**Board Meeting Minutes**

May 9, 2025 – 12:30pm – 2:00pm

Grace Sparks Activity Center or Via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 12:32PM by President Judi Mackey

* Board Members Present: Judi Mackey, Rick Bothell , Jo Morrissey, Marcie Moody, Ann Steiner and Andrea Schmidlin
* Board Members Absent: PJ Janik
* Guests Present: Karen Eads, Deena Dana and Andrew Buskey

Changes to Agenda? None

April Board Meeting Minutes – Jo Moved to accept as submitted, seconded by Marcie. Approved Unanimously

Financial – April 2025 – Jo Morrissey – Jo sent out financials to all board members via email. Highlights: 16 new members in April and still a few members renewing. Total of 672 active member, with 516 lapsed. Net income still positive at $6,600. All April events paid for themselves. Jo filed our 990EZ Corporate Tax Return (we don’t have to pay anything but we do have to file). We discussed CDs. One is coming due in June. Judi asked about the annual filing with the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC). Jo has the login for that. Ann will follow up with Doug for the ACC Annual Report.

**Old Business**

* “Girls Night Out” – Judi Mackey: Everyone had a great time. The board discussed what they perceive as a trend that members enjoy more social events vs. competition. Next Social Saturday will be in June.
* Court Reserve/Other – Judi Mackey: Judi is looking at other software to use other than Wild Apricot, since it doesn’t do everything we need and it’s expensive. Jo mentioned that Wild Apricot doesn’t “talk” to QuickBooks. We pay $2,600 for a year. We won’t be able to cancel before the June renewal since we don’t yet have an alternative. Judi will look into whether or not we can cancel mid-year and get a partial refund. Court Reserve is on hold because of this. Ann is assisting Judi with this project.
* Permanent Signs for Courts – Ann Steiner: Judi would like them up before the tournament. Zach donated six boxes, but they’re too big and bulky. Ann has ordered six; she’ll get six more so we have one for each court. Ann and Andrea will put the first six up ASAP and the second six as soon as we get them. Marcie brought a sign that used to be used at the courts providing information on play at the courts. We would like to have something like that on the kiosk with a sign that says VISITOR INFORMATION. Judi will scan and update the old sign that Marcie has. Marcie will put the signs up on the kiosk this once we get the new cork board for the kiosk. Ann and Rick will install cork board.
* New Member Orientation – Karen Eads: She reported excellent participation. Four or five new members came. Feedback was “less talk, more play.”
* New Courts: Joe has left his position at the City before plans were finalized. Now the City is doing a Master Plan and the new courts will be a part of the Master Plan. Judi will follow up with the new Director in June.

**New Business**

* PPA/Board Momentum – Judi Mackey: We had a good amount of momentum when we were working on the strategic plan. Judi feels like our momentum has stalled a little bit. Ann suggested adding the Strategic Plan to the Board Meeting Agenda each month, as well as going over responsibilities/action items from the previous month’s minutes. Judi will do this.
* Member Tournament – Judi Mackey/Rick Bothell: There is a low registration but Judi feels like it’s important for this to happen. The board agrees. Marcie has taken care of volunteers, but still needs a photographer for awards – Jo volunteered. The entire tournament will take place in the morning, with matches starting at 8:00AM. Volunteers should arrive by 7:15. We have approximately 5 teams in women’s doubles 3.0 and 3.5, and approximately four teams in men’s double 3.0 and 3.5+. All are age 51 and over. The tournament will be Round Robin format. Rick will be matching up people who need a partner. Saturday is Men’s and Women’s doubles; Sunday is mixed doubles. Judi and Ann are handling awards. Plan for a gold, silver and bronze for six brackets. Two people for each medal (12 gold, 12 silver and 12 bronze). Judi will send out an email to all players telling them the start time is 8:00AM for everyone both days, come early to warm up, and will list the teams (not opponents).
* Volunteer Outreach – Judi Mackey/Marcie Moody/Ann Steiner: We want to develop a list of potential volunteers. We also need to create a list of volunteer “jobs” so people will know what’s expected. Andrea will work with Marcie and Ann. Volunteer appreciation will be the second Saturday in October (10/11/2025) 4:00PM at Pioneer Park. Judi will announce this in the Pickle Post. Jo suggested everything needs to be posted on the kiosk. Karen is working on posting things; she needs content. Karen will put together a communication plan and will work with Judi on this. Karen offered to be in charge of the kiosk.
* Play Groups – Judi Mackey: Since Ann is going to be working closely with Judi, Steve Anderson has volunteered to take over Play Groups. Ann will make a list of things she’s been doing and will get that to Steve, within the next week or two. Judi will send out a message to the Captains that they should communicate with Steve as of May 26th. Judi mentioned that we need a Captain’s meeting.
* Charitable events – Judi Mackey: Judi has had a lot of people asking if they can come to our events to promote their fundraiser or event. She wanted to know how the Board feels about these requests. Marcie said it would depend on what it is and if there’s a conflict or not. Rick said if it doesn’t directly affect PPA his answer would be no. Ann said to look at it from the perspective of if PPA was raising money, would we go to other places to do that? We agreed we wouldn’t. Ann suggested there should be a line between support in terms of announcements, etc. vs. monetary support. Jo will write up a policy.

