

Racquet Sports Advisory Committee Minutes

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Ocean Pines Racquet Center 4:00 PM

1. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order by Chair, Cathy Noble at 4:05 PM
2. **Present/absent - Chair:** Cathy Noble
Committee Members: Ron Kurtz, Angela Hunter, Patty Felix, Araceli Popen
Absent Committee Members: Kathy Stone, Gail Keiling
Guest/Public: Cindy Hoffman from Bayside Gazette
3. **Approval of Agenda** - Motion to approve by Patty Felix, second by Araceli Popen, all present approved.
4. **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting** – Approved unanimously by all present.
5. **Public Comments** - No public Comments
6. **Chair Report** - No liaison has contacted the chair. According to the website, Rick Farr is the RSAC Liaison. The Chair shared an email from former Liaison, Colette Horn which was a thorough report on her work on behalf of the RSAC committee. She also met with John Viola at his request to do a walk through of the Racquet Center. This included Linda Martin, Debbie Donohue, and reps from ATC. No one from our committee was invited, therefore the report is hard to understand when referencing statements such as “we noted the sloping on two of the pickleball courts”, and “We saw some repair work on courts that had been done by racquet players”. I expressed my opinion that in order for our committee to advise the Board of Directors on issues to aid in the successful operation of racquet sport activities, we need to be updated on these issues. The committee does NOT want to send useless or redundant charging documents to the Board. The committee would also like to assist in ensuring that racquet members do NOT make alterations without permission from the board or GM. The Chair hopes to hear from the new liaison in the new future.
7. **Liaison Report** - No contact from the liaison assigned at the date/time of this meeting.
8. **Unfinished Business**
 - a. **Status of Charging Documents concerning 2-Sport Combo membership** - This is approved unanimously by the committee, but waiting to hand over to the new liaison. This was moved to action items.
 - b. **Review Survey question as per Josh** - Chair will follow up with Josh to see when we will have results/summary of survey.

- c. **Review applicants for committee members** - Chair explained that an employee may be on an advisory committee, but can NOT vote on issues. All members, especially the chair, expressed how valuable it is to have a racquet center employee on the committee. Their input is very valuable and we hope this continues. With this said, it was decided to ask the Board to consider only one candidate for an immediate opening on the RSAC committee. This will make us a 8 member committee with 7 voting members, so there will be no ties when voting.

9. New Business

- a. Ron Kurtz expressed the frustration of all the committee members in understanding our role. Especially when we see changes/enhancements with a cost deficit of \$10,000 or more. Our understanding of our role was to advise the Board on budget issues. There are many safety issue items that this committee feels that money should have gone toward. We understand that our advice may not be accepted, but we only ask that we have the opportunity to review and give our opinion to the Board. We are hoping our newly elected Liaison can clarify our role in the near future.
- b. Do we need to attend the OPA Board meetings in order to be heard? How do we get monthly updates on issues/progress?
- c. The Chair asked that each committee member help with input on the Annual Report due by the end of October. This is the Resolution C-1 yearly report consisting of a **Summary of Major Activities, Problems, Items considered for the next OPA budget, and Recommendations for the Board action.**

10. Action Items for Committee

Created	Updated	Action Item	Update
9/7/2023		Request for Calendar use in Northstar	Sent email to Debbie Donahue requesting permission to work with OPA employee or permission to update calendar per sport
	9/14/2023		Angela said she would try to look into the calendar on Northstar.
8/10/2023		Submit Charging Document for a 2-sport combo rate	The committee approved, but Colette Horn told us we need to have the new liaison submit.
9/14/2023		Prepare Resolution C-1 form (Annual Report 2023)	The Chair asked that each committee member help with input on the Annual Report due by the end of October. This is the Resolution C-1 yearly report consisting of a Summary of Major Activities, Problems, Items considered for the next OPA budget, and Recommendations for the Board action.

11. Recommendations for Board Consideration

- a. The Chair will send a request for the Board to consider one(1) applicant for an immediate opening for our committee.

12. Events -

- a. Paddle: 9/23 - Spec Tennis Charity tournament (Members ONLY)
- b. Tennis: 9/16 - EOS Grill & Chill (Member ONLY)
- c. Pickleball: 9/16 - Sock Hop Dink charity event to benefit local homeless (Open to all), 9/17 - EOS BBQ Social (Members ONLY), 9/29-10/1 Oktoberfest Pickleball Tournament (Open to all - 163 players to date)

13. Adjournment - 4:58