

# Pickle Ball Membership Meeting

January 5, 1917

## Board Members Present:

President Craig Fraser, Vice President Ron Slagle, Secretary Peggy Holt, Treasurer Jay Messick, Membership Karyl Freeman, Social Chairman Sally Coates, Publicity Director Mike Gardner, Tournament Director Gary Janikula, Training Chair Person Cal Meissen.

## Quorum:

Quorum established, and Board Members introduced themselves.

## Approval of Minutes:

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

## President's Report:

Craig welcomed everyone and announced that he would reserve his report until later in the meeting.

## Board Reports:

### Vice-President:

Ron reported on the oversight of the courts maintenance. **1.** The current lock on the cabinet continues to pose problems for membership. A locksmith has been contacted to come up with a solution for the problems. **2.** The new storage shed is still in delay mode. There is no time frame for completion. Barry asked about the size of the storage unit. Ron agreed to look into the option of extending the size of the unit before more work is done on it as it is too small to house much equipment. **3.** The new Sign Up Board and the court maintenance routine seem to be working well. **4.** The benches that Cesar was looking into for pickle ball use may become available soon. Ron will look into it and report back.

### **Treasurer:**

Jay Messick presented the current budget as of January. ( see attached) We have a balance of \$9,429.82. The balance not including the Recycling money is \$8,391.53. Ron moved and Mike seconded the motion to accept the budget as presented. After discussion, it was noted that the current budget does not reflect the most recent new member dues. Jay will amend the budget to reflect the current membership dues and the actual transfer from last year. He will report again next month on the full budget picture. Motion passed as amended.

### **Membership:**

Karyl Freeman reported that we have 537 members. Of that total figure, there are only 256 paid members through January 4. It was noted that dues need to be paid by January 31. Rein reminded us that the club roster will be scrubbed after that date, and a new roster will be developed on February first. Our web master, Jerry Z. will handle this process. Ladder captains will remind members of their respective ladders to pay dues prior to February 1 in order to remain eligible for continued ladder play.

### **Social:**

SallyCoates reported that she and her co-chair plan to meet with prior social directors to get a better idea of planning for the upcoming year. She is hoping to initiative new social mixers possibly including a monthly Saturday newcomer mixer. The December Holiday Party date has been set for December 6, 2017 at Orchard Creek. Other dates are TBD. They welcome any ideas from the membership.

### **Publicity:**

Mike Gardner will send out a general reminder to the membership regarding annual dues. He reported that he is working with Jerry Z. on updating our Website. If you have any suggestions for this project, please let Mike know.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Ladder:**

Mike Hilton reported that there are 244 members currently listed on the Ladder. Otherwise, no new news.

### **Tournament:**

Gary had no new report for this month. He will meet with Rein to get more information on the prior handling of tournaments.

### **PB 101 Training:**

Andrea reported that there is no PB 101 until the Summer.

### **Training Classes:**

Cal and Andrea ( filled in for Cal) reported that Wednesday classes are continuing and last week there were 3 brand new members in the class.

### **3.5 Rated Classes:**

Richard Norman indicated that he would like to continue to offer this class in the spring following the format that has been used.

### **Old Business:**

Craig Fraser initiated this portion of the meeting with a review of correspondence that has been addressed to the Board. **1.** Audrey Morris sent an e mail expressing concern about the disappearance of balls from the courts. She wondered if we are putting too many balls on the courts. It was suggested that over the holiday period many families might have used the courts and made the general tracking of pickle balls more difficult. Audrey also expressed a concern about spending more reserve funds to subsidize the Holiday Party. **2.** DJ had posed a question to the Board last year about the use of reserve funds to further subsidize the Christmas Party by paying for the meals. Craig wondered if we had responded to this question when it was first posed in 2016. It was clarified that the Board **DID** address this question last year, concluding that the Holiday Party was already subsidized through the club budget process. It was determined that the meals should remain the responsibility of the attendees. As the party is an event that affects only a portion of the membership, the club should not provide further financial support. This decision is reflected in minutes from prior meetings during 2016. This decision from last year can be reassessed if it arises this year. **3.** Sandy Merola also sent a letter suggesting that we consider a net cam for the courts to monitor activities at the court.

## **New Business:**

A new committee is being proposed to address the issue of the **reserve funds** and the budget process. Craig informed the membership present that Ron Slagle, Mike Gardner and Peggy Holt are Board Members who are willing to serve on this committee along with 2-3 members at large to be identified.

A lengthy discussion ensued about the entire Budget process including the establishment of priorities for expenditures. Review of the Club history concerning the use of reserves and the setting of a baseline budget provided clarification for understanding our current budget and reserve fund usage. Glenise Cunningham shared her experience as prior Treasurer. In addition, members were reminded about the survey conducted by Sue Jonas last Spring assessing members about their requests for use of reserve funds.. Ron worked with Cesar and Chris last Spring to draw up a visual representation depicting some of the popular project requests. This information can be used as a starting point for further discussion of project goals. Another issue was raised regarding how large our reserve fund could be according to Association regulations. Mike Hilton, who is the current chair of the CCOC, assured us that the Association no longer has any interest in the size of our reserve funds. (This had been a concern in the past.) Further, Glenise questioned whether our by-laws allow for a large reserve fund carry over. This should be looked into.

Mike Gardner moved and Sally Coates seconded that we establish a **Reserve Fund and Project Committee** to be comprised of Ron Slagle, Mike Gardner, Peggy Holt and 2-3 members at large. The members at large will be selected at random from a list of volunteers. Mike Gardner will send an e mail asking for volunteers. Motion passed.

It was also suggested that no decisions should be finalized without ample opportunity for input from the membership.

**Summer Ladder play** was addressed. Mike will meet with ladder captains and present their recommendations in February.

**Welcome to Pickle Ball Mixer** is being considered once a month. After discussion and disagreements about possible hours and number of courts affected, it was decided that Sally will come back with a recommendation for budget needs, hours to be offered and process for the mixer. A motion was made by Jay and Karyl that Sally will present a plan in February. Motion passed.

**Continuation of Intermediate Classes** as offered by **Barry Cunningham** was discussed. The issue of finding a frame was reviewed. Barry will get back to us by February as to whether he will continue his training. Barry was acknowledged for the huge contribution he has

made to the club with these classes. It was suggested that maybe an assistant might be useful in their endeavor.

**Court Usage during ladder play** was addressed. It was suggested that the larger ladder captains be given the authority to use additional courts at their discretion based on the court usage at the time. Womens' ladder already has use of 4 courts. (110 ladder players on this ladder) It was noted that the Association has no rule about how many courts can be used for ladder. There simply needs to be only one court available for open use. Mike and Ron moved that the ladder captains schedule 4 courts at their discretion, and the ladies schedule up to 5 courts. This motion was approved.

**Club and Community Expo** is being held on February 28. **Lynne Fraser** has volunteered to head this up. We will have 2 tables.

**Advanced Lessons** will be offered again starting in April by Richard Norman.

**Joy and Andrea** were again thanked for their personal efforts in establishing a Mc Bean Park pickle ball offering.

Craig also commented on the growing array of **old furniture** accumulating at the courts. Mike will send out a reminder to remove these items or they will be disposed of.. Also, he suggested if you use towels at the courts to dry the courts, please take them home to dry. Barry also suggested that the rollers at the courts be hung back up to dry after use!!

**Patty Mckirdy** reminded us that she is the **Sunshine Chair** and members should let her know of any sunshine needs.

## **Next meeting:**

Meeting Adjourned at 4:50. Next Meeting will be on February 2 in the Orchard Creek multipurpose room.