

# RAPA Board Meeting

February 26, 2018

5:00 pm

REC Center

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Meeting called by: Joanne Rosener

## Attendees:

### Board Members:

Joanne Rosener, President

Jan Czaplewski, Vice President

Pam Parker-Pahl, Treasurer

Barb Parker-Pahl, Secretary

### Absent:

Cher Hager, Member at Large

Mike Salscheider, Membership Coordinator

John Dockerty, Member at Large

### RAPA Members:

Mike Kamper

Angie Tauscher

Randy Esch

Daryl Bluhm

Dave Bluhm

Doug Hillenbrand

Catie Fox

Tuan Truong

## Next RAPA Board Meeting:

Monday, April 23

5:00 pm

REC Center, Activity Room 2

Monday, June 11

5:00 pm

TBD

## Today's Agenda

- Indoor Court Usage
  - Background

- RAPA established designated days/hours to provide court time for designated skill levels. RAPA did not have authorization from the Rec Center. This creates an issue since the courts are open to the public. In response, the schedule was reverted to “open play”. The challenge is that there is a widening gap between skill levels and open play doesn’t work well for either skill level. The Rec Center leadership is open to exploring options to better meet the needs. Designating courts by skill level is one option. Another option is to cue up players by skill level (paddle saddle) and rotate onto the courts. Other options may exist.
  - Plan for lessons
  - Goal
  - Review options and make a decision/recommendation to the Rec Center.
- Other Indoor Options
  - Background
  - To date, no one has identified another option to replace or supplement hours at the Rec Center.
  - Opportunity at the Family Y was explored but no tangible progress has been made. The Y recently eliminated the day pass and will not consider an option for a daily PB fee proposal.
  - Goal
  - RAPA members are encouraged to help identify other potential venues that would provide more space for more courts.
- Membership Report
  - New
  - Renewal
- Treasurer Report
- 2018 Summer Tournament Chair/Co-Chair
  - Background
  - Following last year’s tournament, members expressed interest in having a tournament in 2018 that would be open to the public and players from other communities. To host a tournament, it is necessary for someone to assemble and chair a team to work on it. Planning should start in April.
  - Goal
  - Identify a tournament chair
- 2018-2019 Officers
  - Background
  - Officers are elected to a 2-year term. Since we had all new officers for 2017-2018, the board decided that we should rotate one or two officers after a one-year term so that next year we don’t have a total turnover of board members.
  - Goal
  - Identify one or two RAPA members willing to serve a two-year term.

- Balls
  - Background
  - RAPA has been providing balls for indoor play. While balls to break, experience is showing that balls are disappearing. The question came up as to who is responsible for providing balls for indoor play: RAPA or members.
  - Goal
  - Decide on who provides balls
- Future agenda items as time permits
  - Cooke Park Usage
- 2018 Priorities

## Meeting Minutes

### Meeting Minutes

December's minutes were approved.

### Indoor Usage

Joanne reviewed the changes that have been made during this season's indoor play at the REC.

#### Discussion highlights:

Several changes have been made to the indoor play schedule for open play, foursome team play and advanced/intermediate play.

REC Center advised that their site schedule and RAPA's schedule should be in sync. Changes to Open Pickleball play should be discussed with them, and then both calendars updated reflecting that change.

How to meet the needs of our growing group.

REC's monetary goal for Open Pickleball time is \$20/hour. Reviewed the number of December players that used punch card, paid cash, are 125 Live members (251, 250, 208 respectively), resulting in \$9.42/hour. Noting that majority of the PB players come to play 2-4 hours, and other venues charge \$5 - \$10 for play, those present favored a recommendation to the Rec Center to increase the punch card to \$5/visit.

Multiple sites contacted in February in search of additional indoor courts for the remainder of this season, and to get a jump start on next year's indoor season. Would like to find a long-term solution.

Discussed numerous ways to break up the open play time. It was decided and agreed upon by those present to have two "queues" for the remainder of this season's indoor court time. This will be done using two groupings of the REC chairs. One section for

players > 3.5 and other grouping for players < 3.5 skill level. The queues will rotate going in to play on an available court.

Joanne will send an email to RAPA members on this decision and our discussion.

Note: Email sent via RAPA Communications to all RAPA members on 2/27/18, subject line: 2/26 RAPA Board Meeting Update.

After the indoor usage discussion RAPA members left the board meeting.

#### Treasurer Report

Cash Balance 1/1/2018: \$16,467.30

Membership dues: \$1,608.00

Indoor balls: (\$67.96)

PO Box: (\$90.00)

Cash Balance 1/31/2018: \$17,917.34

Membership Renewals: 77

New members: 12

It was noted that RAPA's payment to Park & Rec is due in July.

The filing of RAPA taxes will be filed by Treasurer.

#### Tournament Chair

If RAPA is sponsoring a 2018 Pickleball Tournament, a Chairperson is needed. To date, no one has volunteered. Do we have people for a Tournament committee? Email will be sent to RAPA members asking who would volunteer to be on a Tournament Committee. Responses needed by March 31; based on responses, decision will be made if RAPA will have a 2018 PB Tournament.

Could we hire a Chairperson to run the tournament? Several local towns are having successful tournaments. Additional note: An indoor court alternative should to be lined up in case of bad weather.

#### Board Members

Discussed who will be coming off the board to stagger the departure of the current board members.

Jan Czaplewski informed the board that she will be withdrawing from being RAPA President after Joanne's 2019 departure, and will be leaving her Vice President at the end of this term.

RAPA will be requesting nominations and electing a new Vice President at this summer's board member elections.

Barb P-P's Secretary term will be completed this year, to stagger the Board positions. A 2-year Secretary position will be open at this year's board election for nominations.

Member at Large and Membership Coordinator positions' duties discussed. Member at Large changing to a 1- year commitment, will focus on arranging classes and clinics, summer ladder, and website changes are in consideration. Added duties to the Membership Coordinator – welcome letter, promotion of pickleball, and coordinating Intro classes.

Remaining board member roles (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary) will be 2-year commitment, with the Vice President taking the follow years President role.

An email will be sent to RAPA members seeking nominations to fill the open board positions.

#### Pickleball Balls

Question asked why RAPA supplies indoor balls for REC Open Pickleball, when they do not supply outdoor balls for the ladder and open play at Cooke Park. Decision made to not purchase additional indoor balls, there are many in the bucket. If players have a preference, they should bring their own.

#### 2018 Priorities

Mike Salscheider is gathering information for a Utility Box to be added to Cooke Park.

Respectfully,

Barb Parker-Pahl, Secretary

#### Note:

Board Minutes will be added to the Rochester Pickleball website after RAPA Board reviews via email. The next RAPA Board Meeting the Minutes will be approved, and any changes / updates will be made to the posted Minutes.

Please send any questions, concerns, comments to [rapacommunications@gmail.com](mailto:rapacommunications@gmail.com), or contact a board member directly.