

Pickle Ball Membership Meeting

March 2, 2017

Board Members Present:

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

Quorum:

Quorum established.

Approval of Minutes:

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

20 members signed in at the February meeting, and 18 signed in for March.

President's Report:

Craig addressed the topic of what our role as a pickle ball club ought to be in terms of supporting other newly proposed sports/healthy activity enterprises. A current example was given of the proposal made by the Activity Director for the Association that a new facility be leased to provide additional athletic classes for Association members as well as outside participants. Craig suggested that we consider supporting this proposal. This suggestion was discussed with mixed reaction. There was some agreement that since the Pickleball Club wants support for its facility needs, it would be wise to support others as well. However, it was also noted that the cost of the expanded yoga and other wellness classes would be raised considerably. (Almost 3 times as much per class) In addition, this proposal was initiated by an employee of the Association rather than from our community members bringing a formal request to the Association for expanding facilities.

Board Reports:

Vice-President:

Ron reported on various project updates. 1. The **shed** continues to be an on-going saga of delays. Rain has the bricklayers back-logged. 2. The **windflags** are also still on hold until the

rain appears to be gone. 3. **Roller Mops** were reviewed. We currently have 2 grey and 1 blue mops. The blue mops are more absorbent. So, Cesar is looking to provide us with 2 more of those. Barry Cunningham suggested that we get covers for the mops as well. 4. The new **lock** is in place. Members are reminded that the numbers are read vertically.

The question was raised about the status of our request last year for **lighting** on the path from the courts to the parking lot. Craig suggested the option of installing solar lighting along the path in the interim. Ron will follow up with Cesar about this topic.

Treasurer:

Jay Messick reported that there was not much activity last month in either deposits or withdrawals. Our current balance as of February 28 is \$13,790.46. (See attached.) Ron moved that the report be accepted and Peggy seconded the motion. Passed.

Membership:

Karyl Freeman reported that we have 440 paid members to date. However, we have 436 members on the roster. Karyl will look into the discrepancy and report back.

Social:

Craig reported for Sally. The first Welcome Saturday will be held March 25 from 11-1, and she will need volunteers to assist.

Lynne Fraser reported on the Club Expo Day last month. She mentioned that there was a lot of interest in Cal's beginning class and the Welcome Saturday offering. People took 70 flyers.

In addition Andrea reported that she passed out 8 new registration forms at her Orientation session on Monday March 1.

Publicity:

Mike Gardner is out of town.

Committee Reports:

Ladder:

There was no report.

Craig confirmed that the form for ladder play already has the reminder that you must be a club member to participate.

Tournament:

Gary reported on some changes to various pending tournaments:

Spring Rookie Tournaments: 3/4 and 3/11 were the scheduled dates. There were only 4 women signed up to play, so it was cancelled. Andrea suggested that these women be combined with the small group of men signed up for the 11th.

Club Championship: April 11-14. Gary asked for some direction on the pricing for entry fees for this event. Gary and Jay will take a look at last year's receipts and other info to finalize an appropriate fee. It was suggested the registration was previously \$10 for the first event and \$5 for a second entry.

Wells Fargo: Sept 13-15. Gary reported that Wells Fargo will not be sponsoring this tournament this year. Other options will be pursued. Andrea also suggested that we consider naming this or another tournament after Manuel Pick.

Questions were also raised: How is food handled for the upcoming Club Championship? (volunteers needed) Another question concerned the establishment of divisions for tournament competitions. Do individuals who have won a gold medal automatically have to move up to a higher level and do people who sign up at one level automatically play at that level? It was reviewed that in the past the tournament director along with a small, informal committee reviewed the division participants and made minor adjustments as necessary. It was also reviewed that the skill level divisions were divided by age when there were too many participants in a division.

PB 101 Training:

No new report.

Training Classes:

Beginning Class: Cal reported that there has been a lot of enthusiasm for the beginning classes and that several participants are planning to join the club.

Intermediate Training: Craig reported that Barry is planning to resume his training sessions next Tuesday March 8, 2017. There will be a maximum of 16 players per session. If there are more than 16 players, one session will be held from 2:30-3:30, and one session will be 3:30-4:30 so that there is an opportunity for more individualized help.

3.5 Rated Classes: No new report.

Reserve Funds and Project: The first meeting of their committee will be scheduled in April.

Old Business:

Correspondence: Craig read the letter from Doug Hinchey suggesting names for our single sign up days. (Wild Wednesdays and Singles Saturdays)

1. **Volunteers** are needed for the first Beginner Social Mixer on March 25.
2. **Club Assets:** A list of Assets has been compiled by Craig.
3. **Salsa Contest** on May 6: John Kirkwood will make salsa to represent the Pickle Ball Club.

New Business:

Guests at the courts was discussed. The Club has no control over who comes to the courts to play. The only requirement is that a member of the Association must be present with the guest.

Camps and Clinics at Lincoln Hills: We discussed whether we want to offer such learning opportunities at our facility. There was a discussion about the pros and cons of this option. Our facility space is scarce and outside clinic offerings would seriously impact usage. We already have many on site instructors to learn from. On the other hand, outside instructors have a lot to offer for our members' growth in skills. It was also mentioned that we have many trainings opportunities offered to our members at nearby facilities. Jay asked if we could make case by case decisions concerning whether we want a particular training. There was not a consensus on the matter of trainings from outside individuals offered on our courts.

Open Comments:

Susan Huch is a new community member, and she expressed appreciation to the community and the Pickleball Club for their welcoming spirit.

Next meeting:

Meeting Adjourned at 4:45. Next Meeting will be on April 6, at 3:30 in the Orchard Creek multipurpose room.