

# Pickle Ball Membership Meeting

June 1, 2017

## Board Members Present:

President Craig Fraser, Secretary Peggy Holt, Treasurer Jay Messick, Membership Karyl Freeman, Social Chairman Barb Peach and Sally Coates, Publicity Director Mike Gardner, Tournament Director Gary Janikula. Absent: Ron Slagle vice President, Training Chairperson Cal Meissen.

## Quorum:

Quorum established.

## Approval of Minutes:

Minutes approved. ( Moved and seconded by Gary and Sally)

## President's Report:

Craig had no new report today.

## Board Reports:

### Vice-President:

Craig reported for Ron Slagle: **Court cleaning** schedule will be as follows... Courts 4, 5, and 6 will be washed late Tuesday afternoons. Courts 1, 2, and 3 all be cleaned on Thursdays, late afternoon. The **gaps** that remain between courts 4/5 and 5/6 will not be addressed until the new Fiscal year, after July. The **shed** is still in progress. The issue of whether there should be padding around both the shed and all of the fence posts for safety reasons was discussed. No conclusion was reached. It was reported that the **misters** will be relocated further back, away from court one as per some requests. The wisdom of this was discussed. It was decided that Mike will include in his Publicity Update a membership poll about the desirability of moving the misters before any action is taken. (As a reminder, last month it was already decided that the pressure of the mister spray and the plugging up of the spray outlets would be addressed before any decision to move the misters would be considered.) **Lighting** along the pathway is still pending as well as several other items to improve the pickle ball facilities.

### **Treasurer:**

Jay Messick presented the current budget as of 6/1/2017. (see attached) We started May with \$15,784.39. There were 2 deposits and 6 checks written. The ending balance is \$16,646.47. It was moved by Gary and seconded by Sally to accept the Treasurers report. Motion passed. Jay discovered a minor error on the reporting which he amended: The deposit was from the Summer Party income and the date was May 30. Mike moved and Sally seconded to approve the amended version of the budget report. Motion carried.

### **Membership:**

Karyl reported that we have 493 current members. It was noted that we have a problem that some people don't know if they are paid members or not. Craig wondered if we have a way of notifying people if they have expired memberships. There was no evident answer.

### **Social:**

Barb reported that there were 9 enthusiastic newcomers at the final **Welcome Saturday** on May 27. Out of the 9, 4 people joined the club!! There have been 14 new members joining after attending the Welcome Saturday activity. The **summer party** has 101 people signed up and will feature a Mariachi Band and dancing. Part of the \$35 charge will go towards the band. On July 5 there will be an **ice cream social**.

### **Publicity:**

Mike Gardner reported that there has been a lot of positive response to the story about Mona's scholarships made possible by the recycling collections throughout this year. Mona deserves a big thank you for her service!!

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Ladder:**

Mike reported that Ladder play will be at the discretion of the captains over the summer months, June-September. Elise and Sherry have retired as Ladder Captains. We will be in need of two women (or more) to step up and take over this huge ladder group. Mike will put something out before September to seek new captains. Thanks to Elise and Sherry for their service!!

## **Tournament:**

Gary reported on the **President's Cup Tournament**. There were 88 players; 48 men and 40 women. The **September** tournament will be a 3 day tournament on the 13, 14 and 15.

Armando will report on progress with the sponsorship issue being considered for this tournament. In October there will be 2 **Rookie** Tournaments held: Oct, 21 and 28.

## **PB 101 Training:**

Andrea reported that **Pickle Ball 101** will start again in June. Following discussion of this class and its purpose, it was decided that this is really a skill and drill offering. The name will be changed to **Skills and Drills** and is intended for all levels of play. It will be held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 3:30-5:00. (June 15 and June 29 will be the 2 dates this month.) There will be space for 16 sign ups each session. **Simon** will be offered on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 4 pm. June 21 will be the only Simon workshop this month due to the Summer Social on June 7.

## **Training Classes:**

Cal was not present for **beginner** update.

**Intermediate Training** was discussed at length. There is a great deal of confusion about what skill level should be addressed in this class. Barry's Intermediate Class was originally intended as a next step from Cal's introductory lessons. Gary has been offering intermediate classes with the thought that it should be a class for 2.5–3.0 players since it is called intermediate. Included in the discussion was a review of Cal's class. It is an offering available to any community member not just Pickle Ball Club members. It is purely introductory in nature. We, therefore, have a need for a true beginner class following Cal's Introductory lessons. Ideally, we could use **4 class levels: Introductory, Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced**. We will need to revisit the class offering options and possible volunteer(s) to offer training lessons for restructured Beginner and/or Intermediate Trainings. This will be discussed again at the next meeting in July.

## **3.5 Rated Classes:**

These advanced classes are continuing as scheduled with Richard and Mike.

## **Old Business:**

**Tournament Sponsorship:** Armando Mayorga did a great deal of research related to the expenses and offerings provided by Wells Fargo for our September tournament over the past several years. He presented all of this information on a spread sheet. Armando met with Dr

Schaack concerning his interest in sponsoring this Fall tournament. In the past, Wells Fargo has supplied food, t shirts, medals etc. Therefore, entry fees were only \$5. If we have no sponsors for our tournament, we might need to increase tournament fees to at least \$15 to cover the costs of the items Wells Fargo paid for. In addition to Schaack's offer of sponsorship, we also have interest from Caldwell Bank and Atherton Wealth Advisors. Using all 3 sponsors, would help us to cover expenses for running the tournament. Following this lengthy discussion, it was established that Gary will meet with his Tournament Committee and they will make a recommendation at the July meeting concerning sponsorships and the organization of the Fall Tournament. A big thank you to Armando for all of his work researching this.

**Noise Abatement Committee:** Rein presented a report on this committees findings. They have done a good deal of research including contacts with other pickle ball clubs. They are working with 2 consultants in this area for noise abatement expertise. Results and findings will be presented to Chis O'Keefe as another step in our efforts to expand our court space. The noise level of the current onyx ball will also be compared to that of the old balls we were using. In addition, Acoustafence material is being researched as a noise barrier on some of the perimeter fencing at the courts. The discussion also included questioning the heat levels on the courts as a result of using Asoustafence. The use of perimeter landscaping to help abate noise around the courts was also mentioned. Rein and his committee have made a great start. They will present further progress in July.

**Reserve Fund Project Committee:** No new report this month. Ron is out of town.

### **New Business:**

Mike Gardner reported on the free service, Mailchimp. This is an e mail service that allows us to send out mass e mails to all club members as necessary. However, there is a cap on the number of e mails that can be sent a month. (12,000 which is 24 blasts a month) The cost is \$10 a month to go to an unlimited number of e mails. Gary moved that we pay an additional \$10 a month for unlimited use. The motion passed.

### **Next meeting:**

Meeting Adjourned at 5:05. The next meeting will be held July 6.