**Reports**

* All board members, areas of responsibility
  + Rick will talk to Doug about weeds. Player evaluations start June 1st. Rick said the 2/5 Training Up Tournament was postponed due to weather but it was made up a couple of weeks later.
  + Karen would like more content to post of Facebook, especially pictures.
  + Marcie – hasn’t heard back yet from Kelly at Prescott Lakes re: the Pickle Ball in January.
  + Ann – Play Groups are doing well. The new Tuesday evening ladder had 20 participants despite threatening weather. We have three new Captains. Andrew Buskey 2.5, Andrea Schmidlin 2.7 with Karen Schonfeld assisting, and Priscilla Noakes will do the 3.2 with Kathy Hill assisting. Next Social Round Robin will be June 14 at 8:00AM with Andrea heading that up. The lost & found is full. Ann has put up a sign saying everything will be donated if not removed by the end of the month.

**Open Forum (Members and Guests)**

* Deena Dana told her story about going to a RR on a Thursday afternoon. She had not signed up ahead of time, but was allowed to play. She won 5/6 games and felt like she was a good fit for that RR and the RR Captfelt that way also. The Monday afterwards, she received an email from the Captain that, because she hadn’t been “rated” she couldn’t participate because it wouldn’t be fair to the other 2.5s or 2.7s that haven’t moved up. Deena felt strongly that she can play at that level and it wasn’t right for her to be denied the opportunity to play. Deena has also heard from others that there is frustration about how the RRs are run. Deena pointed out that it’s hard to know which group to go to when you first join the club. We agreed that we need something more clear for people to understand the system. Deena suggested that it shouldn’t be up to the Captains to move people up or down. She also noted that not all RRs are run the same way; some don’t keep score at all. Ann said the Captain’s meeting that Judi suggested earlier fits in with what Deena is saying. Andrew spoke up as a coach. He believes the current system is way too complicated and needs to be simplified. He believes requiring 9.75 or better average is too difficult and people get frustrated because it’s too hard to get promoted. Rick said that was discussed extensively before those levels were set. Judi said that people move up all the time; and we still need to address how the RRs are run. Judi wanted to make sure Deena’s personal issue is addressed. Andrea said the problem seems to be with the Social (or non-competitive) events. Ann is working with one of the captains to write up guidelines for the social/non-competetive events. We need to update our website and calendar to be clear what is a “competitive” RR and what is a non-competitive or social RR or ladder. Rick offered to do an evaluation with Deena to determine if she can play competitively at the 3.0 level, which is where she believes she should be.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30PM.

Next meeting 12:30 PM on June 13, 2025 at Pioneer Park Pavillion. Starting in July will be at 11:30, assuming the 3.0 RR time is 9-11AM. Andrea will check with Steve Anderson (the 3.0 Captain).

Minutes Submitted by Andrea Schmidlin