



## Yankee Board Meeting

4/10/2023, 7:30 PM

Sudbury Point Grill

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

Guests: Samantha Commeau, Dave Peixoto, Anna Berthiaume

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

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

### **2. Reports**

- a. Registrar's Report (Jeffry)
  - i. Summary was sent by e-mail.
  - ii. Ahead of last year's numbers by 200.
  - iii. December to February added 600 members and February to April added 340 not including last weekend which added an additional 65 (mostly from the Maine tournaments)
  - iv. There is also a good amount of one weekend memberships not reflected in those numbers.
- b. NERVA Report (Dave)
  - i. This December is last year of the contract with Mohegan Sun. Need to figure out future dates if we are to continue there.
  - ii. Wicked Good juniors tournament is completely full.
  - iii. Sites for the big juniors tournaments need to be booked out for at least 4-5 years.
  - iv. BCC was successful.
  - v. QR codes worked well second weekend of BCC so will try to make that the means of adult entry moving forward.
  - vi. There is some talk of adults being shifted to 10 courts each weekend instead of 19 one weekend.
  - vii. Next year there is a third weekend on Easter weekend.
  - viii. Boston booked through 2035 but do not have consecutive weekends in 2025.
  - ix. The December adults event could potentially be moved to Providence.
  - x. Membership fee likely will go up next year as will Mohegan team fee.
- c. Ratings Report (Jeffry)
  - i. Added a couple Maine members as raters. MSVBA will just act as a TD and run through Yankee going forward. Will have communication to discuss a handful of individuals who currently have different ratings in Maine and Yankee.
- d. Social Media Report (Amy)
  - i. Have gained 80 new followers on Instagram for a total of 1626.
  - ii. Have added 54 new followers with 34 more likes on Facebook last 30 days.
  - iii. Lists of updates are most popular posts in terms of engagement.
  - iv. Will be rolling out social media posts for Nationals and the picnic this month.
  - v. May have some social media assistance coming from NERVA staff.
  - vi. Tournament reports have gotten overwhelming, stipend needs to be reevaluated to account for the extra work.
  - vii. With continued growth the hope is to set up Tournament Directors doing their own reports more often.
- e. Web Editor Report (Jeffry)
  - i. Brendan Lounsbury will be working on plans for the website. Will reach out to Jeffry to discuss and plan meetings with companies that are candidates to work on the web site.
  - ii. Ideally new web site would have a place for players to post availability or looking to play as an option for players that don't have Facebook.
- f. GrassRoots Campaign Report (Jeffry)
  - i. An e-mail with details was sent to board members.

- ii. All scrambles have filled.
- iii. 70-75 new members from scrambles have fully joined.
- iv. 24 out of 60 players are new for the April 15<sup>th</sup> scramble.
- v. Referee staffing for scrambles has been a struggle. Potentially will do a player ref certification to improve referee situation.
- g. Tournament Director's Report (Mark)
  - i. BCC went well overall.
  - ii. There was an argument between a player and a parent during Friday night tournament. Will try to strategically place our courts to avoid such situations.
  - iii. Court managers went very well and Mark's preference is to use them again next year.
  - iv. Bar code for the second weekend went well. Had 10 Men's AA and 8 Women's AA teams.
  - v. If we go to a bar code for BCC entry will likely have a roster deadline 4-5 days before and roster changes will carry a monetary charge.

### 3. New Business

- a. Tournament Directors running more than two courts and playing
  - i. Tournament Directors running the tournament and playing with 2 courts is fine but running 4, 6, even 8 courts and not really being available for 6 of the 10 rounds is not ideal.
  - ii. Jeffry will look at our current rules and come up with a proposal.
  - iii. Tabled for e-mail discussion and voting.
- b. Potential of running +0 tournaments
  - i. Running +0 tournaments will be an option. Mark and John will work on wording to inform tournament directors that it will be an option.
  - ii. Current website will not issue a warning for an illegal roster so TD's that are running these will have to monitor rosters.
  - iii. Balancing points for genders in RCO may need to be discussed.
- c. Yankee picnic discussion
  - i. Judy is 95% sure we will be able to use Hudson High for parking.
  - ii. Food is confirmed, will need lots of help early.
  - iii. Geoff will purchase the raffle prizes again.
  - iv. Must be a full year member to play. Non-playing guests are allowed (for a fee).
- d. Vaping at tournaments
  - i. Covered previously but will recommunicate to membership and tournament directors.

### 4. Old Business

- a. Discussion on amending rule for replacement of injured players early in the day.
  - i. Tabled
- b. Term lengths for board members and potentially staggering elections
  - i. Proposal will be put together and sent by e-mail.

### 5. Executive Session

#### Key Future Dates

- Yankee Picnic, June 11, 2023
- Nationals May 26-31, 2023