

Minutes of the Meeting of the Golden Racquets Board of Directors

10:00 a.m., August 13, 2019, King's Park Library, Springfield,
Virginia

Present: Leigh Albert, Al McFarland, Laura Reisenberg, Tom Burroughs, Dave Fleming, Howard Ho, Connie Dineen, Bob Dineen, Joe Wittling, Joanne Hensley and Trish Mast

Absent: Marion MacRae, Adele Neuberg and Steve Mateo.
Connie will be sending Marion a card.

Leigh Albert introduced Trish Mast Russell as the new Secretary, Board of Directors (hereinafter referred to as BOD), Golden Racquets.

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes from the last Board Meeting, April 9, 2019, were approved.

Bylaws discussion:

Article 4, Section 18 – Question for discussion is how many members does it take to bring a petition for removal of an officer or captain before the BOD – is 5 the correct number or is it 30. What number of members is fair for request for removal. A suggestion to compromise at 15 was made and discussions ensued. The number approved was agreed upon to be 15.

Kim Sawyer does not have an email account so Tom volunteered to call her and discuss changes to our Constitution and By-Laws.

Joe Wittling CIO – Last year we had 13 venues, this year we have 18. Applications are due this Friday. As of this meeting 86% of the slots have been filled and we don't start playing until September. Biggest discussion was who is responsible to fill the open slots if the venues aren't full. No definitive decision was reached. The 2 venues with the lowest percentage of slots filled were the Y on Monday and Burke on Wednesday. Burke as a location is the biggest challenge.

Bob posed a question. How many courts are we responsible for. How many courts are we locked into that we can get out of?

We have 30 slots to be filled.

Al McFarland speaks and is adamant about giving up some courts right now. Laura says the 3.5 venues are a current challenge.

We will know a lot more next week after the submission period is completed. Wednesday is a big issue with Burke as well as the Y on Monday. The decision to give back courts will be made by the August 23.

Howard Ho stated that the annual meeting will be October 15, 2019 starting with lunch at 11:30 AM at PJ's in Fairfax followed by the meeting at 12:30

Bob Dineen offered to do the tents and name tags

Dave Fleming: Next week's captains meeting is optional for the captains. The current plan is to wait until the applications are submitted and then select new captains.

Dave led the discussion regarding tennis balls. We are holding off the purchase until we have a firmer number of courts required.

Tom Burroughs – Marion gave me the list of 4 people that she sent cards to for the last three months.

Joanne Hensley – just a reminder to please use the GR web site. If you see issues let Joanne know. Bob Dineen stated that Joanne is doing a great job. GR web site is out there for our use, so use it.

The Person of the year award was discussed. Submission for the award had to be sent to Tom by August 20. Linda Temple and Pete Koenig were discussed. Dave brought up Adele Neuberg, she was the first person who approached Tom about the 2 new indoor venues at Skyline and Springfield.

Tom asks if there are any new items? There were none.

Therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.