

**SUN CITY WEST PICKLEBALL CLUB**  
**Membership Meeting**  
**Palm Ridge**  
**February 8, 2023**  
**5:00pm**

Board member present: Coke Schaefer, Bob Campbell, Kathleen Derrick, Bob Bastian, Pam Vermeer, Don Marshall

Meeting called to order at 5:00pm by president Coke Schaefer

Motion by Dick Rhoades to approve January 2023 membership meeting minutes. Second by Bruce Leas. Passed Unanimously.

TREASURERS REPORT – Treasurers report given and approved. Reports sent previously under separate cover.

John Clicks' group audited the Club books and determined that they are in good order.

FITS tshirt sales have gone well and we have \$1175 from that sale. Pam suggested that the club donate that amount to the SCW Foundation. Motion by Donna Maloney and second by Gwen Rhoades. Passed unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Peg Barcelo reported that we had 124 new members in January. If membership dues were not paid by the end of January the member is marked as Inactive so we have lost 261 of those members. Some will end up paying their dues and be counted back in. So, current membership is 1563. Peg submitted membership names to the RC Board. There is some confusion as the Board only send back a membership number and not a name and Peg must match the number to the name. She has found a few errors so until she checks it all and fixes it a few members may not be able to swipe their badges. New badges will be ready in a few weeks. Members should check the green mailbox at Liberty as it is full of unclaimed badges.

FITS TOURNAMENT – Sandra Cook states that it will be held March 7, 8 and 9. Registration numbers are up and open until February 20. The fee is \$75. The Ball Drop will be on Tuesday, March 7. There will be a “Food Truck Frenzy” during the FITS tournament.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP – Larry Haas reports that this will be held March 23, 24 and 25. He would like to see more 2.0, 2.5, 3.0 and 75+ players sign up. For the 75+ or any group your age is what you will be on December 31, 2023. If you need a partner, please check the club website under “Find my Partner”.

CHARITY BUCKET RAFFLE – Ken Holtz and friends are selling Raffle tickets prior to this meeting. The article raffled include Rackets, gift certificates, gift basket and more. The drawing will be after the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP FOOD COMMITTEE – Tracy Watkins and Audrey Hannon said that there are only 8 meeting a year that require a meal. They already have 4 groups volunteer to provide the meal and if there are no volunteers they will be calling group coordinators and schedule a meeting date for them. Food budget is \$600.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT** – Coke reported that John Costa left a blue tooth speaker on the courts at Liberty. If you found it or know who did please call John.

**Heroes** – This month we are recognizing 2 members who came to the rescue of another member who went into full cardiac arrest while playing with Racketeers. Our heroes are Dr Rebecca Tolby and paramedic Scott Swanson. The player who was down is recovering after open heart surgery and will soon start cardiac rehab.

**SCHEDULE CHANGES AT PALM RIDGE** – Don Marshall will assign unused DropIn courts to the 75+ group. They have 60+ people show up to play and were assigned 5 courts at Sands. Some of the DropIn courts have been assigned to them. Coke mentioned that she promised change to make things more fair for all. There won't be any more changes until the fall schedule. We have nearly 1600 members and know that not everyone will be happy with every change but she promised to do her best.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR BEGINNERS** – The Club newsletter recently asked for volunteers to help beginners learn to play. They will assist Dick Morford and Jack Hadley with Intro to Pickleball Round Robin DropIn on Wednesdays and Sundays at 4pm beginning February 19.

**SUN CITY WEST PRIDES** – They are celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a parade and have invited clubs to participate with a decorated car or golf cart. It will be held March 3 at 11am. If interested please contact Coke.

**VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT** – Bob Campbell reported that he is trying to make AED/CPR available to all members. He has contacted the local Fire department and planning to begin in March.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** – Kathleen Derrick asked members to please slowly and clearly say their name so their questions/comments will be correctly identified.

**OAL** – Bob Bastian has nothing to report.

**OAL** – Danielle Smith is absent but Coke reminded members that there are some fun activities coming up. Glo Night will be February 16 and sponsored by Eileen Freydborg. Be sure to sign up. Also St Pattys day will be celebrated March 17 and the End of the Season Bash is April 7 and sponsored by Prime Wealth. Cinco de Mayo is May 5 and sponsored by Team Peterson. Check the newsletter for upcoming sign up information.

**OAL** – Don Marshall asked that if you reserve a court and don't need it please cancel the reservation so others can play. Also if a group is playing on reserved courts and doesn't need one or more of those courts it should be offered to other players but must be returned if the group later needs it.

Court closures for cleaning begins soon. Sand will close February 26 in the morning. Liberty courts 1-10 will close February 27 and courts 11-18 will close February 28.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Nancy Dobbins commented about Friday DropIns. She says that she is there every Friday and the DropIns are always utilized. Also she says, the Club rules state that DropIns are a priority. She questions if the Board voted on this change. Don Marshall replied that a working group consisting of group coordinators met and discussed court utilization. It was determined that a lot of the DropIn courts were not being used. Don, being a new Board member, did not realize that Board approval was required. The Board did approve but not during a Board meeting.

Joyce Brainard is coordinator of 75 + and reminded members that her group was first sent to Koontz to play on that poor surface. She appreciates the new court assignment at Liberty.

Marcy Kauffman is happy that 75+ finally has enough courts but feels that utilization should have been better reviewed before making changes. She believes that Monday, Wednesday and Friday

are busy days. She feels that taking away 10 DropIn courts is a big change and the decision was made too quickly. Don replied that for the fall schedule he will be looking closely at court usage. Coke replied that on Friday from 8am to 10am there are still 18 DropIn courts and reduced to 8 courts at 10am.

Brenda Baga reports that she is a snowbird and said that DropIns is the only thing she can do when here for a short time. She said she felt that she didn't feel part of the community until she met people at DropINs. Coke pointed out that there are many groups that would welcome her.

Ronnie Ward went to skills yesterday and feels like it was very welcoming and well put together. She said people pulled you in and asked if you wanted to play and made her feel welcome.

John Hall spoke of the 2.0 to 2.5 Novice group that meets 3 times per week and welcomes new players. No one is turned away.

Meal this evening is provided by Ladies Ladder. New members are to go first. Dessert provided by Prime Wealth Management.

Motion to adjourn by Chuck Saunders and second by Lucy Ward.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Derrick