

**SCW PICKLEBALL CLUB**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
RHJ Lecture Hall  
October 5, 2023

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

Meeting called to order by President Coke Schaefer at 09:00 am. Coke asked that cell phones be silenced.

The meeting was moved from the Stampede Room to the RHJ Lecture Hall due to many members in attendance.

**Approval of Minutes**

- A motion to approve the September Board Meeting Minutes was made by Don Marshall and seconded by Bob Bastian. Motion passed.
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**Court Monitor – Kasey Huhta**

- Kasey indicated that there was a problem with people using the Liberty PB courts who are not residents of Sun City West so the Club will need to start monitoring soon. There is a poster on the court indicating who may use the club courts. The SCW PB club will need to supply their own monitors. The first step is to appoint a monitor coordinator.

**Membership Report - Peg Barcello**

- Current membership is 1,765.s
- Ann Johnson has decided not to assist with Membee. Assistants will now be Kathleen and Tom Doody.
- Early Bird renewal notices have gone out.
- The Club has a \$100 drawing each year for early renewal of membership. Peg suggested that instead of 1 drawing for \$100 we have a drawing in October, November and December for \$100 each month. Pam Vermeer made a motion to accept and second by Kathleen Derrick. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report – Pam Vermeer**

- Financial reports were sent to the Board for review prior to the Board Meeting. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report by Kathleen Derrick and seconded by Bob Campbell. Motion passed.
- The Club has a \$50,000 CD which will mature soon but the exact date was not specified. There was discussion about what to do with it. Pam recommended that it be increased to \$75,000 and rolled over for a term of less than a year. A motion was made to raise the CD to \$75,000 by Kathleen Derrick. Second by Bob Campbell. Motion passed.
- Every Board member has a SCW Club email account. Pam will begin using these new emails.

**New Charter Club Liaison** - Nick Turner was introduced and welcomed.

**Teresa Brown proposal**

- Teresa is looking for donations for the Fall food drive. A motion was made by Pam Vermeer to put together a nice pickleball gift basket with a value of \$250 for Valley View Community Food Bank for their fundraising raffle. Second by Danielle Smith. Motion passed.

**PB Club Food Drive**

- Linda Pitsch is the coordinator for the Club Food Drive this year for St. Mary's Food Bank. It will begin on October 20 at Octoberfest. It is sponsored by Saini Smiles.

**John Click – Request for Video Cameras**

- John would like the Club to purchase video equipment. This will help members view their performances and would be a great help in improving the game of any member. John estimates that each camera would cost about \$400. A motion to approve by Pam Vermeer to bring this request to spend \$800 to the General Membership Meeting for a Member vote and seconded by Don Marshall.

**Lonne Kauffman – Skill rating discussion**

- The Ratings Committee is recommending that we switch and adopt DUPR as our Club rating standard. It stands for Dynamic Universal Pickleball Rating. It is being adopted by pro clubs and many PB organizations. It is free to Club members. Getting and maintaining a skill rating with DUPR is easy and flexible. DUPR ratings are maintained by playing games and reporting scores to the DUPR website. A brief discussion followed. Bob Campbell recommended further discussion but was overruled. A motion was made by Danielle Smith to proceed with the DUPR Rating system. It was seconded by Pam Vermeer and passed with 1 opposing vote.

**President's report – Coke Schaefer**

- The Club is still in need of a Historian. Kelly Doree is the new Reciprocal Play Coordinator.
- The Board is going to ask for a volunteer to be the Monitor Coordinator. A job description will be developed prior to naming a coordinator.

**New Ball Machines**

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- The question was brought up in earlier discussion by our liaison, Nick Turner, as to whether or not we could have advertisement on the donated ball machines. The Club may be able to put a label on the new machines that says, "Donated by \_\_\_\_" John Click indicated that he didn't think it would be a big deal if we were unable to put the label on the machines. John recommends that the new machines be used for PickleSkills only.

**Discussion of bylaws/guest policy**

- Current Club bylaws say that a guest/visitor may attend a scheduled Club activity up to 2 times annually. The Board members agreed that it should be increased to 6 times per year, but we need to get Kasey Huhta's approval if we change the bylaws, and it would require approval by the Club membership.
- Pickleball Balls – A discussion on the type of ball and pricing followed. The discussion is tabled until more information is gathered.

### **In Memoriam**

- This topic was tabled from September Board meeting. Pam Vermeer feels that we should acknowledge the passing of PB members. It would require notification to the Board by someone close to the decedent. The Club Treasurer would be responsible for this. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Danielle Smith to post a notice in the January newsletter of PB Club members who have passed. Second by Don Marshall. Unanimous approval.

