

Tennis and Pickleball Committee Meeting
May 21, 2025

1. Welcome -> 5 minutes

Present:

Steve Walker, Mike Downs, Janet Tanchez, Rebecca McEfee, Betsy Snyder, Jason Bousquet, Patty Beach, Michelle Nardone, Firas Ghantous, Hanna Damiani

Steve introduced Firas Ghantous as a new member of the Committee.

2. Housekeeping ->5 minutes

Approve agenda with proposed time limits

All in favor

Approve meeting minutes from prior meeting

All in favor

TPBC meeting format – updates and action items

All in favor

3. Updates

Tennis Leagues
Mike
5-10 minutes

Singles Players Clinic Update - Mike reported this Clinic has wrapped up for summer and will begin again in the fall.

USTA Leagues - Mike reported the 3.5 women's team did well in sectionals, losing in the semi-finals to the team that eventually won the division.

Current Team Updates - Mike advised there was currently an issue in the 55+ 7.0 mixed group. One team in the flight did not want to play which moved RRC from first to third place. Mike stated the RRC captain was currently discussing with USTA.

Mike reported that 55+ 7.0 women made playoffs, 55+ 9.0 women are currently in first place and the 18+ group has approximately three weeks left in their season.

Also, the mixed teams are set with captains.

Club Policy for Two Teams at Same Level - There was discussion with regard to 7.0 mixed as there are enough players for two teams. It was pointed out the Board guidelines state when there are two teams at the same level, one is considered competitive (strongest lineups and goal is to go to playoffs) and one is considered social (have fun and play as many players as possible). Mike noted the definition of "competitive" is understood, the definition of "social" is a little looser. Mike stated both captains represent different sets of players and both want to be competitive. Michelle expressed concern that some players might be excluded if both teams are considered competitive. Mike stated he would speak with the captains for both teams to determine how they want to play. There was also some discussion regarding re-defining two teams at the same level. Mike advised he would discuss with Lisa and they would report back to the Committee.

Tie Breaker Rules and Club Requirements - No update.

Raising the Bar - The Challenge to Improve - No update. Will discuss in the fall.

Youth Tennis Program
Lisa, Rebecca and Hanna
5-10 minutes

Spring Family Tennis Day - May 3 -Rebecca reported the day was cold and windy and not as many people attended, but those that did loved it. Rebecca also reported some kids were dropped off without parents and it should be clarified for the next event this a Family Day with parents included. No drop offs. Rebecca advised she would talk to Lisa about scheduling another event in the fall.

High School Pickleball Event - It was noted this event would be held in the fall.

Summer Program - No Update.

Adult Tennis Program and Events
Mike, Lisa, Janet
10 minutes

Upcoming Events and Updates - Mike reported the dates for adult summer camps had been added to the club calendar and the first two weeks are filling up.
Summer Drop-ins or Pop ups - Mike advised that Twilight Tennis had begun and he was looking into other possibilities. Janet also stated Twilight Pickleball would begin June 5 and be held every two weeks. It was suggested that Wayne give some “beginner” information at the start, i.e. how to score.
Men’s Drill and Grill - May 1 - Mike reported that 9 players attended.
Ladies Round Robin - It was reported that the event went well and was fully attended.
Compass Draw Tournament - Mike reported there were currently enough people for two Tier 1 teams and seven Tier 2 teams.
Men’s Singles Tourney - Mike reported he and Jason are currently working on this. They are looking for an open weekend in possibly July or August.
2025 Hal Wagner - Janet reported that sponsor letters had been sent. Janet also provided Committee members with a sample sponsor letter for members to forward to any possible new sponsors. It was noted that Brenda is working on the shirt design and Michelle and Janet will be meeting with Matt regarding the food.

Pickleball Program
Rebecca
10 minutes

Program Development Update - Rebecca reported that new flyers need to be posted with the new and correct dates for play.
Equipment Update - Rebecca advised the new nets are very nice.

4. Special Projects
Steve
5 minutes

Update Tennis Program Guidelines - No Update. Steve advised he and Janet would schedule a meeting in the Fall to discuss.

5 New Business
Lisa and Steve
5-10 minutes

Any New Topics - No Update.
Tennis Etiquette email - There was a discussion on the Tennis Etiquette 101 email prepared by Lisa. The Committee requested that Janet simplify the points in the email and post in the RRC newsletter.

6. Meeting Adjourn

Next several meeting dates:
 June 18 at 11:00 am
 Skip July meeting