

# Pickle Ball Membership Meeting

April 5, 2017

## Board Members Present:

President Craig Fraser, Vice President Ron Slagle, Secretary Peggy Holt, Treasurer Jay Messick, Tournament Director Gary Janikula, Training Cal Messien, Publicity Mike Gardner and Social Barb Peach. Absent, Karyl Freeman.

## Quorum:

Quorum established.

## Approval of Minutes:

Jay Messick moved, and Ron Slagle seconded that the March minutes be approved. Motion passed.

16 members signed in at the April meeting.

## President's Report:

Craig commended **Jerry Zimowski** for his continuing service to our club as our Web Master. We are fortunate to have his talents and efforts!!! Thanks Jerry.

Craig also made some remarks in memory of one of our most revered Pickle Ball members, **Harry Ramsden**. Members shared some fond memories of Harry and his good humor and what a great pickle ball representative he was. He will be sorely missed.

Craig also addressed 2 issues given to him by club members and reminded us that issues related to the club would best be handled if sent to a board member directly rather than brought through the Association.

1. **Dogs:** It was clarified that, as per Association rules, dog on leash and under direct supervision are allowed in the court area (or any other area). However, dogs may NOT be left unattended while the “guardian” goes onto the courts to play pickle ball.
2. **Guests** are allowed to play with a resident if he/she is present. If the issue of guests becomes a significant problem, the Association could change the current rules allowing guests . For now, however, we are all simply reminded to be considerate of our fellow players and to be aware that

there have been several complaints brought to the Association. There will be no changes at this time.

## **Board Reports:**

### **Vice-President:**

Ron has just returned from vacation. He checked in with Cesar about our outstanding issues:

1. The **shed** continues to be delayed because of the masonry schedule...soon!?
2. **Roller Mops:** 2 blue mops are on order and should be here any day. In the interim, Craig bought a blue mop cover for use at the courts
3.  **HOLDERS** for the mops are also due in soon. The question was raised again about the status of our request last year for **lighting** on the path from the courts to the parking lot.. Ron will continue to follow up with Cesar about this safety issue. **Benches** that might match the ones we currently have are being sought by Cesar. Susan Petersen questioned whether the benches would come with backs. More info will follow. Andrea mentioned that court 6 has a **crack** along one of the boundary lines. Ron will discuss this with Cesar as well. Cesar has continued to be quite responsive to our needs and we appreciate his efforts on our behalf.

### **Treasurer:**

Jay Messick reported that our current balance as of 3/31/17 is \$14,827.80. This includes the addition of membership dues as well as expenditures for supplies and the Championship tournament expenses. Social expenses have not yet been submitted. (See attached.) Mike moved that the report be accepted and Gary seconded the motion. Passed.

### **Membership:**

Karyl Freeman gave her report via Peggy Holt. As of 4/3/17, we have 460 paid members.

### **Social:**

Barb Peach gave the Social report. The first **Welcome Saturday** had 33 enthusiastic participants!! Craig and Andrea helped with the introductions and the orientation, and the event seemed to be well received by the newbies. A list of attendees was compiled and sent to the Karyl to track new club memberships from this group. Barb reported that there were some general complaints about tying up 3 courts for the entire session even though all 3 courts were not used during the orientation process.

Club membership is reminded that the 4th Saturday of the month is slated for continuing Welcome Saturdays.

In addition to the activity, other upcoming events include: **Welcome Evening Mixer**, April 19 from 5:30-8:30. (Pizza night) and, June 7 from 5:30-8:30 the **Summer Party** featuring a Mexican Theme. July 5 will be an **Ice Cream Social**, and October 5 will be an **Oktoberfest Mixer**. Finally, December 6 is the **Winter Party**

### **Publicity:**

Mike Gardner expressed thanks to Judy Panneton for her help with news while Mike was out of town. He, also, noted that the **Compass** and the **Senior News** and the **Lincoln News Messenger** have really helped out with good publicity for the Pickle Ball Club.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Ladder:**

There was no report.

#### **Tournament:**

Gary reported on the upcoming tournament. There are 113 entrants, and the final brackets have been finalized by a tournament committee helping with overall organization. The brackets will be posted this week.

#### **PB 101 Training:**

Andrea reported that PB 101 will start the first week of June when ladder play ends. Simon Training is on-going and successfully managed by both Andrea and Armando who have divided the sessions into a beginning and a more advanced group.

#### **Training Classes:**

**Beginning Class:** Cal had a very large group (14 people) last week. The participants are very enthusiastic.

**Intermediate Training:** This training is now being headed by Gary J. He has arranged for 4 additional volunteers to assist in this training! How fortunate we are to have these individuals to provide such a service to our club. They are as follows: Gary, Beck, Pete, Armando and Andrea will continue to offer training on the first and third Tuesdays from 2:30-3:30 and 3:30-4:30. This format provides an opportunity for more individualized help and different teaching perspectives!!

**3.5 Rated Classes:** Richard reported that the first class was held last week with 11 people in attendance. The session was well received, and it is anticipated that higher attendance will follow.

