



**APPROVED 11.6.23**

**MINUTES – General Meeting  
April 6, 2023**

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

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

Members present: 116

Minutes of 11/9/22 General Meeting were approved by acclamation (Motion: Tim Griffith, Second: Barbara Sabin).

The Treasurer's Report provided by Sid Saltzman - \$13,281.75 balance as of 3/31/23. Sid noted that there are many club activities – from tournaments to social activities to instruction – that will require funding throughout the year.

Sports reports. Tennis appears to be in a revival mode with Lynn Wells leading the charge. Dannica Wood reported that paddle tennis is thriving with 85 players on the list. Badminton has 79 folks interested in playing. The club asked for folks interested in badminton leadership to step up. Harvey Bernstein, Gary Forsberg, Jeannine Ferrari and Allison Wright were introduced as the new pickleball committee.

Dave Steele, Charlie Capello, John Marshall and John Waterman were recognized for their Men's Tournament championships.

President, Bob James reviewed his recent meeting with OH General Manager Gloria Todisco to discuss court maintenance issues. Ann Rike also took part in the meeting. Members were reminded that only after taking an instructional class are they allowed to use the new pickleball machine. Guests are not allowed to use the machine. The same restriction applies to the tennis ball machine. The club has added six walkie talkies, ten new loaner paddles, a large backdrop display and two custom scoreboards to its inventory.

A survey by hand found that members prefer email communications as preferable to social communication tools such as Nextdoor. When asked, the members appeared to be in favor of a "pay to learn" format for intermediate pickleball classes - if necessary.

Scott Goldwasser was awarded a complimentary membership by the RC board in appreciation for his OH Master Board service. Herb & Gerry Livsey were awarded lifetime memberships in the club for their many years of club service.

Bob discussed the “value of volunteering”. At the end of the discussion a volunteer clipboard was sent through the room. Over 100 volunteers signed up for duties.

“Summer Chill”, a member-only summer concert, was announced, along with a “Baggin’ N Braggin’ cornhole social. Baggin’ N Braggin’ will be chaired by Paige James and Darla Haubner while Lori Smith and Linda Cripe will take on the concert duties. Donna Ryan will chair Game Day in October.

The Board voted to recognize the many contributions of member Heidi James, designer of the club’s new website and a force on the courts, by naming the June 2023 Women’s Pickleball Tournament in her memory.

The recent men’s tournament volunteers were recognized by Bob as “Volunteer All-Stars”. Michelle Gamble, Rubina Martinez, Karen Burke, Donna Ryan, Jeanenne Ferrari, Sharon Sorenson & Sue Cook along with John Gildner & Felicity Swerdlow were all given accolades.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Lorraine Novellino  
Secretary