

Pickle Ball Membership Meeting

September 14, 2016

Board Members Present:

President Marty Rubin, Vice President Ron Slagle, Secretary Peggy Holt, Treasurer Nancee George, Membership Katie Bloom, Publicity Director Mike Gardner, Tournament Director Rein Lemberg.

Quorum:

Quorum established.

Approval of Minutes:

Nancee George moved and Ron Slagle seconded that the August minutes be approved. Motion passed.

President's Report:

Marty asked Lynn Fraser about the Nominating Committee progress. Lynn will select 2 people to assist in the process and will present a slate at the October 12 meeting. The elections will take place at the November meeting which will be held at Presentation Hall in Kilaga.

Positions up for election include President, Vice President, Treasurer, membership, Tournament Director and possibly Social Chairman.

Board Reports:

Vice-President:

Ron reported on the progress of several facilities issues. **1. Divider** fences and protective tubing have been added and or tightened between **courts 1-2 and 2-3**. And caps were mounted on the lamp posts. **2.** The **shack** walls between courts 3 and 6 are up...however, there are still no doors! In 2-3 weeks the roof and doors may be ready. **3.** Courts are being **washed** regularly. **4.** Court 5's **sagging** entrance **gate** will be addressed soon. **5.** The **sign up board** will be raised about 5" to make it easier to sign on. **6.** The **divider** fences between **4/5 and 5/6** will be handled in next year's Association budget. **7.** In addition, the workers doing cleaning between courts 1/2 and 2/3 have found it difficult to get between these courts and this issue will be taken into consideration when they design the divider fences between 4/5 and 5/6.

Treasurer:

Nancy George presented the current budget as of September 14, 2016. (see attached) We have a balance of \$10,451.06. The balance not including the Recycling money is \$9,764.15.

Upcoming expenses will include \$1,000 for new balls and \$1,000 for the Christmas Party. Ron moved and Katie seconded that we accept the report as presented. Motion passed.

Membership:

Katie reported that we have 479 members which include 11 new members. She noted that the new Wednesday singles plan is helping with attracting new members.

Social:

Sherry gave us an update on pending activities. On Sept 14 we will have an Ice Cream Social from 6:30-9. Home Spun Yogurt will provide yogurt and toppings for \$4.

December 7 will be our Christmas Party. At this time the Social Chairs are not recommending any additional club subsidy for the party. As it stands, there will be 3 choices for meals (chicken, fish or beef) and the cost will be \$30 per member unless someone wants the fillet/shrimp option which is \$41. Because they will be using some of the available Association decorations, there will be some savings on the total costs.

Publicity:

Mike Gardner reported that the correction to the letter in the Sun Senior paper has appeared. In addition, the Rob On The Road program will appear soon. There will also be an article in the Compass about Rob on the Road. Mike will let us know when the program on pickle ball is scheduled. Mike also thanked Joy, Mike and Richard for working with him and Andrea on the Channel 40 event. There was lots of positive feedback on this activity.

Committee Reports:

Ladder:

Mike reported that Ladder play will **resume** the beginning of **October** and will continue at the regularly scheduled time slots. The question of new member **ladder placement** was raised. It was reviewed that on the application the member can self-rate or request a particular placement. We are reminded that ladder play uses **3 courts** with the exception of the **Womens' Ladder**

because there are 2 very large Womens' Divisions. **Four courts** are used on Monday for Womens' Ladder play. (Two courts for each division are used.)

Tournament:

Rein reported that the the Wells Fargo Tournament has 120 players signed up. Craig is handling getting refs for the tournament. Additionally, Katie, Cindy,, Andrea and Mona will be dividing up food jobs for the AM. The time frame for the tournament is scheduled for the hours of 7:30 - !2:00. Lunch is being provided each day by Wells Fargo for everyone in the tournament.

Rein also announced that Rusch Park in Citrus Heights will have its first tournament at the end of October.

A brief review of the numerical rating system ensued. Craig has eliminated the letter rankings on the club roster, so the roster will include either a # ranking or a blank by the member name. For individuals trying to self-rank, he suggested that you compare yourself to others who you currently play with or see him for any assistance.

PB 101 Training:

Andrea reported via Mike Gardner that **Simon Training** has been hampered by the warm temps; **pickle Ball 101** has been full with wait lists, but there is a continuing problem with people on the list not showing up and not contacting her so that she can add those on the wait list! She also reports that she loves the Wednesday singles system for sign up.

Training Classes:

Cal was not present for beginner update.

Barry reported that Intermediate classes have continued to have a large turnout of 16-20 individuals. However, Barry told us that he will be taking a "break" from teaching as of October. We will need another volunteer to take his place if this program is to continue. He is thanked and appreciated for his huge service to our club!!!

3.5 Rated Classes:

No report.

Old Business:

Onyx Pure 2 Ball: These balls are on back ordered may not be available before November. In addition, there are not many new balls remaining as they are still going “missing”. (only 26 out of the 100 balls ordered are remaining) New ones are being saved for the upcoming tournament. Discussion was held about the new balls and their “bounce level” as well as methods of cleaning them. Ron agreed to work with Armando to pursue more info on measuring “bounce level” and on cleaning methods.

The **Wednesday Trial Program** on **Single Sign Up** was discussed: Mike Gardner moved and Katie Bloom seconded that the Wednesday Singles Trial be continued and a second day be added to the plan. After much discussion, Saturday was recommended as an additional day in an effort to address the needs of people still working during the week. The various pros and cons of continuing and/or adding time to the program were brought up and considered. The many comments received both verbally and in writing to the board were reviewed and weighed, The feedback from the vast majority of the membership was extremely favorable as to the benefits of continuing. It was acknowledged that there were times during the peak playing hours where standing foursomes could be disrupted, but over-all the benefits far outweighed the drawbacks and it was concluded that foursomes were in no way forbidden from playing on those days... They must simply follow the guidelines of court sign ups.

The motion was voted upon and unanimously passed. It will commence beginning October 1, pending Association final approval.

New Business:

Sue Jonas presented a report on various proposals for possible club expenditures from our budget carry over. She had 70-80 members respond to her e mail soliciting ideas as well as numerous personal replies. The following is a list of “wishes”: **1. Move the sign up board** back to court 1. (done) **2. improvements to the area around court 4!!** Several ideas were mentioned. This may need to be addressed with the Association as it would be a large financial undertaking. Ron will continue to discuss thoughts with Chris O’Keefe. **3. Supplies:** New squeegees and new hangers for water removal; bulletin board; leaf blowers; coverings for courts 1 and 2. **4. misc:** Pad more poles; more \$ to Social for more treats; use \$ for Christmas dinner subsidy; don’t use \$ for christmas Party.

Thanks to Sue for pursuing this survey and for providing feedback. These projects (those not already underway) can be considered in next year’s budget.

Ron will get a new lock for our cabinet!!!

Mike Gardner reported on the **CPR and First Aid** class options in response to inquiries about club members wanting training in the face of probable emergencies we may face on the courts. There was a motion made by Mike and seconded by Nancee that hat a CPR and First Aid class be offered through the LH Foundation and funded by the Pickle Ball Club for 20 club members. This motion was passed unanimously. This 3 hour class will be offered on November 2 and will cost \$400.

Next meeting:

Meeting Adjourned at 3:18. Next Meeting will be October 12, 2016 in the Orchard Creek ceramics room.