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Subject: Notes from December Meeting

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Good Morning Racquetball Club Members!

We had a fantastic turnout for our first club dinner/meeting of the season and I would like to thank everyone who attended! Here are some of the things that we discussed.

Over the summer the club changed banks, from National Bank of Arizona in Sun City to Comerica Bank in Surprise. NBA closed their Sun City branch and the next closest branch is located at 99th Ave. and Camelback. After reviewing the options we went with Comerica bank because we were able to get a checking account and a debit card with no monthly fees. The club account's ending balance as of September 30, 2016 was \$832.78 and we have about \$320 in inventory of shirts and balls. Those are available for purchase thru me. Shirts are \$15, a can of 3 balls is \$10 or you can purchase both together for only \$20. Shirt size and color selections are somewhat limited at this time. We have some XXL shirts to sell for only \$10, which is at our cost.

We reviewed club rules and court rules along with USAR rules. There was discussion about a defensive player's responsibility to stay out of the swing radius (360 degrees) of the offensive players shot, not only to prevent injury, but to avoid creating a hinder. We also discussed the USAR hinder rules that specifically protect two shots. First, a shot directly forward to the front wall. Second, an angular shot off of the front wall directed to the opposite side rear corner. Those 2 shots must be allowed by rule. The shot directly to the front wall includes staying off of the side wall in drive serve zone when the ball is in play in that area. There was also a proposal made to change the club rule of replaying a ball hit indirectly into the net area above the back wall, from a replay/court hinder, to a sideout/point penalty. After some discussion there was no motion made in favor of making that rule change.

The membership voted in favor of changing a club rule that states "Visitors who are RCSC card holders are always welcome to play during Club hours." to "Visitors who are RCSC card holders may play 3 times during Club hours and are then are required to become club members." A "Visitor" is someone who lives in Sun City and has an RCSC Rec Card, but who is not a racquetball club member. I will be sending out a separate email with club rules, club court rules, USAR rules and member players' contact info.

We also discussed lockers for the restrooms, tournaments and the addition of Wallyball to our programs. As for lockers in the restrooms, that has been under discussion (and on our list of requested improvements) for several years now. It will take an investment by the RCSC, which to this point has not been approved. They are however now

upgrading the restrooms on the other side of Bell Center, so we may be getting closer. As for tournaments for this season and the addition of Wallyball, we are looking for 4 members to take point on these 2 projects. 2 members will be responsible for setting up and running the club tournament for this season and 2 members will be responsible for taking the lead for organizing and running our Wallyball program. In order to get these 2 programs moving we will need to have our volunteers in place by January 4, 2017. Please contact me directly by phone, email or in person to volunteer for either of these positions. I will be organizing and assisting both groups' activities and we will get started asap!

We are now collecting \$5 membership dues for 2017. You can find 2017 membership forms at the courts or at:
<http://racquetballclubofsuncity.com/communications/2017-MembershipForm.pdf>

The membership unanimously voted to approve retaining the current board members: Shawn Foulds- President; Isaac Bonifas- Vice President; Darlene Foulds- Secretary/Treasurer.

**Note: Please check your email address book to verify that you have my email address as: sndfoulds@msn.com . I no longer monitor my old email address (sndfoulds@cox.net) and have moved all contact and club info to msn.

Once again, thank you very much for your support and participation in our activities, as we look forward to another great season of fun and games!