

# RCRL BOARD Meeting Minutes

March 9, 5:00 p.m., LTC

**Call to Order:** 5:02pm by Katie Sullivan

**Attendance (Board Members):** Katie Sullivan, Alison Scott, Mary Beth Meagher, Jen Wood, Jody Lorenz, Becca Hatch-Purnell, Sarah Raymer, Cathy Dahlem, Jessica Murr, Lauren Novak, DeAnna Wilson, Cindy Vogt, Laura Brown, Jen Root, Carley Rutkowske, Jessica Scheiner, Diane Calvaruso, Toni Peterson, Amy Scheinler, Tamy Holmes

**Attendance (Visitors):** Susan Florence, Bridgette Salmon, Jill Roby, Angela Clark, Ann Poling

**Reading of the Minutes (ACTION ITEM):**

- February 2026 minutes approved – Cindy Vogt & Cathy Dahlem &

**Financial Report** - Jen Wood

- Check was written for the website contractor.
- The league has added a few new registrations

**Data Administrator Report** - Jody Lorenz

- No update

**Vice President's Report** – Vacant

**President Elect/Secretary's Report** – Mary Beth Arnett Meagher

- Attendance and voting
  - A reminder that only Directors can vote and we need a quorum to vote on items.
- End of Season Event
  - The date & location have been finalized: Thursday May 21 at The Olmstead
  - The Save the Date was sent to all River City players was sent February 26
- Winners & Runners Up Gifts:
  - Winners gifts will be Louisville Stoneware mugs – the order has been placed
  - Runners Up gifts are being finalized.
- Genesis Tennis Clubs (LTC & Blairwood)
  - Genesis has stated to their home teams, that they have a 24 hour cancellation policy – an email was sent March 3 to River City captains.
  - Genesis has changed their pricing for USTA matches. The changes will be in effect for River City next year - We expect other clubs to follow. (Indoor matches will be \$22)
- Open A
  - We are going to create a committee to explore bringing back Open A
  - River City Racquet League teams and players have been growing in the A divisions (A1, A2 & A3), while the B divisions (B1, B2 & B3) are decreasing in teams and members. There has only been one new team in the last 3 years.
- Rules Changes for Next Year - Rules for a Vote
  - Qualified Move Down Teams from 30 - 35% (
    - IV. TEAM FORMATION (LETTER OF INTENT) AND DIVISION PLACEMENT
    - B. Division Placement of Teams and Movement (Percentage)

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- **e. Qualified Move Down Teams.** A Returning Team (not mandated to move down) which achieved **35%** or less winning percentage in the prior year **may choose to move down one division.**
- *Rule Approved for 2026 – 2027 season. (Motion made by Laura Brown, Seconded by Cindy Vogt, Motion Approved by Directors)*
- Cancellation Proposed Change (Due to Genesis Changes)
  - **VI. Match Play – I. Forfeitures – 1. Prior Knowledge:** If a Captain knows in advance that she must forfeit a court, she shall notify the opposing Captain of that as soon as possible. Court position 4 will automatically be forfeited followed by Courts 3, 2 and 1 in that order. The forfeiting Captain is responsible for canceling any court(s) with the club. The forfeiting team shall pay the court costs for any courts not cancelled **by 24 hours before the match.**
  - *Rule Approved for 2026 – 2027 season. (Motion made by Laura Brown, Seconded by Cindy Vogt, Motion Approved by Directors)*
- Warm-Up Rule Proposed Change
  - **VI. Match Play - J. Warm-Ups:** **A player must provide the opponent a warm up of ten minutes.** The warm-up shall be completed by ten (10) minutes after the scheduled start time for the match. No additional warm-up time will be allowed after this time expires. All warm-up serves shall be completed before the first serve of the match. A player shall not practice return of serves on her opponent's warm-up serves.
  - *Rule Approved for 2026 – 2027 season. (Motion made by Cathy Dahlem, Seconded by Laura Brown, Motion Approved by Directors)*

### Past President's Report – Alison Scott

- Slate Update.
  - Alison asked about the Mid Masters rotation
  - A few other divisions are needed.

### President's Report – Katie Sullivan

- Katie reminded everyone that attendance is important.
- We need to explore ways to grow the league. How can we add more teams to ensure league growth? Country Club summer leagues?

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### **Director Reports**

**A1** - Becca Hatch-Purnell: Solicited feedback from the A1 captains regarding 5.0s and the league.

**A2** – Cathy Dahlem: Final weather reschedule will be 4-17.

Encouraged directors to look at teams that may be effected by the mandatory move down rule.

**A3** – DeAnna Wilson: Nothing to report

**B1** – Cindy Vogt – Final weather reschedule will be May 11

**B2** – Laura Brown – Final weather reschedule will be May 6

**B3** - Carley Rutkowske – Nothing to report

**M1** – Diane Calvaruso – Nothing to report

**MM** - Julie Rose – Added new players

**M2** – Tamy Holmes - Nothing to report

### **A1 / Open A / Bluegrass League Comments**

- Guests were invited by Sarah Raymer to comment on the 5.0 player rules in A1
- The decision had been made to explore Open A, but the guests were allowed to share their ideas.
- Open A would be preferred with no restrictions.
  - Review the rules about 4.5s playing on top courts.
- Bluegrass doesn't like the picky rules in RCRL.
- Review the rules

**Adjourn (ACTION ITEM):** Carley Rutkowske & Laura Brown made a motion that was approved.

***Next meeting will be Monday, April 13 at 5:00pm at LTC.***