

ERPA Board Meeting Agenda - 9/13/24

Board Members Present: Randy Harbath, Bob Radzis, Sue Behrens, Jane Jones, Tom Helmick, Greg Laatsch, and Patty Akerlund. Other members present: Karl and Jane Athow, Rhonda Walker.

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Randy Harbath.

1. Introductions of all attendees.
2. Treasurer Sue Behrens reviewed the financial report. Prior to the meeting, Patty Akerlund audited our finances as dictated to be done by our bylaws. Patty said our finances which were submitted by Sue passed with flying colors. Bob brought up that our official season is really from May 20th to September 8th. The Board decided that next year we will change our season to run from May 20th until the end of September. Tom moved to accept this change, Patty seconded the motion, and the motion passed.
3. ATP Camp 2025 - June 16-June 20. June 17th, Tuesday morning, Open Play will be available until shortly before 11:00 a.m. Camp will start at 11:00 on Tuesday. There will be no Open Play Monday or Wednesday morning of that week, and Ladies Monday Night pickleball will be deferred to 5:00-7:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday of Camp week, there will be Open Play available, but two courts will be reserved for the Camp. Jane made a motion to approve the Camp schedule, Tom seconded the motion, and the motion passed.
Karl brought up that Sperling charges a set amount that has been passed on to the Camp participants. The Board could choose to charge a higher Camp fee to the participants and make a profit. Bob made a motion to keep it as it is and just charge the Camp participants whatever John Sperling charges. Tom seconded the motion. Motion passed.
4. Bylaws. Sue said she and Karl are going to meet after the Board meeting and discuss Bylaws changes. She said there were four items that they wanted Board input on. At our 2025 Spring meeting, they will present a draft of the revised bylaws before the Board. Then they will look for any input over the summer. Four items were discussed. 1) Presently, there are three definitions in the Bylaws: Executive Board, Board of Directors, and Officers. Randy said we only need two definitions: He recommended "Board" and "Officers." Eliminate the use of "Executive Board." The Board will consist of four officers and three members. 2) Approve future minutes to be added to our ERPA website. 3) Whether the Board Officers should be voted on by the general membership or by the Executive Board. The Board agreed they think the Officers should be voted on by the general membership.
4) Sue brought up a concern about instances of fraudulent financial occurrences in other non-profit associations; for example, ERRRA. There have been publicized reports where businesses have had similar issues. She would like to establish internal controls for ERPA and stressed the Board needs to be vigilant. Sue recommended that when the Treasurer sends out the financial statements, they should also send out a copy of the bank statement. At present, unbudgeted expenses exceeding \$50 needs Board approval. Bob made a motion to raise the amount of unbudgeted expenses needing approval from \$50 to \$100. Jane seconded the motion. Motion passed.
5. Officers and Board Openings in 2025. Next year, the terms of four Board members are ending. Jane Jones has said she will probably remain on the Board in some capacity. There will be three officer positions open. If members are willing to serve or be an officer in any capacity, they should let a Board member know.

6. 2025 Open Play Schedule. Next year Monday Ladies Open Play will change from 4:00 - 7:00 to 3:00 to 6:00. On Wednesdays, there will be no Open Play from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., since attendance was very low.

7. Winter Play for 2024/2025. Marita has reserved courts for same time this winter. The high school indoor Open Play will begin on October 9th. There will be a Team Reach for Winter play. There are four net systems used at the high school. Tom and Barb Helmick will determine if and when we need to replace any of the nets. Rhonda Walker asked about whether there is Light Play during the winter. She was told that Light players are welcome.

8. Memorial Day Food Tent Chairperson or Chairpersons. The Chamber will ask Randy in the Spring whether ERPA is going to run the Brat Tent again in 2025. We need some people to take over this duty. Barb Helmick will coordinate the volunteers for the event. Please contact Sue Behrens or Jane Jones if you are interested in being a Chairperson. You do not need to do it by yourself.

9. Court Maintenance. Randy and Bob will seal cracks on the courts in early October 2024. Patchwork will be done in the Spring. The current schedule to resurface the courts would be in 2026. If repainting is done, the courts will be guaranteed for five more years. No decision has to be made at this time.

10. AED Unit Enclosure. The unit will be taken off the wall and Tom will store it during the Winter. \$1,500 has been approved from Republic. We have not officially received this yet. Once we do, there will be a new enclosure and money for the battery and new pads and an AED sign. We will call 911 for the code.

11. New Courts Ad Hoc Committee Update by Jane Jones. The Ad Hoc Committee is revisiting all three sites previously reviewed: the School, the Fairgrounds, and the land near City Hall. All three options are still on the table. As soon as we have something more concrete, we will report to the ERPA Board.

At this time we are gathering and accumulating all of the data that we feel will be necessary to move forward as we get closer to selecting a site and discussing the terms of an agreement. The Ad Hoc Committee needs demographic information on our membership and has made the determination to proceed with a short 2-3 minute, approximately 20-question anonymous survey. It will be sent out by the Ad Hoc Committee. If the ERPA Board would like to have the Ad Hoc Committee share the results with them, the Committee would be happy to do that. We would appreciate it if members would take the time to fill out the survey when they receive it.

12. 2025 Annual Meeting/Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 9, 2025.

13. Advertising to Our Members via Email or Team Reach. The Board has been approached occasionally regarding commercial companies or individuals requesting to advertise their services. Discussion ensued. Tom made a motion not to allow advertising to our members, seconded by Patty. Motion passed.

14. Membership for Neighbors of the Pickleball Courts. Discussion ensued on this topic. No changes are being made at this time.

15. Beginner/Advanced Beginner and Light Intermediate Drill & Play this year was a big success. It will continue next year. Intermediate and Advanced Drill & Play. Still looking for one or two members who would be willing to do this in 2025.

16. Other items. October 4th, Friday, the Chamber would like to do a Photo Op on our courts from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. They would like to see all six courts filled with players. We are asking for many players to show up that day before 8:00 a.m. so that we can accommodate this request. Please put it on your calendar. We will send out a reminder.

17. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jane M. Jones, Secretary