

# Pickle Ball Membership Meeting

November 2, 2017

## Board Members Present:

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

## Quorum:

Quorum established with 78 members in attendance.

## Approval of Minutes:

Jay Messick, moved and Mike Gardner seconded that the October 5 minutes be approved. Mike Gardner moved and Ron seconded that the October 26 Special Meeting minutes be approved. Both motions passed.

## President's Report:

Craig had no report.

## Board Reports:

### Vice-President:

Ron reported on the current status of the outstanding facility issues:

It will cost \$300 to purchase a **pad** as a safety buffer for our current shed (similar to the ones recently installed near the new storage shed). The **shed doors** and **roof** for the new shed are still in progress; **electric heaters** along the beam of the overhang near court 1 are being considered instead of the butane heaters; the **filler fencing** between courts 4/5 and 5/6 will be installed in the next few weeks; the **sidewalk lighting** on the path from the courts to the parking lot will be addressed this next week by the installation **solar lights**.

### **Treasurer:**

Jay Messick presented the current budget as of November 1, 2017. ( see attached) We have a balance of \$13,997.12. The balance does not include the Savings Balance of 1,137.90 (Recycling money and \$1 of Savings). In addition we have a new line item titled Tournament Reserve Balance. This fund of \$900.00 is from the tournament overage and can be used as the next Board and Tournament Director see fit. Ron moved and Mike seconded that this Budget Report be accepted. Motion passed.

### **Membership:**

Karyl Freeman reported that we have 551 current members. (up from last month's high of 537)

### **Social:**

Sally Coates reported that she and her co-chair held their final **"Welcome Saturday"** October 28. They had 12 attendees. She thanked Armando Mayorga and Randy English for their help in the instruction process. Several attendees joined the club on that day!!

December 6 is the Club **Christmas Social**, and after meeting with catering on Friday, she will get out an e mail with details for the evening.

### **Publicity:**

Mike Gardner had no new report. He thanked everyone in attendance for their participation today. Audrey thanked Mike for his excellent work as Publicity Chair!

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Ladder:**

No report.

#### **Tournament:**

Gary reported that the Rookie Tournament was the last tournament of the year and in March the first tournament of the year will be another Rookie Tournament.

## **PB 101 Training:**

Andrea reported that PB 101 will resume again shortly, and she will get information out with details. Simon Training, also, will start again soon.

## **Training Classes:**

Gary will be offering **Beginning** class on November 7 and **Intermediate** on November 21.

## **Old Business:**

1. Craig Fraser addressed **Member Correspondence** from the past month. **Jerzy** sent a message expressing concern about the safety hazard currently existing with the lack of lighting on the **walkway** leaving the courts at night. Craig responded that as a result of the upcoming installation of solar lighting along with the fact that our court lights have been set to automatically go off at 10:30, there should be adequate lighting for leaving the courts in the evening. **DJ** had a question regarding **funding** which will be placed on the January agenda.

2. **Election of Officers:** The slate of candidates was presented as follows:

Gerry Gates, Vice president

Robin Haney, Member at Large

Fran Brookes, Secretary

Mike Gardner, Publicity

Diane Martin and Lynne Fraser, Tournament Co Chairs for a 1 year term to complete Gary's term.

Sharon Davis moved and Marilyn Catania seconded that we accept the slate as presented. Motion passed.

3. Craig turned the Chairmanship over to VP Ron Slagle for the next portion of the meeting related to **presenting the Sound Study**.

Craig gave a description of the history leading up to the sound study, the results of the study and the proposal that the Pickleball club approve \$3,500 to contribute towards the installation of Acoustifence.

Craig reminded us that in July of 2015, the Pickleball Club requested that the Lincoln Hills Board of Directors approve our proposal to convert tennis court 5 into 4 pickleball courts. This

request was voted down; and, at that time, 2 issues were identified that would need to be addressed before any further request for courts could be seriously considered: **Parking** and **Noise**.

1. **Parking:** The Board of Directors is planning to deal with this issue. A plan to add up to 37 parking spaces at a cost of \$85,000 has been approved.
2. **Noise:** To address the noise generated by pickleball, this Spring our Board approved funding for a formal Noise Study to provide hard data on our actual noise level and to provide recommendations for mitigating this noise footprint. \* Measurements would be taken at 2 different points in the areas where the neighbor complaints originated. (Castleberry and Yosemite) \* The reduction of the noise level using Acoustifence would be projected. \* The difference in the noise level when using the he old and the new pickle balls also would be measured. \* The question of how the addition of more courts would effect the noise level would be addressed. This study was done keeping Chris O'Keefe in he loop throughout the process.

The Noise Study resulted in the following conclusions: 1) The **noise level** at the target locations was well **within legal limits**. 2) The **new balls** being used are considerably quieter than the previous pickle balls. 3) **Accousitence** would further **cut the noise** by another **50%**.

Although the the study did not indicate that the noise level is a legal nuisance, it is clear that the noise is an annoyance to those affected by it, and that the PickleBall club should do whatever we can to show that we are good neighbors trying to do our fair share to solve the problem. It was also noted that the Acoustifence has an additional benefit in that it provides a safety barrier if someone runs into the fence. (less abrasive and harsh than the current wind screen.) Finally, Craig advocated that if we contribute to the funding of the Acoustifence in order to mitigate the noise factor, we would be facing one less hurdle when we submit a proposal for additional courts.

The **Properties Committee** approved the concept of installing Acoustifence this AM (Nov. 2) and the proposal is moving forward to the **Finance Committee**. The next step would be approval from the Board of Directors. The total cost is \$10,000. Our contribution would be \$3,500.

**Discussion** by the membership followed. **Advocates** for approval of the funds included the concern about the neighbors who are affected by the noise as well as the hope that our efforts may lead to additional courts in the near future. **Opposition** included concerns that the fencing would raise the heat level on the courts as well as the concern that we would be spending money with no guarantee of any progress towards additional courts.

Vera Reynolds moved that the Pickleball Club contribute \$3,500 towards the total cost of the Acoustifence to reduce the noise level from the pickleball courts. Carol Nakao seconded the motion. The **voting** results were as follows: 68 yes votes and 10 no votes. **Motion passed.** Craig recommended that we keep in mind the heat issue and monitor that situation after the fencing is installed.

**4. Lincoln Hills Board of Director Candidates:** Three candidates addressed our members in a format of two minute segments during which each candidate presented : 1. introductory comments, 2. answers to membership prepared questions, 3. final statements. Questions related to their positions on Pickleball court expansion were included in the mix.

The candidates present were: Joe Stewart, Michael Deal, and David Conner. Two candidates who could not be there were: Denny Valentine and Hank Lepshitz. Craig read statements from these two individuals.

The information these individuals conveyed was very helpful. We have opportunities to hear more about them in the coming weeks.

At 5:21 Sally moved and Jay seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

### **Next meeting:**

January 4, 2018 will be the next meeting.