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Minutes of the Meeting of the Golden Racquets
Board of Directors
April 10, 2018
King's Park Library, Springfield, VA

Present:

Ed Grose, President	Fred Hart, Ops & Planning	Howard Ho, Social Chair
Ed Byrne, Liaison to YMCA	Bob Dineen, CIO	Steve Mateo, Rating
Tom Burroughs, Rating	Joe Wittling, CIO	Claudia Steichen, Secretary
CJ Dieteman, Past Pres.	Connie Dineen, Newsletter	Bala Balakrishnan, Caring
Laura Riesenberg, VP	Al McFarland, Treasurer	

Absent:

Lindsay Wozniak, Website Mgr. Adele Neuberg, Membership

Approval of the Minutes of January 23, 2018: Board members present voted to approve the January minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Al McFarland noted that the checkbook balance as of today is \$39,219.12. The summer court time payments are still to be made. Before the recent revenue for the summer was added the account balance was \$19,167.12. Al pronounced Golden Racquet's financial situation stable. The IRS form has been sent and an audit of the 2017 finances was completed by Peter Liou.

Al suggested that putting the venue rating number next to the name of the venue on the application form would be helpful because there is sometimes confusion with the present system. Board members agreed to implement this change.

When a member applies for an overbooked venue and cannot get a slot, he/she sometimes opts to play in another venue which has room. This change can result in a difference in cost. Al is the only person who should balance the payments when this occurs.

Because the venue roster often changes within the first few weeks of the season, Al proposed that a second updated roster be mailed three weeks after the first one. Board members voted to do this.

Al has offered to compare his list of members applying for each venue with the venue lists from GRSys before the assignments are finalized.

Getting to Know You: Brief discussion of the first vehicle you owned.

President's Report: Ed reports that as of this morning, 271 members have paid their dues. He sent an email reminder this morning to the 85 who have not paid.

Carlo at the Y has assured Ed that designated courts are ours for the summer, but the agreement has not been signed as of this date. All Golden Racquet's members must obtain a yearly Program Membership to play in a Golden Racquet's venue at the YMCA. This membership fee may be paid to the YMCA on the first day of play. Substitutes must pay for a membership to the YMCA after having subbed four times. From now on, the Y is going to be collecting the membership fees paid to them.

Rating requirements for the summer venues have changed some. 3.0, 3.5, 3.7 and 3.9 are the same and 3.8 has been eliminated. There have been no questions or comments about the change.

Lewinsville Park was a newly added venue for the summer, but only 4 people have signed up for it so this will be likely eliminated. A venue at Nottoway Park was explored, but those courts are being torn up this summer.

A replacement for Fred, Ops and Planning, was discussed. His position requires a calm manner and expert knowledge in Excel and Dropbox.

The Spring Party has been canceled.

Ed, Laura, Joe, and Fred are meeting at the YMCA tomorrow to work on the venue assignment process for the summer. This is scheduled for completion at the end of the week.

Vice-President's Report: Included with the President's report.

Past-President's Report: No particular report

Caring Committee Chair Report: Bala has been sending both an email and a card to ailing or injured members. He has done this for eleven members since the beginning of the year. Captains and members should report any illnesses or injuries to Bala.

CIO Report: Bob Dineen thanked his co-chair Joe Wittling for the many hours he has spent helping him. Bob distributed a chart of venue slots illustrating the difference between applicants and number of slots for each venue.

Membership Chair Report: New chairperson, Adele Neuberg, was absent. She was approved by the board members via email.

Ops and Planning Chair Report: Fred has made a couple of phone calls regarding concerns with specific members. He has a Captain's/Rating Meeting on the 24th of April. Several captains are new this summer.

Rating Chair Report: Tom has two new members from YMCA to rate and plans to complete those ratings next week.

Social Chair Report: Howard has canceled the courts at Fairfax Racquet due to the cancellation of the April party. He will be organizing the Captains & Board Member Party scheduled for June 12th.

Howard suggested that some specialty items with Golden Racquet's logo on them would be attractive prizes for the Annual Meeting.

Webmaster's Report: Lindsay was absent.

Newsletter Editor Report: Connie had questions regarding the dates of the newsletter, and how often it should be published. In the past, the schedule was June and October, but that timing was set before the newsletter was electronically mailed. The Board did not have definite ideas about specific dates. Connie will write the newsletter two or more times a year.

Old Business: A couple website corrections need to be made and Lindsay will be made aware of them.

New Business: Bala presented a proposal suggested by another Golden Racquet's member for Golden Racquets to sponsor a medical information exchange. The Board discussed this and decided that while this could be helpful to some, there were privacy concerns and other potential problems with this idea.

Ed Grose asked about a nominating committee for board vacancies next year. Because the specific skills needed for some of the positions, the committee will be a small one made of board members. The suggestion was made to announce the open positions in a newsletter.

\$400 was appropriated for the Social Committee to spend on the Captain's & Board picnic.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. Next Board Meeting is August 14, 2018.

Respectfully,

Claudia Steichen
Secretary