

## ERPA Board Meeting - June 5, 2025

1. Call to Order at 10:00 a.m. All Board Members present. Randy Harbath, Bob Radzis, Jane Jones, Sue Behrens, Tom Helmick, Greg Laatsch, Patty Akerlund. Also Present: Dennis Ragan and Karl Athow.
2. Financial Report given by Sue Behrens. Attached. 27 new members at this point, out of which 7 were previous members in past years, and 20 are new people for the first time.
3. Proposed Bylaws Changes. Over the past nine months, Karl Athow and Sue Behrens have worked towards revising the current ERPA bylaws to benefit and strengthen the association for years to come. They have made a number of revisions. Tom Helmick made a motion to accept the changes to the bylaws which will be presented to the General Membership at the Annual Meeting on August 9th. Greg seconded. Motion passed.
4. ATP Camp Update. Advanced and High Intermediate are full. Intermediate is only about a third full. Karl and Laurie will discuss with John and Scott and make a decision on whether to make any changes in the future regarding the camp.
5. Establishment of Committee for building of new courts. Randy synopsized where we are at. City Hall and the Fairgrounds are no longer viable locations. Discussions with Northland Pines High School are ongoing. Oldenberg Sports Complex is still a possibility. Randy's recommendation was to appoint Denny Erardi as the Chairperson of the Committee to Build New Courts and have Jane Jones on the committee as a representative of the Board. Denny will be putting together her committee this summer. Denny will give a detailed update at our August 9th annual meeting. Sue Behrens made the motion to establish the new committee with Denny as chairperson and Jane Jones as a representative of the Board with additional committee members to be selected by Denny Erardi. Tom Helmick seconded the motion. Motion passed.
6. Court Maintenance - Bob and Tom. The railing was fixed. Our court crew is going to wash the courts and continue to fill cracks. Bob Radzis said he doesn't think we should spend the money at this point to resurface the courts, considering that we may be getting new courts. Thanks to Bob, Tom, and Randy for all of their work on the courts.
7. Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 9th at the courts. The Pavilion has been reserved.
8. Liability Insurance for Board Members (estimated at \$450 per year) - Sue and Randy. This insurance has been recommended by the insurance carrier. Tom Helmick made a motion to acquire this insurance. Jane Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed.
9. Replacement of Indoor Pickleball Nets (estimated at \$200) - Tom. Four indoor nets need to be replaced. The cost of each net is \$47.99. Randy made a motion to obtain new nets. Greg seconded the motion. Motion passed. Thanks to Barb and Tom Helmick for all of their efforts spent on maintaining the equipment for the indoor facility.
10. Yearly Dues Increase for 2026 Season (\$25 for single, \$45 for couple) - Randy. Dues will be raised starting next year, due to loss of revenue from the Brat Sale and the cost of liability insurance. Bob Radzis made the motion to raise the dues. Sue Behrens seconded the motion. Motion passed.
11. New AED Unit, Cabinet, and Training Video. Inside our yellow box, there are yellow stickers with the code to open up the cabinet. If you are on the courts and there is an

emergency, call 911. Then use the code (C159X) to open the AED unit. There is a 4-minute video on the internet. Google "Heartsine Samaritan PAD 350P American AED." You will be glad you did this if you ever need to use it.

12. Nominations for New Board Members and Officers. We have four Board members whose term in office is up in August. Randy Harbath, Bob Radzis, and Sue Behrens are not running again. The following people have put their names forward this year. Jane Jones for President, Denny Erardi for Vice President, and Nancy Townsend for Secretary. If you are willing to serve on the Board or are interested in any of the officer positions, please let any current Board member know. We will continue to accept nominations for Board Member Elections at the Annual meeting. Voting will take place at this year's annual meeting on August 9th at the courts.

13. Humane Society Donation proposal - Patty Akerlund. Patty proposed doing some sort of charity event in connection with our August 9th meeting. We may do something for the Humane Society of Vilas County — a wish list. The list of requested items would be posted ahead of time and members could bring some items to the meeting, which we would then donate. Another possibility would be the Vilas County Food Pantry, where members would bring some non-perishable food items to the meeting. It would be for a good cause and be good PR for our club. Whatever we are doing will be posted prior to the annual meeting.

14. Cranberry Fest - Al Geiger Chairperson. Al will organize this event again this year for Friday and Saturday. Barb Helmick also helped to set up the volunteer schedules last year. Many thanks to Al for continuing to do this!

15. Ladies Night Proposal - Move to Thursday night from Monday. The Monday night Ladies Group was considering moving to Thursday nights because there are more restaurants open. A vote was taken, and it has been decided to keep Ladies night on Monday nights.

16. Shirt Sales and Bulletin Board/Display Case - Lenora Moses replacement. Lenora Moses has graciously taken care of the bulletin board/display case, which is located at the courts, and shirt sales for many years. She has informed us that we need to find someone to replace her. It can be split between two individuals. If you are willing to help us out or would like to discuss these duties, please see Lenora or any Board member. Lenora is going to continue to take care of the updating of our website. Thanks, Lenora, for your years of service to our club! The Board decided that this year we will just have Lenora sell whatever shirts she has left and we will not order any new shirts at this time. We break even on the selling of the T shirts.

17. Membership Dues payment process options. Incredible Bank has been fantastic to work with. Some members have asked if we could implement an electronic payment process for dues. The bank said we could set up a third party. We would need to change the website and have an online membership form. There would be a 1% fee. This was discussed. No decision made at this time.

The meeting ended at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully, Jane M. Jones, Secretary.