



## **Yankee Board Meeting**

2/9/2023, 7:00 PM

Sudbury Point Grill

Board Attendees: Jeffry Powell, Judy Katalina, Amy Grigg, Geoff Tasca, Miriam Moodley, Nick Mone, Mark Archibald, John Kubilis, Lauren Bennett

Guests: Dave Peixoto, Samantha Commeau

### **1. Approval of Prior Minutes**

- a. Prior minutes were distributed to be voted on.

### **2. Reports**

- a. Registrar's Report (Jeffry)
  - i. 28% of the membership with ratings this year are new players.
  - ii. Membership roughly 40% Female, 60% Male.
- b. NERVA Report (Dave)
  - i. Juniors events are all sold out, looking to possibly expand.
  - ii. Don't have BCC back to back weekends in 2025, weekends in February and March are available but there is a big issue with putting down and taking up 90+ courts multiple times.
  - iii. This year is last year of our contract with Mohegan.
  - iv. USA vs Canada sitting team exhibition will occur second weekend of BCC.
  - v. 2025 Nationals was announced as being in Denver.
- c. Ratings Report (Jeffry)
  - i. Several more raters added for men's, could still use one at the higher level.
  - ii. Next year there will be no USAV mapped tournaments.
- d. Social Media Report (Amy)
  - i. Facebook likes are over 3200 and Instagram follows are over 1400.
  - ii. Images more popular than just text.
  - iii. Population of followers is about 50/50 in gender.
  - iv. Most popular posts on Facebook are the rating changes posts.
  - v. Most popular on Instagram are videos.
  - vi. Re-visit potential idea to run a play of the month video contest.
- e. Web Editor Report (Jeffry)
  - i. Brendan Lounsbury has been tasked to coordinate getting the new website going.
  - ii. Potentially will form a committee and will have to get together with SportWrench.
- f. GrassRoots Campaign Report (Jeffry)
  - i. Referees are not being assigned for scrambles but in general scrambles are bringing in a good amount of new players.
- g. Tournament Director's Report (Mark)
  - i. Aces Wild tournament went well.
  - ii. First weekend of BCC is completely full.
  - iii. GEVA is not sending many teams to Boston this year as they are struggling. Action item to talk to them about getting teams to Mohegan as that is a closer tournament for their players.

### **3. New Business**

- a. BCC tournament preparation
  - i. No referees likely to be available, likely will use reliable Yankee players as court managers to keep courts moving.
- b. Sanctioning 4's tournaments
  - i. No vote needed, 4's tournaments can be run as an option. Likely best used for higher level men's and women's.
- c. No officials at tournaments discussion

- i. Without referees there have been issues with people not having whistles, line judges sitting down and warm-up times being too long.
- ii. Contributing to the issue is some tournament directors running more than two courts while playing leading to not much oversight of the tournament.

#### **4. Old Business**

- a. Discussion on the rating for female players in men's tournaments.
  - i. After looking at the current website this is reasonably easy to implement.
  - ii. Motion was made by Judy to say that, effective next season, female players playing in Mens C+ and lower tournaments will count as their rating instead of one rating below like currently. Miriam seconds the motion and the motion passes 6-1 with 2 abstentions.
- b. Discussion on amending rule for replacement of injured players early in the day.
  - i. Tabled till next meeting.
- c. Term lengths for board members and potentially staggering elections
  - i. Discussion as to staggering elections to avoid a complete changeover and possible longer terms for some positions.
  - ii. Treasurer position may be eliminated.
  - iii. Board can not change the by-laws without a vote.
  - iv. Would like to find a simpler way for people to vote but it has to be anonymous.
- d. Discussion on if there will be stipends in the future after removal of mappings
  - i. No stipends will be given.
  - ii. No regionals will be held. No USAV tournaments will be held next year.

#### **5. Executive Session**

##### **Key Future Dates**

- BCC February 24-26
- Yankee Picnic, June 11, 2023 (Might need to change)
- Yankee Board Meetings: Monday, April 10th