

ERPA Board Meeting—September 8, 2026

Call to order at 9:04 by President Jane Jones. Board members present include VP Denny Erardi, Secretary Nancy Townsend, Treasurer Dave Ahnen, Greg Laatsch, Tom Helmick, and Patty Akerlund appearing via Zoom. Past President Randy Harbath also attended via Zoom.

1. Cranberry Fest: Date this year is October 3. ERPA will help bag cranberries on Friday, October 2nd and sell on October 3rd in the afternoon. An email will be sent out asking for volunteers. Al Geiger has been in charge of Cranberry Fest in past years, with help from Barb Helmick. Al is stepping down this year, although will probably still help.

2. Memorial Day Brat Tent: Jane Jones will chair this event next year, along with a co-chair, yet to be determined.

3. Winter Indoor Coordinator: Marita Schwartz has been our coordinator for the past four years. She is stepping down at this time. Ken Momsen has offered to take over as coordinator. Marita will train Ken and help during the transition period. Members of ERPA who play during the winter will continue to help with the setup and take down of the equipment at the school, which is appreciated.

4. 2027 June Camp. There were 18 participants this past year with one pro (John Sperling), and one assistant, Cassandra Rollins. The majority of students signed up online. There was discussion regarding information and opinions submitted by Karl Athow. A motion was made and passed to research various options regarding the 2027 Camp.

5. Whiteboard and Changes to Scheduled Times: Heavy Hitters (removed the suggested rating of 3.75) will remain on Mondays. Wednesday mornings will be open play to all. Feedback on the whiteboard use when courts are busy has received some pushback but, in general, the positive feedback received is enough to continue it next year. Up-And-Down the River will continue on Sundays.

6. Court Maintenance for Existing Courts and Land for New Courts: The Crossing development has been sold on September 3, 2026. Denny will follow up with the new owners regarding PB in the new development. Discussion about whether to continue the search for land to build new courts was introduced.

Denny is waiting for three companies to submit bids regarding maintenance and repairs needed on our existing courts. Each company has a different approach as to what needs to be done. It is clear the courts are going to continue to deteriorate and degrade. Randy Harbath explained what was done to the courts five years ago by the company Pro Track. The cost of the rebuilding/repairs was \$42,000. The city of Eagle River contributed \$12,500, and approximately \$20K was donated by ERPA members. The city has made it clear that no money will be given for repairs now needed unless the towns of Washington, Lincoln, and Cloverleaf contribute funds, which in the past, they have said they will not. Denny will write a proposal to the meeting of the Common Council to be presented on October 13th asking them to extend our current one-year lease of the land on which the courts are located to a five-year period. It would assure ERPA, before a large, expensive repair project starts, that the land will be dedicated to us for longer than a year's time.

Robin Ginner who works for the city, has given permission to double-stack cars for parking on the east or park side of the courts. In exchange, ERPA will ask the membership not to park on the playground side. ERPA will offer to have signs made and put up in the playground area regarding parking.

7. 2027 Proposed Budget: Randy Harbath explained how he and Sue Behrens did their proposed budget. After it was completed, it was sent to the board for approval and then sent to the membership. Discussion as to how to do the 2027 budget moved forward, considering a strategic plan needs to be made first. Denny and Dave Ahnen will meet to draw up a proposed budget.

8. Other Business: Greg Laatsch and Tom Helmick brought up the need for repairs to our nets or the need for new nets in the near future as the tape and netting are showing signs of wear. Nets usually come down in early October, weather permitting.

Jane Jones moved for adjournment, seconded by Tom Helmick. 10:28 adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Townsend, Secretary