

**Mission Royale Pickleball Club Executive Board Meeting  
Meeting Minutes December 11, 2024**

**1. Call to Order.**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm in Meeting Room B of the Recreation Center.

**Board Members Present:** Ron Olson, Rick Bird, Laurie Gigstead, Alice Scroggins and Jan Santarius.

**Others present:** Maureen Wilson, Trish Dundass, Deb Woodard, Donna Chimino, Sel Sanchez, Jim Hamann, Monica Weeks, Scott Meakins, and Dan Temple.

**2. Approval of Agenda. Motion to approve the agenda. Jan/Rick Approved.**

**3. Approval of Minutes.**

a) November 13, 2024 Meeting of Executive Board.

**Motion to approve the November 13, 2024 minutes as presented. Jan/Rick Approved.**

Ron stated the Executive Board held a working session on Monday where members were allowed to comment during the discussions. He stated that at today's meeting the board would be discussing the items.

Laurie asked if he was saying that no member comments were going to be allowed at the meeting today? Ron replied that that was correct. Laurie stated that last week the HOA Board approved revisions to club guidelines and the new rule regarding club meetings is that all club members wishing to do so may speak at a meeting.

Alice stated that they were not in effect yet because the club had not received a copy.

Laurie stated that she has an email stating that the new rules are currently in effect. Ron looked at the email on Laurie's phone and stated that we would proceed with the meeting.

#### 4. Old Business.

- a) **USAPA Rating System changing to UTR-P System.** Alice stated that the UTR-P system increases a person's rating 1 – 1.5 points higher than the old USAPA system. Rick stated that we need to vote on this.

**Motion to not accept the UTR-P rating, which is the new USAPA system.  
Rick/Jan Approved.**

#### 5. Board Member and Chair Reports.

- a) **Treasurer's Report.** Jan reviewed the expenditures for the month totaling \$921.03. She said there was \$75 in revenue from new memberships and the ending balance of the MRPC account is \$36,120.43. **Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Alice/Laurie Approved.**
- b) **Vice President's Report.** Rick stated that the 3.5s continue to play paddles up on busy days and it seems to be working. At this point he doesn't plan to split the group because current format is working and the members prefer not to split. He has been looking into LED replacement bulbs for our current court lights. The bulbs come with adapters and would cost approximately \$50 each. We would need 12. He plans to order some and request that Angel install them to see if it would be an improvement. Moving to LED should lower the electric bill for the HOA. **Motion to accept the Vice President's report as presented. Jan/Alice Approved.**
- c) **At Large Member Report.** Alice reported that she has the In-House Tournament scheduled in February as follows:

February 1

3.5 men - 12:30-2:30 pm

4.0 women – 3:00-5:00 pm

February 2

3.5 women - 1:00-3:00 pm

2.5 men and women - 3:00-5:00 pm

February 8

4.0+ men - 9:00-11:00 am

3.0 men and women - 11:30 am-1:30 pm

The finals will take place on February 15. Jan asked if there would be a barbeque? Alice said that hadn't been decided. It would depend if there were volunteers and she was also going to contact The Grille and see if they would be willing to offer a burger special for the event.

She stated the last lesson session had 39 participants. Members seem to be enjoying the lessons. The December lessons are scheduled for December 14 and 28.

Ron stated he was asked if the club would sponsor the future tournaments that Brian and Mike would like to hold rather than having them go through the HOA. He stated they hold them during Open Play time so the HOA controls the court schedule unless it is a club sponsored event.

Laurie stated that play during the Open Play time is increasing and she doesn't feel the club should encumber more of the limited open play time. There needs to be court time for homeowner use. She said that since there is a way for them work with the HOA the MRPC should not get involved. Jan stated that if the club allows it, they need to include other levels and women. Rick stated others can organize similar events. Alice stated the month of February will be busy with the in-house tournament so the February dates should not be approved. Laurie stated again that the MRPC club should direct them to go through the HOA. The consensus of the Board was that since there is a process to direct them to the HOA. Ron stated he would let Brian and Mike know.

**Motion to accept the At Large Member's report. Jan/Laurie Approved.**

- d) **Ratings Chair Report.** Alice read a report provided by Virginia. She reported that seven people tested and four people had passed the skills tests. The

round robins were in progress. There will be no practice session in December for the January testing due to the holidays and her being out of town. Members can get a skills sheet from Alice.

Alice stated she would conduct a practice session on Wednesday, December 18 at 4:00 pm. She asked if Laurie would send an email to the members with the January test dates and practice session.

Monica stated that the skills sheet should be available on the webpage. The board agreed it should be available on the webpage. **Motion to accept the rating chair report. Ron/Jan Approved.**

e) **Training Chair Report.** See At Large Member report.

