

Board Meeting, Monday, October 13, 2025

2:00 pm Tennis Center

Attendees: *Kevin McHugh, Cynthia Fortson, Heather Jarboe, Michele Newton, Cynthia MacDonald, Bradley Martin (absent)*

Advisors: *Pat Pino. Absent- Joan Baird, Penny Adams, Pam Benson, Lilly Garrett*

Minutes: September 8, 2025 minutes were approved.

Action items

Board Position Discussion

Cynthia M. checked in with the officers and advisors to determine if anyone wanted to make changes or had suggestions for this year's board positions. Cynthia M. shared that she wanted feedback about reaching out to the membership to gauge future interest in board participation. She asked for ideas about what qualities the board is seeking in both new members and advisors. Pat Pino suggested we ask for candidates who are interested in serving as a liaison between the board and other community groups (i.e. Leisure Services, the ACC Commissioners, or UGA). The board agreed we will ask for board meeting time suggestions.

**Cynthia M. will send an email out to the membership to recruit interested participants.*

Treasurer's Report

- Kevin shared that we ended fiscal 2025 with a deficit of about \$1,000, due largely to reissuing two checks to Heard Park totaling \$670 from 2024 that were never cashed. Otherwise, we ended 2025 with a small deficit that had been expected for several months.
- Kevin reminded the board that we will be issuing a \$15,000 check to ACC Leisure Services in appreciation of the lights that were installed at SEC.
- AAPA received notice that the rent for the storage unit is increasing to \$149.00/ month (from \$124.00) effective 11/01/25. The incidentals (lock and insurance) totaling \$15.49 stay the same.
- Based upon our membership numbers, a budget for 2026 showing something close to breakeven is reasonable. Kevin will know more at the end of November when billings for the 2026 dues to out. Kevin recommended that the dues for 2026 remain the same. The board agreed to maintain the \$25/ individual, \$40/family membership fees for 2026.
- Invoices for 2026 dues will be sent out in Nov. Members may begin renewing in October. Cynthia M. will prepare an email for the membership with highlights of the AAPA from this year. The board believes this will provide updates as well as encourage members to renew. Dues for 2026 will be waived for Lilly and Gary as a small thank you for their continuing volunteer services as instructors for beginner pickleball players. The board will reconsider raising the prices for AAPA membership for the 2027 year.

New nets at indoor gyms/ Signage

*The board will provide 3 new nets to the YWCO and 3 nets to Heard Park. Vickie will research prices and share back with the board. Kevin shared that he will recycle the old nets via youth groups in Africa. He has a contact who can coordinate this donation.

Kevin recommended the board research possible methods of displaying the message, ***“These nets and balls were provided by the AAPA”***. Board members agreed to research possible means for providing this message at the YWCO and at Heard Park. (i.e. cloth attached to the nets, on a rolling cart that could be brought out with the nets, etc.)

*Cynthia M. agreed to make a flier with that message and include a brief mention of the donation of AAPA monies to ACC Leisure Services for the lights installed at SEC.

Annual Meeting

Pat Pino asked for feedback from the board. The board agreed that the annual meeting and picnic went really well. Everyone enjoyed the Pittard Park Pavillion and decided to use this location for the 2026 meeting. The board gave these recommendations for the 2026 meeting...

* Remind folks in the invitation email about where to park

* Put up balloons at two locations to highlight parking areas

*Continue to purchase the barbecue from Saucehouse Barbecue

Annual Parade of Lights Float

*Heather shared that the ACC Parade will be on Thursday, Dec. 4, 2025. She will complete the application for the AAPA float, and Vickie and Heather will pay the fee in person prior to the Nov. 4 deadline. Heather has secured volunteers to help design and create the float. They will meet on October 22, at 3pm @YWCO. This year's theme is *“Cooking up a great holiday”*.

New business/open discussion

ACC Commissioners' meeting

Michele reminded the board that the next meeting is on Nov. 4. She plans to attend.

Set next meeting date- November 17, 2025, 2pm at SEC Tennis Center.