

## **ERPA Annual Meeting Minutes - Saturday, August 8, 2026**

Board Members present: Jane Jones, Denny Erardi, Dave Ahnen, Patty Akerlund, and Tom Helmick. Secretary Nancy Townsend and Director Greg Laatsch were not present. Patty Akerlund acted as secretary on Nancy's behalf.

Meeting called to order at 11:05 a.m. by President Jane Jones.

### **Approval of 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Denny Erardi and seconded by Karen Young to approve the minutes of the 2025 Annual Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

### **2026 Financial Report**

The 2026 Financial Report was submitted by Treasurer Dave Ahnen. The Financial Report is attached.

Because several significant expenses remain unresolved, the proposed 2027 budget will be provided to the membership for approval in September or October.

ERPA is now at 294 paid members. 72 non renewals and 68 new members. Last year we had 298 members.

### **New Courts Committee Update by Vice President Denny Erardi**

The New Courts Committee has reviewed 10 or more potential sites for locating a new 10 court pickleball facility. None of them have panned out so far for a variety of reasons which Denny delineated. There are two remaining and we've had conversations at some length with one (The Crossing) and have attempted to initiate for the second time meaningful conversations with the other (Marshfield Clinic vacant property). Denny assessed the probability of success with either of those at 25%. She asked the members to reach out to her or Jane with any ideas they may have. She reviewed the situation with some previously considered sites: the high school, the area behind city hall, the fairgrounds and the parcel that is available at Tamarack Business Park. A question was asked about the attempted pickleball construction in St Germain and whether we might want to follow up there. Denny indicated that she would do that.

### **Court Maintenance Report by Denny Erardi**

The courts are currently in need of resurfacing and repair. We have one bid for a bit over \$30,000 and are waiting on 1-3 more. Once those are received we'll review with some of our current members with knowledge of the processes what actually needs to be done and what can be delayed. The City of Eagle River who owns the courts has indicated that they are not willing to share in expenses without the participation financially of other townships, cities and communities who use the courts. Denny and Jane will be meeting with the Eagle River City Administrator, Robin Ginner, next week to see if there is any ability to obtain a longer term commitment from the City in order to motivate us paying those amounts of money for repair and maintenance.

### **Proposed Bylaws Amendment**

A motion was made by Karl Athow and seconded by Denny Erardi to approve the proposed amendments to Article III, Section C and Article IV, Section A of the ERPA Bylaws. The motion was approved by the required two-thirds vote of the members voting. Once the amended bylaws are signed by all four officers, it will be posted on our website.

### **Election of Directors-at-Large**

Patty Akerlund, Tom Helmick, and Greg Laatsch were the only candidates for the three open Director-at-Large positions. With no additional nominations, a motion was made by Karl Athow and seconded by Denny Erardi to elect all three candidates. The motion carried unanimously, and Patty Akerlund, Tom Helmick, and Greg Laatsch were elected to serve two-year terms.

### **2027 Annual Meeting Date**

August 7, 2027 was discussed as a tentative date for the 2027 Annual Meeting. The President noted that she needed to confirm the date due to a possible scheduling conflict.

### **Member Appreciation**

President Jane Jones expressed appreciation to the many ERPA members who volunteer their time and contribute to the operation and success of the Association throughout the year.

Recognition was given to members who assist with spring court setup and fall takedown; crack maintenance and other court maintenance; preparing the courts for morning play, including blowing off the courts and putting out balls and equipment; closing the courts following Club Play; TeamReach administration; storm cleanup; Cranberry Fest; the Memorial Day Brat Tent; winter play coordination; and the many other activities that depend upon member volunteers.

Special recognition was given to:

- Barb and Tom Helmick for coordinating the setup and takedown at the church, along with the volunteers who assisted them.
- Craig Skolrood for his work as the Up and Down the River Coordinator.
- Al Geiger for his generous donations to ERPA.
- Denny Erardi and Bob Radzis for researching the maintenance needs of the existing courts.
- Denny Erardi and Jane Jones for developing ERPA's new website and Facebook presence.
- Denny Erardi, Jane Jones, Dawn Chalanick, and Dennis Ragan for their work on the New Courts Committee.
- ERPA's seven Board members for their service and the time they devote to the Association.

President Jones thanked all of ERPA's volunteers. The Association's programs, facilities, events, and activities depend upon the continued contributions of its members.

### **Additional Items / New Business – Whiteboard System**

A discussion was held regarding the new whiteboard system being tried during Club Play. One member expressed opposition to the new system. Other members who participated in the discussion expressed support for the system or indicated that it should be given a fair trial before it is evaluated.

The Board explained that the whiteboard system is intended to provide a more organized method of court assignment and player rotation during busy periods. The whiteboard will only be used when all six courts are full and there are players waiting to play. The system had been used for only one day prior to the Annual Meeting and will continue to be evaluated and adjusted as needed.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Barb Helmick and seconded by Lenora Moses to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Patty Akerlund