season.

Fred discussed plans for the fall/winter season. Three venues do not yet have captains and a search for new captains is ongoing. Catherine agreed to find a captain for the women's ladder venue and has reached out to Marilou Livingood.

Tom discussed the proposed pickleball venues. There are several vacant captains positions and a search for new captains is ongoing.

Art submitted a detailed report of the ratings committee activities.

Regarding upcoming elections to fill Board positions, Art recommended that all GR members should be able to vote, whether or not they were at the annual meeting. Tom and Catherine agreed on this item. Art also recommended that candidates for vacant positions should be selected by a nominating committee. No Board action was taken for this suggestion.

Planned social events for the upcoming season include a picnic at Roundtree Park on August 17 and a New Years Day party in the afternoon at Fairfax Racquet Club. The annual meeting is proposed for October 6 at PJ Skidoo's.

Doug moved that the meeting be adjourned, Al Bready seconded.

The minutes were submitted by Doug White