

Pickle Ball Membership Meeting

June 8, 2016

Board Members Present:

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

Quorum:

Quorum established.

Approval of March Minutes:

It was moved by Nancee George and seconded by Ron Slagle to approve the April minutes. Minutes were approved with an abstention from Mike Gardner.

President's Report:

Marty reported on the letter to the editor in the *Sun Senior News* concerning the Pickle Ball Club. Marty has an assurance from Chris that the Sun Senior News will receive a letter from a resident that delivers an appropriate response to counter the misinformation printed in the last edition. This information incorrectly linked homeowner dues increase (also an erroneous figure) to pickle ball club needs.

Board Reports:

Vice-President:

Ron reported that he has continued to work with Cesar on our facilities needs. All **fence post top caps** that are missing will be replaced. (the wrong size was sent, and they are being reordered.); **Misters** on the left are plugged and will be adjusted, and a control valve to slow the amount of water coming out is being sought; A new schedule for **cleaning** the courts on a regular basis has been requested now that the resurfacing is completed; A new type of **gate** is being sought to go between courts 1-2 and 2-3. Cesar and Kris O'Keefe are working with a fencing company to find a slide down black fence that would match the divider fence. We need such a removable, panel fence to accommodate large repair equipment that might be need for lighting repair etc; The new **storage cabinet** to be placed at the end of the corridor between

courts 3 and 6 is due to be started this month. However, the company that makes the steel doors has gone out of business! A new company is being sought for this; Cesar has also raised all of the **wind flags** to the 10 foot level; Finally, the problem with the **lights** by court 4 is being addressed.

Katie commended Ron for his diligence in pursuing our many facilities needs!!! He has done a great job of addressing and following up on our on-going concerns.

Treasurer:

Nancy George presented the current budget as of May 12, 2016. (see attached) We have a balance of \$10,815. Rein Lemberg moved and Peggy Holt seconded that the financial report be approved. Motion carried.

Following a question from DJ, a discussion ensued regarding the purpose of carrying such a large balance.

Sue Jonas suggested that we use the money to benefit all of the members and she offered to seek recommendations from the membership for possible expenditures. Thanks to Sue for tackling this undertaking .

Marty commented that we may need money for future facility expenditures. Craig Fraser added that such expenditures might need to include some type of noise barrier. Further conversation followed about the need or lack thereof of noise abatement strategies including the use of various types of paddles and balls.

Membership:

Katie reported on membership. As compared with last year's high point of 511 members, we have 462 members as of this date. Katie requested that the 2 boxes in the storage cabinet be relabeled with membership dues being separated from tournaments and parties. Rein suggested that online tournament registration continue in the future, thus eliminating the need for a box with paper forms. It was agreed that this is a good idea and Katie will relabel the boxes appropriately.

Social:

There was no report on the summer party held on June 1.

Publicity:

Mike Gardner reported that, other than the letter in the *Sun Senior News*, our other local news outlets have been very positive and have included good, cooperative and accurate coverage. (Mona's scholarship program from the bottle collection money's was highlighted, the sports editor of the *News Messenger* has been running our tournament news and the coverage in the *Compass* has been constructive as well.) Mike also thanked Joy for writing a letter about CBS sports for the *News Messenger*.

Committee Reports:

Ladder:

No report.

Tournament:

Rein reported that the Club Championship Tournament had 132 members participating. (a new record) The President's Cup also had a record 110 players participating. We have a \$267 surplus from tournament play which Rein suggests could be used for the upcoming Well's Fargo Tournament scheduled for the last week in September.

Rein wished good luck to all participating in the upcoming Santa Rosa tournament.

It was also announced that Rusch Park will open on June 25 with 6 new pickle ball courts. These courts are converted from tennis courts which were in disrepair and will be opened to the public.

PB 101 Training:

Andrea reported that due to the high temperature, the first 101 class is being postponed. She also requested that PB 101 be moved to Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00. Play will be limited to 2 courts if the courts are crowded. After much discussion related to all of the classes being offered, an agreement was reached by the 4 instructors. A motion was made reflecting that agreement. Mike Gardner moved and Nancee George seconded a motion to offer Richard Norman's **advanced class** on the 1st and 3rd Mondays from 6:30 to 8 pm; Andrea Mayorga will offer **PB101** on the 2nd and 4th Monday from 7-8:30; Barry Cunningham will offer **intermediate class** every Thursday evening from 6:30-8:30. Cal Meissen will continue **beginning class** at its current time slot every Wednesday at 1 pm. Motion passed.

Training classes:

See the discussion and motion passed above..

3.5 Rated Classes:

See motion passed concerning PB101.

Old Business:

The topic of the Sign up Board placement was once again discussed. Should we leave it where it is or move it: either back to its original location or to the curve at the retaining wall opposite court 4?

A lengthy debate ensued:

Returning the Board to the outside of court 1 would allow for easier viewing while players wait for a court. It is felt by many that at court 4 it is too far away and people spend too much time not knowing who is supposed to go onto the court. This actually slows down the transition time to get onto the courts.

Barry Cunningham proposed that changing the location away from both court 4 and court 1 would address the problems of congestion and noise around the courts. It would also make it easy for all to view. It was noted that the club could potentially pay for the costs of placing the board on posts behind the retaining wall if that was necessary. It was also agreed that the board would need to be set at an appropriate height and depth to accommodate “short” people who need to sign up.

Rein moved and Nancee seconded a motion to move the Sign Up Board to the corner of the retaining wall after the necessary planning is completed. This motion was passed. The Sign Up Board will remain where it currently is placed pending the final logistical plans. Rein and Barry agreed to be a task force to prepare a proposal with the necessary details including process, materials needed and costs. This will be presented at the next Board Meeting in July.

New Business:

Marty commented that the topics of responding to the Sun Senior News as well as addressing instruction time have already been addressed.

Mona Wheeler thanked the membership for contributing to the bottle drive which funded scholarships for several high school students this year.

Mona was also thanked for all of her hard work in planning, organizing and carrying out this important charitable function.

Mike Gardner was acknowledged for his considerable contribution throughout this year in providing extensive publicity to keep our membership informed.

Richard Norman reported on a new sanctioned ball (Onyx Ball) which will be available on August 1. It is smaller and lighter. It costs slightly more than our current balls but is expected to last longer. Armando will order 100 balls to try them out.

Armando also reported on the use of netting as a temporary solution to balls rolling between courts. Armando and Rein will work together to prepare a more permanent solution.

Next meeting:

July 13 at 2 pm the next meeting will be held at Orchard Creek Lodge, Ceramics Room. Motion to adjourn meeting made by Rein Lemberg and seconded by Ron Slagle. Meeting adjourned at 3:20.