### **PB Club email**

- Board members were encouraged to find out what their PB Club email is. Coke will talk to Mark Basel about getting this going.

### **Ops Manual**

- We need to complete the revisions to the Club Ops Manual. Coke will propose dates and times.

### **Key Log**

- Bob Bastian would like to know who has keys and what they are for.

### **PickleBall Club Magazine**

- A woman from PickleBall Club Magazine approached Coke about writing an article about Ball Machine Management. The magazine is a resource for PB Club owners and managers. Since that is the area of John Click, he will speak with her.

### **Ice Machine**

- Kasey Huhta said we will not be getting an ice machine.

### **Beginners Round Robin**

- Coke and her husband are not able to continue coordinating the Beginners Round Robin. Coke has been speaking with Dick Morford about taking this over.

### **Bag hangers**

- Bob Bastian is trying to find a way to put more bag hangers on the courts. He needs to find a location that is suitable.

### **Paying for Posters**

- When Barb Zeman makes a poster, she takes it to the Rec Center. Barb pays for it out of her own pocket and is reimbursed. The Board should give the Rec Center a retainer for posters and incidental items. A motion was made by Pam Vermeer to give the Rec Center a retainer for posters. Second by Don Marshall. The motion passed.

### **Update on nominations for open Board positions**

- Nominating Committee representative Ricky Murrell reports that so far Larry Haas has been nominated for Treasurer and Ricky has been nominated for OAL Facilities. We are still looking for candidates to run for Vice President and OAL social.

### **Status of last year's CR 13**

- Our proposal is slowly moving through the system. This is the proposal to add/modify tennis courts to add more PB courts at RHJ Tennis Center. From now on everything goes through Kasey Huhta.

### **Volunteer banquet**

- Please let Nancy Martin know of any volunteer hours. It was suggested that the number of volunteers for Member Meeting Dinners should be addressed in the Ops Manual Revisions that the Board is currently working on.

### **Pro-Player clinic in the spring**

- This was done prior to COVID. It gave members a chance to participate in learning clinics. It could be once or twice a year. More discussion tabled for later.

### **Call for Agenda items for October Membership Meeting**

#### **Secretary's report**

- Kathleen reported that she has continued to have problems with her computer. She has tried working with 4 different members who are knowledgeable about computers, but problems persist. She asked Mike Regnier for assistance. Mike assisted her in ordering a new computer and printer and set things up for her.
- Because Kathleen was absent for the September Membership Meeting, Bob Campbell prepared minutes and sent them to all Board members. It is not the normal format that she would use for the minutes, so she asked if members wanted to accept the minutes as posted by Bob or put them in the format usually used. The Board requested the format normally used.

#### **OAL Bob Bastian**

- There was an issue with one of the bag holders at Sands coming off. He initiated a work order to repair it.
- Court cleaning – Liberty courts will be cleaned starting October 16.
- New windscreens will be in place at Sands next year.

#### **OAL Danielle Smith**

- Octoberfest will be October 20 sponsored by Saini Smiles. Glow night is November 16 sponsored by Team Peterson. The Club Christmas party is November 30 sponsored by Eileen Freyberg.
- Can someone check out the PA system prior to the first event? Danielle says she thinks the aux cord needs replacement. She was directed to talk with Matt at Palm Ridge.

#### **OAL Don Marshall**

- Don has implemented plans for members who want to play in a game during Drop-In. There's now a sign that says "Hey, I want to play". It is on court 15.
- There was discussion on how to get people to play up levels. He's also working on something called Pickle Golf. He is working with John Click to get this idea formalized but it might not happen until spring.
- There has also been a request to create for a new group for 4.5 plus women. Danielle made a motion to allow that to happen. Second by Bob Bastian. The motion passed.

### **New Business Pam Vermeer**

- It seems that there is confusion as to purchasing paper plates, napkins, etc. Pam would like to see a purchasing agent appointed and all paper supply requests go through them. Danielle says that she is already doing most of the purchasing and would be willing to continue.

### **Audience discussion**

- Challenge Courts
- Franklin balls – Discussion occurred. Franklin balls are preferred for court use and the Ball machines. Someone will be buying the Franklin balls at Nationals since the price will be better. Motion to use Franklin balls on the court by Don Marshall. Pam Vermeer seconded. The motion passed.
- Challenge Group
- Hold my court discussion.
- Discussion about closing the courts during cleaning.

A motion to adjourn was made by Don Marshall and seconded by Pam Vermeer. The motion passed.

PENDING APPROVAL