**Reserve Funds and Project:** The first meeting of their committee will be scheduled later in the month. Ron has been out of town for several weeks. There should be a report from the committee next month with an initial analysis.

## **Old Business:**

**Correspondence:** 1. There was a thank you letter to the club received from Jimmy Walker. 2. Jerry Z wrote commenting that we are still without more blue roller squeegees. (Craig replaced one, so we have 2 in working order now). 3. Mona expressed a concern about Rein's proposed Challenge Ladder. (this will be addressed as we review Old Business.) 4. There is a letter about a confusion between the rainy day court usage policy and the singles day usage policy. (also to be addressed under New Business) 5. Karyl Freeman brought up an issue concerning the court sign up board when one person moves up a square due to a vacancy occurring in the square above. Craig reviewed that it is perfectly allowable for the 1st person on a square below to move up if a vacancy occurs in the square above. This is not a violation of the sign up procedures.

**Challenge Ladder:** The operation of this ladder was reviewed and clarifications were made.

1. This is not a club event, and it will be handled independently by the teams with on-line score keeping.
2. The participants must be 55 or older, and a foursome is arranged by the individual teams of players. There are fifty- five people signed up to play in this activity.
3. Play is handled by foursomes signing up on the board just as any other foursome would do.
4. There are 3 brackets of play: Mixed doubles, Womens' Doubles, and Mens' Doubles. There are 5 women teams playing on the mens' ladder.
5. There are some guests playing on this ladder with a resident.
6. This idea came about because there are people want to practice competitive play with a partner in preparation for various tournaments.

7. Play can be on any day including singles days if they follow the singles rules.

Thanks to Rein for his work on this.

## **New Business:**

We received an inquiry from **Schaack Physical Therapy** about sponsoring the September tournament. A lengthy discussion about the concept/purpose of sponsorship ensued as well as the potential dedication of this year's tournament to Manuel Pick.

1. It was reviewed that the Wells Fargo sponsors provided lunches, medals, t shirts, and snacks. The expenses would have been considerable. The fee for playing was \$5.
2. The question of whether we want sponsorships and whether we want to establish written guidelines for the establishment of sponsorships was debated with no firm conclusions drawn. There were a wide range of opinions expressed.
3. Mike G. moved that Gary J. pursue the request from Schaack Physical Therapy for sponsorship of our Fall Tournament and come back to our next meeting with more information. Peggy H seconded the motion and the motion passed.
4. Regarding having this tournament to be dedicated in honor of Manuel Pick, it was recommended that Barb Bartly speak with Sue Pick about her feelings on the topic before we make any conclusions.
5. It was also discussed that a sponsorship might be good for promoting positive community relations.

**Rainy Day vs Singles Day Policies:** Ron moved and Peggy seconded that we amend the Rainy Day Policy about clearing the courts to exclude Singles Days. This was passed.

**Team Tournament** was introduced by Mona as a request made by several individuals, but no discussion was pursued at this time.

**Challenge Court Proposal:** This is a proposal that was presented by Lynne Fraser. Mike Gardner will send out the proposal for everyone to have an opportunity to review the idea and to send comments/suggestions to Craig or any Board Member prior to next meeting. Members are also welcome to come to the May meeting to discuss this. There was a **lengthy discussion** about the pros and cons of the idea and modifications that could be made. Some of the discussion included the following:

1. Use evenings instead of prime time due to the overcrowding already at that time.

2. Maybe done on Singles Days.
3. Maybe designate one time frame for 3.5 and above and one time frame for 3.0 and below.

### **Open Comments:**

Richard proposed that we consider **Singles Play Lessons**. He is willing to offer this. This can be discussed at the next meeting.

Craig is proposing a task force to study the **noise abatement issue** which is currently a deterrent to our need/desire for **more courts**.

**Mona** has access to a mosquito zapper machine if we want to use it.

**Lights** remain an issue for leaving the courts in the evening.

### **Next meeting:**

Meeting Adjourned at 5:20 Next Meeting will be on May 4 at 3:30 in the Orchard Creek multipurpose room.

TREASURER'S REPORT 4/6/2017

Checking Account Balance 02/28/17 \$13,790.46

Deposits:

03/04/17	Membership	\$225.00	
03/23/17	Club Championship	\$310.00	
03/23/17	Club Championship	\$600.00	
03/27/17	Membership	\$270.00	
			\$1,405.00
Total			\$15,195.46

Withdrawals/Checks

03/09/17	Andrea Mayorga	\$12.64	(Ice Packs)	
03/22/17	Scott Humprey	\$15.00	(Over payment of dues)	
03/22/17	Gloria Kostenko	\$15.00	(Over payment of dues)	
03/27/17	Jerry Zimowske	\$41.94	(Computer Services)	
03/27/17	Gary Janikula	\$283.08	(Club Championship Expenses)	
Total				\$367.80

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Savings Account Balance 03/31/17 \$1,038.29  
 (\$ 1,037.29 Mona's Recycle Funds)