

SUN CITY WEST PICKLEBALL CLUB  
Membership Meeting  
Palm Ridge  
April 12, 2023

Board members present: Coke Schaefer, President  
Bob Campbell, Vice President  
Pam Vermeer, Treasurer  
Kathleen Derrick, Secretary  
Danielle Smith, OAL  
Bob Bastian, OAL  
Don Marshall, OAL

The Meeting was called to order by Coke at 5:00 pm. Coke made a short announcement that the Board will be more responsive to Membership questions and concerns during Membership meetings. Members will be allowed to ask questions/make comments at the end of each Membership meeting.

MARCH MINUTES

- A motion to approve the March Membership Meeting minutes was made by Nikki Hall and seconded by Ron Mullan. Motion passed unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Peg Barcelo

- Membership at the end of February was 1,636 and at the end of March was 1,685. New members who were present at the meeting were asked to stand and be recognized.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Pam Vermeer

- The Treasurer's report was given and approved. The report was sent previously under separate cover. The Profit/Loss report was also given.

FOOD CHAIRPERSON – Tracy Watkins

- Tracy Watkins reported that all meals are assigned except for October and November.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Coke Schaefer

- The Fun In The Sun tournament has been approved by the Board for March 5, 6 and 7 for 2024. John Click will be the new leader of FITS.
- Teresa Brown will lead the Day For Charity and the Ball Drop.
- Reciprocal Play with Sun City will continue. The reciprocal agreement has been signed by Sun City. Play will be in Sun City in December and February and in Sun City West in November and January.
- The FITS Medal winners and Club Championship medal winners were recognized.
- Larry Haas presented a Gold Medal to Toni Froese who has been the Club Championship sponsor for many years.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Bob Campbell

- There will be electronic voting for continuing with FITS, Day for Charity and Reciprocal Play. Voting begins Thursday at 10:00 am and closes Monday at 10:00 am.

OFFICER AT LARGE – Danielle Smith

- The End of Season Bash was a success.
- Cinco de Mayo is coming up. It will be a free event sponsored by Team Peterson and will be a pot luck.
- There may be some summer events for Sweatbirds.

OFFICER AT LARGE – Bob Bastian

- A big part of his job is putting up banners and taking them down. The banners include the FITS tournament, Membership meeting and St Patty's party.
- Court maintenance is done by the Rec Center and Bob informs the Rec Center what needs to be fixed. New rollers will arrive on Monday for Sands Courts. Last fall Bob had a "Walk Through" at Liberty with Rec Center representatives. It was determined that new wind screens were needed. Those should be here by July.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Kathleen Derrick

- Kathleen reminded members to please state their names slowly and clearly when they are recognized.
- She has had some computer issues and will try to post minutes in a timely manner.

OFFICER AT LARGE – Don Marshall

- Don noted that the 75+ group will have new hours. They will play from 10:30 to 12:00 on Friday at Liberty.
- Kuentz courts will be taken off the schedule so if you want to play at Kuentz you must call the Kuentz Center directly.
- Indoor courts will not be available for summer play.
- The Ball machines will both be able to be reserved online. Currently only the Lobster is available online.
- The Summer Schedule is ready to be published and begins May 1.
- Don is already working on the Fall schedule. A Scheduling Working Group will meet April 19 at 0:900 am.
- Rumor Control - There *WILL* still be DropIn play. Don keeps getting emails and wishes to stop the rumor that DropIn is being eliminated.
- Ball Machine instructors are needed. If you are interested in doing this, please email Don.
- Please keep the courts clean and neat. The Coordinators will be responsible for making sure the gathering areas are clean, trash is picked up and chairs pushed in.

NEW BUSINESS – Don Marshall

- Court expansion proposal – Pickleball play is exploding across the US and expanding rapidly in SCW. A proposal has been made to expand the number of PB courts in SCW.
- Step 1
  - CR 13 – This is a temporary solution to expand PB in SCW. It involves striping the six west tennis courts at RHJ for dual use to make 15 PB courts.
  - This can be done quickly and at a relatively low cost.
- Step 2
  - CR 13A - This is a permanent solution and would likely be implemented in Fiscal year 2025.

- It would give us 23 dedicated PB courts at RHJ. This includes converting the temporary RHJ courts into permanent PB courts.
- CR 13 – A Motion was made by Larry Haas and seconded by Nikki Hall. Don read the CR 13 as proposed. The PB club is to provide temporary nets at a cost of \$5,000. The estimated cost for this project is \$6,500.
  - The floor was open for comments by the membership. discussion followed.
  - Eileen Freydborg made a motion to end the discussion and move forward to the vote. Seconded by Sandra Witt.
  - The proposal for CR 13 was passed by the membership.
- CR 13A – This is a long term and permanent fix. It will provide 23 permanent courts at RHJ for PB use. This would involve resurfacing and painting of the courts; procuring and installing nets; adding fencing, lighting, gates and shade coverings and procuring tables, chairs and umbrellas. The estimated cost is \$600,000.
  - The floor was open for comments by the membership.
  - Kathy Russler made a motion to approve CR 13A. It was Seconded by Bruce Leas.
  - Proposal for CR 13A passed by the membership.

The motions were passed for CR 13 and CR 13A and now will be put before the Rec Center. The Governing Board will make the final determination.

#### NEW BUSINESS – Open to the membership

- There was a safety issue discussed regarding a sharp pin on the Palm Ridge doors.
- Paddle holders on the courts at Liberty have a sharp edge.
- A “Thank You” was made for the successful FITS tournament and to all who came out to support the players.
- First Aid kits are out of Band Aids.
- Recognition to Bruce Wray and Ken Holtz for their dedication to Pickleskills.

Motion to adjourn was made by John Hall and seconded by Bruce Leas. The motion was passed unanimously.