

SUN CITY WEST PICKLEBALL CLUB

Membership meeting

Palm Ridge

March 15, 2023

5:00pm

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

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

Motion to approve February minutes by Donna Maloney and seconded by Lucy Ward. Passed unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Peg Barcelo was unable to be at the meeting so Coke Schaefer gave a brief summary. At the end of January the total membership was 1,563. In February we gained 52 new members and 29 renewals bringing the end of February total to 1,636. Several new members were present and recognized.

AFC – BALL DROP – FITS

Ken Holtz reported that our charity events were a huge success. The title sponsor is Prime Wealth Advisors

Ball Drop – Sponsors include Saini Smiles, SCW Foundation, PORA and Prime Wealth Advisors. There were 19 additional sponsors including Club members Eileen Freyberg of Home Smart Realty, Toni Froese of Home Realty Larry Ott of Larry Ott Realty and Team Peterson Realty

Ball Drop – The Ball Drop raised \$56,324 this year. That brings a total of \$223,000 raised for charity since inception. Ken thanked the volunteers who made this possible. Next year, Teresa Brown will head the Ball Drop. Ken was thanked for his leadership in making the Ball Drop a success.

FITS tournament – Sandra Cook reported that there were 3 days of fantastic Pickleball Competition with 375 registered players and 500 games played. She wished to recognize the following volunteers: Barb Zeman, Kathleen and Tom Doody, Bill Spiller, Bill and Darrel Craft, Trent and Wendy Wright, Wayne and Benita Rancourt, Margie Haas, Jan Dominick, Brenda Sloan, Karen Krenik, Carol Andrus, Deb Allen, Ken Holtz, Susan Moy, John Myrick, Jerry Huntley, Kathy and Dennis Russler and Lonne Kaufman. Coke then thanked Sandra Cook and all of our volunteers for their efforts. The SCW Rec Center was thanked for setting up for the events. Larry Haas reported that for FITS we had 34 medalists; 17 gold and 2 double gold

Coke stated there has been no discussion on next years FITS tournament. This meeting is the first time that Board members have heard the final review from Larry and Sandra. The Board will be discussing the FITS tournament at their next meeting. The membership may attend. The entire membership will have the opportunity to vote on proposed options. There is no option for making FITS 75+ only.

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 given.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP – Larry Haas

He currently has more volunteers than players. 117 teams have registered (last year it was 151). He would like to have additional teams which would include 1.5, 2.0 and 2.5 players. If interested please sign up. The registration is free.

MEAL CHAIRPERSON – Tracy is unable to attend but Coke said that the only two meetings this year that still need meal volunteers are May and November.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Coke Schaefer

The new umbrellas have arrived and will soon be placed. In the event of inclement weather please close any open umbrellas so they don't get damaged. In the unlikely situation that you have to move the umbrellas be aware that it is a 2 step process. Take the umbrella out of the stand and remove the umbrella and stand separately.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – BOB Campbell

CPR/AED training was completed yesterday with 24 people being instructed by Assistant Fire Marshall John A. Teixeira of the Arizona Fire and Medical Authority. Nikki Hall wonders why coordinators were not the first ones offered the CPR training. Bob said it was offered first come/first served.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Kathleen Derrick

Nothing to Report

OFFICER AT LARGE – Bob Bastian

Nothing to report.

OFFICER AT LARGE – Danielle Smith

There are several upcoming events

St. Patricks Day party (March 17) sponsored by Eileen Freydburg will feature open play, hot dogs, costume contest and Irish Bingo.

End of Season Bash (April 7) sponsored by Prime Wealth Advisors will feature a band (Still Above Ground).

Cinco de Mayo (May 5) will be a Pot Luck.

Volunteers are needed so check the Newsletter for volunteer opportunities.

OFFICER AT LARGE – Don Marshall

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike Regnier was introduced as the new Newsletter Coordinator.

He thanked Wendy Wright for her previous efforts and dedication. If you are a new member you will need to subscribe to the Newsletter. Contact Mike.

Coke asked that all comments relate to the agenda.

Marcy Kaufman asked about upcoming changes. Coke said there is an upcoming workshop in April and all members are welcome to attend.

Ginger Blaisdell has an issue about court etiquette and reminded members to be kind and respectful to all players. She also asked if a paid professional can teach lessons on our courts. Coke said she believed there is a Rec Center Rule which prohibits it. Bruce Wray states that we have had paid professionals give lessons and demos previously. The RecCenter has the necessary paperwork. She also wondered who stocks the First Aid Kits. Coke indicated that there is a new Safety Officer who will be doing that.

Brenda Baga wondered how items are put on the agenda. Coke said to call her or submit an email request.

Linda Simons asked that the new Safety Officer's name and phone number be placed inside the First Aid Kits so that she can be contacted when supplies are used.

Jane Spiller had a question about court etiquette. Coke said that Court Etiquette rules will be posted in the Newsletter.

Bill Lehtonin stated that new business includes items that are not on the agenda.

Paula Fochesato reminded players to register for the Membership meeting by the Sunday prior so we have an accurate head count for food. This has been an ongoing problem.

Shelly Hilton asked what the procedure is for open play when a person wants to get on the court during DropIn play. Don Marshall stated that if no paddles are on the gate you are not required to leave the court. Don said it's posted in large print on the Message Board at the courts.

The meal tonight provided by Elle's Angels and dessert provided by Prime Wealth Advisors

Motion to adjourn by Mike Yellen and second by Bruce Leas.