

OHCC Racquet Club
Minutes - General Meeting & Election
November 9, 2023

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Meeting called to order in Abravanel Hall at 4:30 by Bob James, President.

Board members in attendance: Bob James, Ann Rike, Sid Saltzman, Lorraine Novellino, Donna Ryan, John Gildner, and Dannica Wood. Absent: Carol Ann Ferrol.

Members present: 105

Minutes of April 6, 2023 General Meeting were approved by acclamation.

Motion: Joan Gross, Second: Nick Novellino.

Finances:

Treasurer's Report by Sid Saltzman

October 2023 closing balance \$7793.30

- Among expenditures made possible by 2023 member dues were equipment and supplies for classes and court events (10 loaner pickleball paddles for classes, 2 custom pickleball scoreboards, paddle tennis loaner paddles and net straps) social events (5 new event banners, 6 sets of cornhole boards; 6 walkie talkies for event management; a 16-ft target wall for Game Day; 30 custom multi-use white boxes; Summer Concert band; a paddle tennis social; ; 4 pickleball tournaments & socials; and the Social Clubs annual membership assessment.
- Total membership 494

Future expenditures to be discussed by the 2024 Board include the development of RC logo wear; purchase of a 10x10 logo canopy; storage container; LED TV to use for tournaments and classes; several iPads to use for events, lessons, and filming videos for classes and events; court cameras; Microsoft 360 subscription software; and a volunteer recognition party.

Sports Report

- Tennis-Bob James for Bill McGrath. An October tennis mixer to introduce tennis players and those interested in getting back into it. A weekly tennis drop-in started in November.
- Badminton- Cliff Singh thanked Kannan Dan and also recognized Joe Dudkowski who is leading an effort to continue badminton play beyond the typical summer season and in other locations
- Pickleball - Harvey Bernstein spoke about the benefits of competitive pickleball play and also the enjoyment of meeting people, which is an important aspect of drop-in play.
- Paddle Tennis - Dannica Wood announced that Bill McGrath as the new committee chair. Loaner paddles are available during the weekly drop-in and also for check out at Front Desk.
- Dannica thanked the club for the years of friendship and for allowing her to be part of the growth and changes over the years.

Recap of 2023 Events

- Monthly pickleball machine training
- Pickleball classes, including the very successful Team Camp
- Summer Chill concert on the Lanai
- Baggin' N Braggin' cornhole social
- Pickleball Mixed Doubles Tournament

- Pickleball Dinking Competition
- Heidi James Inspiration Games (Women’s Pickleball Tournament)
- Game Day— 230 people attended, 89 volunteers
- Volunteers – more volunteers at all scheduled activities; more still needed!

2024 Election

Ann Rike, Carol Ann Ferrol, and Allen Wilson comprised the Nominating Committee. Three current directors – Carol Ann Ferrol (2022- 2023, Lorraine Novellino (2022-2023) , and Dannica Wood (2007 – 2023) chose to step down and were thanked for their service. Dannica’s 17-year tenure – including 8 presidents and 12 years as secretary – received special recognition. President Bob James noted how fortunate the Club has been to have such a reliable and loyal volunteer for so many years; he presented her with a Racquet Club flag in appreciation.

Allen Wilson conducted the vote in accordance with the bylaws and announced the slate: President: Bob James (incumbent). Directors: Harvey Bernstein; John Gildner (incumbent); Robert Kelly; Ann Rike (incumbent); Donna Ryan (incumbent); and Sid Saltzman (incumbent).

Election of President - Bob James was nominated (Suzanne Forman, motion; Lori Smith, second). No floor nominations. Bob James re-elected by acclamation..

Election of Directors - No nominations from the floor. Dan Fahey - motion to approve the slate of 6 directors by acclamation; Karen Hamm second. Harvey Bernstein, John Goldner, Robert Kelly, Ann Rike, Donna Ryan, and Sid Saltzman approved by acclamation. They will meet on 11/16/23 to determine the 2024 Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Looking Toward 2024

1. The outline for a revamped and expanded pickleball instructional program is being developed by member Cathy Brendle. A member survey will help shape the changes.
2. The inaugural Team Camp pickleball partners summer class will return in 2024 under Herb Livsey and Mike Hoggatt. Other classes will be announced at a later date.
3. Do Dues Day is January 13. 2024 dues remain \$15 per person and may be paid electronically or by check.
4. Per prior Board action, Racquet Club members who serve on the OHCC Master Board will be offered a complimentary annual membership in appreciation for their service to the community. Herb & Gerry Livsey were previously gifted lifetime membership for their years of service to the Racquet club.
5. 2024 Events (dates pending approval by the Events Office) include:
 - Pickleball Play & Stays -1st Saturday of each month
 - 4 pickleball tournaments
 - A variety of pickleball round robins (men’s. women’s, novice, etc.) throughout the year
 - 3 special social events (May, June, and July) – themes to be announced
 - Paddle tennis social events
 - Weekly tennis drop-in and occasional tennis mixers
 - Badminton expanded schedule – if interest can be shown and maintained

Ann Rike explained that the Events Office is feeling the crunch of increased demand for space, and there is less flexibility or willingness to make changes once events are booked. The Board will aim to determine leadership positions for our events early in 2024.

6. Volunteers will be needed for all social and court events, classes, and club administrative tasks. Donna Ryan thanked the 80+ members who made Game Day 2023 a great success and illustrated the crucial role of volunteers in all we do as a club. Ann Rike thanked those who served for weeks and months on the pickleball instructional staff, including Herb & Gerry Livsey, Mike Hoggatt, Bob Berthel, Michael Katz, Jeannine Ferrari, Ed Congel, Charlie Cappello, Carol Alberts, Pam Stern, Morey Sherman, Larry See, Kannan Dan, and Ann Rike.
7. Bob James announced that the Board will draft a Racquet Club Code of Conduct Policy so that we have the ability, if and when needed in the future, to sanction members who misbehave. Good conduct ensures the good order, welfare and character of the club.
8. The pickleball mascot naming contest concluded with a lively vote by those present at the meeting. Pickadilly will be our Play & Stay mascot.
9. The Racquet Club challenges the Golf Club to a corn hole tournament.
10. Bob James appointed John Gilder to head a committee to develop a 3-to-5-year plan for the club encompassing our activities and facilities. Robert Kelly was appointed to assist him. Others will be invited to join the committee and all club members will be given opportunities to weigh in on what they'd like to see from the club going forward.

Miscellaneous

Joyce Baker solicited volunteers for the Monarch Butterfly Club garden.

Tributes - Cliff Singh spoke on the passing of member Jack Green., a friend in paddle tennis, pickleball and table tennis. Bob recognized other members who passed during 2023, including Lori Erickson, Heidi James, and Jack Pivo. Several who moved away from OHCC were also noted: Sue Petersen and Bill & Joyce Conbere.

Columbia Store offers our club an Extra 15 percent off coupon

Debbie Machnick- donated tennis equipment and balls.

A thank you to Paige James for the delicious desserts created by Kaity's Creation for today's meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:30pm.
Lorraine Novellino, Secretary
November 12, 2023