

Tennis and Pickleball Committee Meeting
October 15, 2025

1. Welcome -> 5 minutes

Present:

Steve Walker, Mike Downs, Janet Tanchez, Betsy Snyder, Jason Bousquet, Firas Ghantous, Lisa Berg, Tony Gambardella, Rebecca McEfee, Michelle Nardone, Beth McCarthy, Hanna Damiani, and Patty Beach

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

Between Meeting Communication and Updates - Steve suggested that TPBC members feel free to reach out to members of staff with any questions or updates in between meetings.

Steve noted that Rebecca would be stepping down from the Committee and had found an appropriate replacement. Steve reported he would meet with the proposed replacement to determine interest.

Steve also thanked Rebecca for all her work with regard to the pickleball program at RRC.

3. Updates

Tennis Leagues
Mike
5-10 minutes

USTA Leagues

Current Team Updates - Mike reported that Combo teams and 55+ mixed are currently in season.

Winter Teams Schedule and Planning - Mike stated 40+, 40+ daytime and 18+ mixed teams are posted and entries will be closed on November 1. Mike presented a handout with the proposed teams, number of players signed up, and captains. The Committee discussed how many teams RRC can hold with regard to court space and time available. It was determined there would be nine weekend teams (W 3.0, W 3.5, W 4.0, W 4.5, M 3.5, M 4.0, 6.0 Mixed, 7.0 Mixed, and 8.0 Mixed.) Mike reported there was a possibility of not having a 6.0 Mixed team as there was currently not enough men on the team. It was also determined there would be three women's daytime teams (2.5+, 3.5 and 4.0). Mike advised he would reach out to the women signed up for 2.5+ to clarify the need for this team. Mike stated he would meet with Michelle before the next meeting to discuss the status of these teams.

Club Policy for Two Teams at Same Level - Steve reported the Committee would discuss this item again in the Spring/Summer season.

New Captain Development - Mike reported there is a link on the website outlining captain responsibilities and that he would send this link to all captains.

Ladies Leagues - Lisa reported these matches are currently being played.

Team Practice Court Reservations and Protocol - Janet and Mike discussed the large number of courts being reserved as practice for the men's combo teams on the same afternoon. Tony stated men's 7.5 and 6.5 combo team practices are currently being held on the same afternoon. It was determined that Firas (6.5) would reach out to Matt Alba (7.5) regarding alternating days in order to keep courts open for those that want to play socially.

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

Fall Family Tennis Day Promotion Plan -Lisa reported this event would be held in the Spring to include all the new families that are currently joining RRC.

High School Pickleball Event -Lisa reported this event is scheduled for October 19 at 3:00 and there are currently 11 teams. Lisa advised the participants are from different high schools and grade levels.

Winter Program - Lisa stated the winter program would start the first week in December unless it is raining. Steve asked what the percentage of kids in the program were members. Lisa advised the ratio was probably 65% members and 35% non-members.

Halloween Tourney - Promotion Plan - Lisa reported there are currently five teams signed up. Lisa advised this event usually fills up but a lot of the kids are involved in other weekend sports and not available. Lisa said she would reach out to some families to try and gain interest. Janet also advised she would send something in the newsletter.

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| Adult Tennis Program and Events Mike, Lisa, Janet 10 minutes | <p><u>Singles Players Clinic Update</u> - Mike reported there are currently two players attending each clinic.</p> <p><u>Singles Ladder</u> - The Committee discussed the possibility of reintroducing a Singles Ladder for RRC members. Mike reported the issue is that players want to challenge up but not down. There was discussion of implementing a program that would match players. Jason reported another local club has a singles ladder and it requires the involvement of someone to manage the play. Mike and Firas advised they would discuss what technology could be used to help create the appropriate matches.</p> <p><u>Calcutta Update</u> - Mike advised Calcutta would be held November 7-8 and there are currently 27 players signed up. Mike stated he was hoping for 36 players total to balance the teams.</p> <p><u>Fall Drop-ins or Pop ups</u> - Mike reported the New and Rusty Players Clinic has not gained traction. He also stated he would remove the 3.5/4.0 Live Ball Clinic from the calendar and will likely bring these clinics back in the Spring/Summer.</p> <p><u>Men's Singles Tourney</u> - Mike reported the tournament was a success and players seemed to have a lot of fun. Winners for the men were Mike Damiani (4.0+) and Nick Stiritz (3.5+). Mike reported there was not a women's division as there were not enough players. Steve reported it was a good first year for this tournament and could be built on for following years. Steve asked Jason if he would continue to help develop and promote the tournament next year and Jason said he would. Mike thanked Jason for all his help putting the tournament together. Firas reported he had received feedback from some of the players who do not normally play singles and the majority really enjoyed the tournament and it gave them confidence to keep playing singles. Firas also reported there was some confusion about signing up.</p> <p><u>Hal Wagner Report</u> - Janet reported RRC made a little bit of money on the tournament and acknowledged Lisa and Michelle for bringing in a lot of new sponsors.</p> |
| Pickleball Program Rebecca 10 minutes | <p><u>Fall Events</u> - No update.</p> <p><u>Court 9 Damage - Action Plan</u> - Janet reported work repairing the cracks should be completed by the weekend unless there is more rain. Janet also reported she has had several conversations with the company who built the pickleball nets and they have not been helpful in determining how to prevent the indentations the nets are making in Court 9. Also, the part this company makes to go under the wheels is apparently out of stock. Janet stated the Board does not want the heavier nets put back on Court 9 until there is a solution. The Committee determined the lighter nets could be used in the meantime.</p> |
| 4. Special Projects Steve 5 minutes | <p><u>Update Tennis Program Guidelines</u> - No Update.</p> |

**5 New Business
Lisa and Steve
5-10 minutes**

Any New Topics - Lisa reported RRC has recycled 9,000 tennis balls.

Firas brought up the possibility of adding some technology to Hal Wagner and other tournaments to show who is playing, what courts people are on, what the brackets look like, etc. Mike advised he would work on this with Firas.

Tennis Etiquette email - No update.

USTA Player Kick off Reception - January - Steve advised he and Beth would be discussing this event after the Committee's meeting and update the Committee in November.

2026 TPBC Members - Who's Leaving? - Steve reiterated he would be meeting with Rebecca's possible replacement.

6. Meeting Adjourn

Next meeting date: November 19 at Noon
Skip December meeting