## 6. New Business.

- a) **Review Rating Procedures.** Ron stated Juli gave presentation at the working session. There were three main issues. The first recommendation was to eliminate the 4.5 process and that members would need to go through an IPTPA process. Alice handed out information regarding the club purchasing an IPTPA membership. The cost is \$100 for three years. Our club members would benefit by reducing their personal membership fee to \$15, which is a \$10 savings and having a set fee that is paid to the rater. **Motion that club member wishing to be rated at 4.5 or above would need to use the IPTPA process and the club would purchase a club membership. Jan/Rick**

Jim asked why is this only for a 4.5 rating. Alice stated any level could do that.

Laurie stated that she thinks the motion is covering two separate issues and should maybe be two separate motions. Jan withdrew her motion and the second concurred.

**Motion to approve that the MRPC rating procedures state a 4.5 rating or above is accepted if obtained through the IPTPA process. Jan/Alice Approved.**

**Motion to authorize the purchase of an IPTPA club membership in the amount of \$100 for three years. Jan/ Alice Approved.**

Maureen confirmed that this means all members benefit from the club membership. She explained that when you receive a rating through the IPTPA process you need to maintain your individual membership with them for your rating to remain valid.

The next issue involved eliminating conflict of interest in the round robin voting process. Rick stated that he felt we should change our procedures to state the immediate family of a candidate cannot participate in the voting process.

Alice said if you are limiting the players that can vote this could cause issues with the numbers because you need at least twelve to conduct the testing round robin.

Sel stated there should be no provision eliminating the family voting.

Maureen suggested a points-based system rather than voting would solve issue.

Ron stated there are flaws with a points-based system with people manipulating a game's outcome.

Dan stated that the conflict of interest rule is to prevent bias or the appearance of bias and would simply give more credibility to the process.

Ron stated that if someone is a member they should be able to vote.

Jan stated she felt it would provide additional credibility and help avoid conflict.

Jim stated it is common sense to want to avoid conflict.

Sel asked why is this an issue now. This has been going on for years and now it is an issue.

**Motion to not allow immediate family of a candidate to participate in the round robin voting process. Rick/Ron Approved (3 yes/2 no)**

Ron stated he would like to table the remaining issue for further discussion. He suggested a new smaller committee be appointed to review and that Alice would coordinate. Alice suggested maybe four people.

Rick suggested trying a points-based system immediately with the 3.0 level. Jan stated that using the method Virginia described where the low score is thrown out to help with manipulation.

Laurie asked why is this process and discussion changing from what was presented at Monday's meeting? None of this was discussed Monday. It appears you are ignoring the recommendations provided Monday and changing directions.

Rick stated a lot of information was given. There is a lot to digest and research.

Donna stated that the current committee invested quite a bit of time in this process and to now want to form a new committee to address it further is wrong.

Laurie stated that part of the problem with the prior committee is that it was not properly appointed. The people who volunteered by giving their names to Laurie were not considered.

Alice stated the committee was appointed. Laurie said the committee could only be appointed in a meeting with a board action. Alice stated she asked if there were objections and Laurie did not object. Laurie stated she did not respond because that would constitute a meeting.

Jim stated this issue needs to be tabled. The committee needs to be officially formed and receive direction from the Board.

**Motion to table the procedures discussion. Jan/Alice Approved.**

Jan stated the board needs to get together to discuss it further outside of the meeting. Rick and others stated we can't do that.

Alice asked Laurie how a committee is formally appointed.

Laurie stated: you say motion to appoint the following people to the review committee: Joyce Bouille, Norm Ninneman, Beth Schneider, Tracey Sweeney, Gary Gilligan, Kathy Ertz, James Sadler, Juli Goff, Jim Terry and I am adding Gerry Bertrand from my list.

She asked, Alice your name is on this list were you a member? Alice responded that she was the board liaison.

It was stated that there were already 4.0s on the committee and Gerry did not need to be added. Jan stated that Gerry has substantial ideas and should be included.

**Motion to appoint the named individuals to the review committee.  
Jan/Rick Approved (3 Yes/2 No)**

- b) **Proposed 2025 Budget.** Jan gave an overview of the proposed budget. Most line items remained the same or increased slightly. Equipment was increased to \$5,000 to purchase a new ball machine. The proposed revenue is estimated at \$7,100 and estimated expenses of \$14,350 which would result in a net loss of \$7,250. The reserve balance would be \$28,870.

Jan suggested that if we didn't want our reserve balance reduced that much, we could consider raising dues to \$30. The consensus of the board was that that was not necessary at this time.

**Motion to approve the 2025 Budget as presented. Alice/Rick Approved.**

- c) **Motion to Adjourn Meeting.** Rick/Jan Approved.

Trish asked if she could ask a question. Ron agreed. She asked if a homeowner doesn't participate in the round robins can they still use the courts during open play if they are not a MRPC member? The board answered yes, that is correct.

Meeting adjourned at 5:14 pm.

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