

SCW Pickleball Club Board Meeting

January 3, 2023

Board members present Coke Schaefer, Bob Campbell, Pam Vermeer, Kathleen Derrick, Danielle Smith, Bob Bastain and Don Marshall

Meeting called to order at 0900 in RHJ Lecture Hall

Pam Vermeer voted to approve minutes of December 2022 meeting. Bob Campbell seconded and unanimous approval by board.

Membership – Peg Barcelo

At the end of December 2022 the SCW pickleball club had 1700 members. There was discussion about using temporary name badges while a plan develops to have badges in color with club logo. Pegs full report is attached.

Club paddles – Ken Holtz will continue to provide club paddles for members to purchase. Last year they cost the club \$40 each and were sold to members for \$45 each. Inflation is expected to raise the cost of the paddles. A motion was made by Kathleen Derrick to approve a price change to members to \$50. Don Marshall seconded and approved by all board members.

Treasurer – Pam Vermeer reports that current club balance of all accounts is \$148,273.79 **Secretary – Kathleen Derrick** had nothing to report.

FITS – Discussion lead by Larry Haas regarding upcoming FITS tournament, Snowbirds vs Sweatbirds and club championship.

Sandra Cook reported that 247 were registered for FITS. Sales of FITS tshirts have been slow.

Sound system at Palm Ridge – The sound system at Palm Ridge needs to be checked out as it is essential for the FITS tournament and Ball Drop and the system is getting older. Coke will send a CR 12 to the Rec Center with a deadline for inspection.

Food and beverage budget for membership meeting – Discussion to raise the budget for food and beverages for membership meeting. Food budget to increase from \$500 to \$600 and Beverage from \$300 to \$400. Motion to accept by Don Marshall and seconded by Bob Campbell

Rating System and Pickleskills – Discussion as 1.5 to 2.5 is full. Perhaps more sessions are needed. Volunteers are needed to oversee pickleskills.

Mail – PB mail has been going to Palm Ridge. It should then be put in PB club mailbox. Coke will speak to Palm Ridge to remind them to do that. We have a mailing address with a P.O. Box.

Continue with FITS tournament? - Discussion whether to continue to have the FITS tournament. Tabled until after March FITS tournament.

Volunteer Dinner – Bob Campbell reported that this is on track for January 19. **Court Scrubbers** – Bob Bastian reported that the new scrubbers are in but the Rec Center was delayed in ordering soap and defoamer.

First aid kits and cpr – Discussion about new first aid kits and who is to check them to make sure that they are complete. Eileen Freydberd reported from the audience that new first aid kits were ordered and arrived some time ago. Coke will be talking to the Rec Center to inquire about installing the larger boxes that were purchased last year. Bob Campbell will check with REC Center regarding having CPR and AED classes.

Danielle Smith – Activities coming up are Glow night on February 16, St Pattys party on March 17, End of the Season Bash on 4-17 and Cinco de Mayo on May 5. Also discussion on kitchen access for membership meeting meal prep.

Don Marshall – discussion on trying to make the court schedule easier to understand and find what members need for play. Training is needed in order to operate the new Ball machine. John Lemma takes care of that.

Audience discussion

-Guests are able to play 4 times before being required to join SCW Pickleball Club. -Perhaps assign the groups who play to

provide membership meals.

-Remind members to wear badges and sign in for all play.

-The Bracket Board needs work. The Rec Center has been notified.

Agenda and minutes for Membership meetings will be posted in advance on the club websight as well as minutes of previous meetings.

Motion to adjourn by Kathleen Derrick and second by Pam Vermeer.

Membership Report by Peg Barcelo

1700 total members as of December 31, 2022. A HUGE record... as past 3 years we were around 1550 members.

349 new members in 2022 which is similar to the numbers we had in 2018 and 2019 (pre-covid).

Total membership will of course decrease when members who have not renewed their dues are moved to a non-member status. In the past the attrition rate has usually been between 15-25%. Or 250-350 members.

1245 members have paid membership for 2023.

-We had 1150 members renew their 2020 dues during the Oct 1 to Dec 31st early membership renewal blitz. The difference between the 1245 and 1150 are new pro- rated members who joined in NOV and DEC, and a couple 2022 renewals that we also pro-rated. I ran the 1150 members through a program called RandomPicker that we use for the \$100 drawing. Do you want to know the winner today, or should I announce the \$100 draw prize winner at the membership meeting?

We have just under 450 members that have not yet renewed. The final reminder email will go out this weekend. Typically, we get about 150-200 Jan renewals.

At the end of JAN, our system will automatically drop the non-renewed members... marking them inactive. I will create a new member list and send to club-track for scanning purposes.

The CR-15 report will be filed this week.

We use Eagle Engraving for our badges. We provide the 'blank' badge ... which actually has our SCW logo and name. The engraver simply adds the member name and home state. We are down to less than 50 blank badges, and the engraver has been unable to find a company that would create them (he checked 3 places). Anyway, he said he could create badges that look like this... if we want to use them until we can find a solution... I think he will run out of badges by mid-JAN...so I'm not sure you have a choice unless someone has a contact in this area!!!