

Pickle Ball Membership Meeting

September 5, 2017

Board Members Present:

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

Quorum:

Quorum established. (30 members in attendance.)

Approval of Minutes:

Craig Fraser offered one correction to the August Minutes: spelling of Coldwell Banker is the corrected spelling. Motion to approve minutes passed.

President's Report:

Craig reported that there is a **New Owner Meeting** to be held on September 12 at 2 pm. He has been asked to make a short presentation about Pickle Ball. He will mention the Newcomer Social coming up on September 23, Cal's Introductory Classes and other functions of our club. In addition, Craig presented a proposal to hold a **Candidates' Night** for Home Owners Board Association candidates to share their ideas on "meeting the needs of or growing community". The purpose would be for the Pickle Ball Club to have a sense of candidates' positions as they might relate to finding solutions for the growing need for additional courts in the Lincoln Hills community. Craig asked for our thoughts on whether we should do this, and, if so, how it might best be structured. It was determined that we should pursue this opportunity. This will be placed on our November General Meeting agenda. The format would include each candidate presenting a brief introduction, followed by prepared questions solicited in advance from the pickle ball membership. Mike Gardner will send out specific information on how to submit your questions.

Board Reports:

Vice-President:

Ron reported on a number of minor items that are being addressed at the courts. The **storage shed** saga continues. The door is made, but no roof! Stay tuned. The **mister timer** has been installed. A plaque will be placed above it so that it is identified. The gate at court 5 has been fixed. Courts are still being washed Tuesday and Thursday. The **Painter** is going to be painting rails this afternoon at courts 4, 5, and 6. **Solar lighting** along the walkway to the parking lot will be installed next week. **Benches** for use under awning at court 1 would cost approximately \$800. The Association would be willing to purchase one. The club could purchase a second one if we wish.

Treasurer:

Jay reviewed our Deposits and Expenses for the past month. As of 8/1, there was a balance of \$15,783.15. As of 8/31, the balance was \$17,392.49. We have more money at the moment than was projected.

Membership:

Karyl reported that we have a record 514 current members..

Social:

Barb and Sally reminded us that **September 23** will be the next **Welcome Saturday Social**. **October 4** from 5:30-7:30 we will have an all member **Octoberfest**. Brats, sauerkraut, pretzels and apple cider will be provided. Come enjoy the social and pickle ball as well. The final **Welcome Saturday** of the year will be held on **October 28**.

Publicity:

No new report.

Tournament:

Gary reported that the **Fall Classic** planning is moving along smoothly. Coffee and donuts, fruit and celery sticks with peanut butter will be provided in the AM. Subway will provided lunch along with chips and drinks. These refreshments are for the tournament participants.

The teams of players are structured as follows:

2.5 rating has 9 teams; **3.0** has 12 teams in each of 2 categories. (Masters with an average partner age of 67 or less and legends with an average partnership age of 68 or higher); **3.5** has 9 teams in each age division; and **4.0** has 4 teams.

There will also be a **Rookie Tournament** in October. Gary is considering combining the mens' and womens' divisions into one tournament as a Mixed Doubles Tournament.

Finally, we are sorry to hear that Gary will be resigning his position as Tournament Director at the end of this calendar year. He plans to stay on as a trainer for the beginner and intermediate classes.

Committee Reports:

Ladder:

Mike has been receiving applications to ladder play daily. Womens' ladders are beginning this month. Several issues were discussed regarding ladder and some of these were clarified by ladder captain, Mike. **1.** No one may move to another ladder without the approval of a ladder captain. **2.** It is NOT the responsibility of the ladder captain to encourage people to advance from one ladder to the next. **3.** New members to the club can apply to be placed on the **ladder** they believe they should be on. If people don't know where they should place themselves, they could be referred to Cal, Andrea, Craig, Mike or another experienced member for help in determining their appropriate **rating**. **4.** The application form is on the website. **5.** In addition, anyone wanting to participate on ladder needs to be a club member!!! It was acknowledged that "it is **challenging**" to establish a clear rating system!!

PB 101 Training:

This is cancelled for the time being.

Training Classes:

Cal reported that there have still been people coming to the Wednesday **Introduction to Pickleball** class even in the heat!! In fact, he had 10 show up this week!! Yea Cal. Gary will resume **Beginning** and **Intermediate** classes on Tuesdays starting September 19. The first of the month from 3-4 and 4-5 will be Beginning and the 2nd Tuesday of the month will be Intermediate at the same times.

3.5 Rated Classes:

No report.

Old Business:

Noise Abatement: Craig gave us an update on the noise study completed last week. The results will be ready within the next couple of weeks. It is believed that the Association will pay for Acoustafence if that is recommended. The Acoustafence would be placed along only 2 sides, meaning that the court temperature should not be unduly raised. We were reminded that this process will help demonstrate that our club is making every effort to be a “good neighbor” and attempting to reduce our noise footprint. The committee members working on this study were thanked for their excellent efforts.

Election Committee: Andrea, Bonnie Paul and Michelle Carson are working to find candidates of the open board positions. (Secretary, Vice President, Tournament Director, Training Director). Currently, our by laws have a 4 year limit for consecutive terms on the Board.

Drop in/singles days: This policy which was voted on last month was reviewed in terms of equity between hours allocated to single sign ups and hours where foursomes have priority. Karyl Freeman will work on a motion to present at future date. It was determined that the newly adopted days and hours (Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 8:30 to 5) for drop in priority should stay in effect for a trial period before it is brought up for revision.

New Business:

No new business addressed.

Open Forum and Board Comments:

Craig thanked **Ron** for his service on the Board and his willingness to serve a third year so that there was not a new President and a new Vice President coming on the board at the same time.

Mona is officially resigning from her volunteer position managing the recycling for our club. She has provided a fantastic service for us and for students who have received scholarships the past several years as a result of her efforts. Jeff Greenberg will be taking over the recycling and will handle his own account. He will plan to continue to donate the proceeds to scholarships!!

Armando reported that the total # of hours available for pickle ball play is 15 hours a day. This info can be considered in discussing court usage.

Next meeting:

Meeting Adjourned at 5. Next Meeting is on October, 5.