

# Pickle Ball Membership Meeting

August 10, 2016

## Board Members Present:

President Marty Rubin, Vice President Ron Slagle, Secretary Peggy Holt, Treasurer Nancee George, Membership Katie Bloom, Publicity Director Mike Gardner, Training Director Cal Meissen, Tournament Director Rein Lemberg.

## Quorum:

Quorum established.

## Approval of Minutes:

Since there was no quorum in July, there were no minutes to approve.

## President's Report:

Marty reported on the contents of an e mail from Craig Fraser concerning two topics.

**First**, there was an important update concerning paddle noise level restrictions. At the last Properties Committee Meeting, Chris O'Keefe presented his findings from a study conducted at Sun City Grand. As the data was inconclusive, he recommended that **NO** noise restriction policy should be adopted at this time at Lincoln Hills. Chris and the Properties Committee would like to have the Pickle Ball Club keep them updated on the use of the new Onix Pure 2 balls. as it relates to noise levels.

The **Second** update dealt with skill level designations. These have been converted from letter to numeric values based on a 1-5 skill level range. Craig has converted the roster designations and has sent an e mail to the membership offering assistance in self rating. A lengthy discussion ensued. There was some confusion about the distinction between ladder rankings and roster ratings as used for tournament play. It was also unclear as to whether changing the skill ratings from letter to numeric ratings needed Board approval. It was determined that the numeric ratings have been used for tournaments the past 2 years and, therefore, no Board approval was needed at this time. It was further determined that there has been no change to ladder ratings. and that Mile Hilton can address this topic with the ladder captains. If there is a change desired for ladder play, Mike will bring a proposal to the Board for approval.

## Board Reports:

### Vice-President:

Ron reported on the progress of several facilities issues. **1.** There is still a large **gap** between courts 1 and 2 and 2 and 3. Cesar has ordered filler fences which will slide into U brackets. This will allow for removal if it is necessary in order to complete any court repairs in the future. **2.** Courts 4, 5, and 6 have smaller openings still remaining. These will be addressed next year by the Association. **3. Filler tops** to cover the cut off poles are still on order. **4.** The **fence panels** on courts 4 and 6 were missed in the last washing and this cleaning will be addressed soon! **5.** The **pine tree** above court 4 is dead and is scheduled to be removed. **6.** Court 4 has some major **blood spots** on it. Cesar will be attempting to find a cleaner to take care of this. **7.** Ron addressed a report that there has been **alcohol consumption** in the evenings in the vicinity of the pickle ball courts. We are reminded that the CC and Rs prohibit unauthorized alcohol consumption and that violations could result in serious consequences for the Association. It was noted that it is likely that the individuals involved have not been intentionally violating policies and will be reminded about the regulations. This is an opportunity to remind everyone that alcohol consumption is strictly forbidden without a permit in unauthorized areas. **8.** Finally, the **Simon Box/Cabinet** is still on stall. There are on-going issues with the contractors. And, Ron is still following up on this. When the cabinet is finally installed, Andrea suggests that we use a process similar to what the tennis club uses for training and check out of the ball machine.

### Treasurer:

Nancy George presented the current budget as of June 10, 2016. ( see attached) We have a balance of \$10,464. 59. Nancee noted that there has been very little action this summer.

### Membership:

Katie reported on membership. In her words, new membership progress is “dragging” !! We have 468 members with only 4 additions in the past 3 months. A combination of the heat and the fact that we have had no ladder play may be contributing factors.

In the discussion, it was addressed, once again, that members who come to the court as **singles** in the AM have a very hard time getting on the courts since **foursomes** continue to by- pass them on the board. Both new players as well as anyone coming without a foursome struggle to be able to play in this desired AM time frame. This has been an on-going and apparently unsolvable problem with many arguments on all sides of this issue. Many suggestions were made about how people could find their own foursomes: looking at the roster skill rankings to find

people in their skill level; at new member orientation, Cal and Andrea make suggestions for finding foursomes etc. None of these suggestions addresses the issue of people who still do not have a foursome or people who would like to play with a variety of members. Andrea shared an idea she read about in a pickle ball forum she belongs to. This foursome/single player problem is not unique to our club!!! It s a struggle everywhere. One solution another club implemented was a 2 day a week single only sign up play. The feedback from their trial experiment was extremely positive. Finally, Rein moved and Nancee seconded that we select one day a week-**Wednesday**- and run a **single only sign up** for that day. The **trial period** would run from Wed. August, 17 to Wednesday Sept 7. We would then evaluate and propose a next step. This **motion was passed** with a vote of 6 to 1. It was acknowledged that this motion is only binding on club members and would need eventual Association approval to make a rule change that would be binding on all players.

Rein will prepare a sign to explain the process and Mike will put out a memo explaining this decision.

### **Social:**

Sherry gave us an update on pending activities. On Sept 14 we will have an Ice Cream Social from 6:30-9. Home Spun Yogurt will provide yogurt and toppings for \$4.

December 7 will be our Christmas Party. The rising costs of the dinner and the party were discussed along with possible ways to mitigate costs. The Social chairs will gather more info and present a proposal to the Board next month.

### **Publicity:**

Mike Gardner reported that Judy Pennington has an article in the Compass covering pickle ball, and Channel 6 will also be running a report in an upcoming program. There is also an article pending in the *Messenger*.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Ladder:**

No report.

### **Tournament:**

Rein reported that the the Wells Fargo Tournament has strong interest at all skill levels except for Novice. He also requested help with morning coffee on the 26 through the 28 during the tournament. Several individuals volunteered once they know are about the schedule for play. This will be reviewed again at the September meeting.

### **PB 101 Training:**

Andrea reported that due to the high temperature most classes have been cancelled. She stressed, however, that if you sign up for a class and cannot attend that you need to be sure to call to cancel so that the next person on the wait list can participate.

### **Training classes:**

Cal reported that even in the heat, he had 6 newcomers show up. (4 returnees and 2 new participants). He said that the newcomers are enthusiastic about playing.

### **3.5 Rated Classes:**

No report.

### **Old Business:**

The topic of the **Sign up Board** placement was once again discussed. Rein and Barry worked with Chris concerning the logistics and costs involved in placing the sign up board near court 4 by the rock wall. The cost would be \$2200 and would entail the Properties Committee approval of the project since the cost is over \$2,000. It was decided that the board should remain where it is on the Court 1 fence.

**Onix Pure 2 Ball:** Armando reported on the use of the new balls. The response to the new balls has been positive. The only negative is that the balls get dirty and there is no known way to clean them without structurally changing them. They don't seem to break, but they do seem to be disappearing!!! If people have accidentally left with a ball, it is hoped that they will remember to bring it back when they return to the courts. Eventually Armando will try to sell the old balls to another club. He will order more of the new balls. We will need to keep the Association apprised of our experiences with the new Onix ball.

Mike moved and Cal seconded that we switch over to Onix Pure 2 balls. This motion passed unanimously.

### **New Business:**

No New Business was discussed, but Mona did suggest that new members in the meeting introduce themselves and make any comments that they would like to share. This was a very positive interaction.

Rein moved and mike seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 2:40.

### **Next meeting:**

September 14, 2016 in the ceramics room.