

Racquets Advisory Meeting

February 10, 2022, 4 PM

Members attending- Amy Peck, Patty Felix, Ariceli Popen, Patsy Workman, Kathy Stone, Madison McLain, Debbie Donahue, Rhett Parsons, Susan Morris, Karen Kaplan, John Viola

Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Guest rate recommendations from the last meeting have been accepted by OPA.

Membership rates will increase by 5%

OPA is looking into the best way to accommodate guest pass for members guest.

John Viola said that if a 2 sport pricing is of interest he will consider this. Rhett has sent an analysis of this has been sent to John and Debbie for review. (Post meeting note: this is being tabled until the 2023 season)

The household membership idea is something that could be considered in the future.

Contractor for repairing the cracks in the hard courts are being review.

Karen suggested that the marquee board at the racket center should be used for information about youth events and that the ones on the parkway could be used for racket center events. Debbie was going to look into this.

John said the new platform hut is being put on hold until after the pickleball courts are completed. John is open to discussing the idea of temporary changes to the hut. This also opened up a discussion about replacing the current racket center building. This is a discussion that will continue in the coming months. Rhett suggested a sub committee be formed that includes members from the RCAC and each sport.

John plans to present the updated pricing for the new pickleball courts to the board at the February meeting. (Post meeting note: only one incomplete bid was received prior to the board meeting so this will be revisited at the March meeting)

Debbie is checking on the work order for the wash down connection for the platform courts.

The request to formally name the Spec tennis club under the OPPTA is pending clearance with our insurance company.

Cel requested funds to pay for balls for spec and timeless tennis, Debbie is following up on this. Cel is also checking on the cost for a ball hopper for these balls.

Membership applications will be available at the pro shop and OPA is working on a temporary card that will allow access until the member can get their swipe card from the administration building.

The NorthStar system should be able to process swipe cards at the pro shop, beginning in April.

Debbie has a list of court needs including tennis screens as well as those to be placed on the west side of paddle courts. Plantings cannot be done due to set back guidelines

Karen presented an idea to join the Ocean City, Maryland Convention and Visitors Bureau as a Marketing Partner, fill out the application information below and submit. The introductory fee is just \$300.00. The benefits for the racquet center could be well-worth the member fee. Debbie was going to take this to the marketing department to see if this is feasible.