

SCW PICKLEBALL CLUB

BOARD MEETING

November 2, 2023

RHJ Social Hall

Board Members present: Coke Schaefer, President - Bob Campbel, Vice President - Pam Vermeer, Treasurer - Kathleen Derrick, Secretary - Bob Bastian - OAL, Danielle Smith, OAL – Don Marshall, OAL.

The meeting was called to order by President, Coke Schaefer at 09:00 am. She asked all members to silence and put away their cell phones.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER BOARD MINUTES – A motion to accept the October Board minutes was made by Don Marshall and second by Bob Campbell. Unanimously approved.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Peg Barcello

- Peg reported that at the start of October PB club membership was 1,765 members. At the end of October, the membership had increased to 1,802.
- A name has been drawn for the Early Bird drawing for October. That will be shared at the November membership meeting.

TREASURERS REPORT – Pam Vermeer

- The treasurer's report has been previously sent under separate cover.
- There are sufficient funds in the Cap Reserve account and there is no present need to add to it. Future funds will be used for club functions that benefit all Club members.

SKILL RATINGS/ DUPR – Board discussion

- We are not signing a DUPR contract and it will not be a club sponsored function.
- Members are free to sign up with DUPR for their skill ratings, but it is not required.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Coke

- Media Chairman - The Club needs a Media Chairman to handle Facebook, newsletter and media input/output. Mike Regnier has volunteered for this position. Pam Vermeer made a motion to have a Media Chairman and second by Don Marshall. Unanimously approved.
- Court Monitors - Coke is waiting for information that former Club President Eileen Freyberg developed regarding court monitors. Further discussion is tabled until the Ops Manual Meeting.

- Does SCW PB Club need a “Be Kind” campaign? - In lieu of recent reports of members being rude, the question arises as to whether we need a “Be Kind” campaign. It was decided that the Club would place “Be Kind” reminders on the courts but not pursue an active campaign.
- A Club member wrote an email suggesting that there be a way for members to identify who that persons’ emergency contact is in case of emergency. The email suggested a tag on Club members’ bag but not everyone has a bag, and it would be impossible to identify the bag of a person in need of emergency services. It was decided to write the emergency contact info on the back of our PB membership badges. This Club member also suggested doing away with a meal at the Membership meeting, but the Board felt the meal was important to encourage member attendance. The member also requested more Sunday Potlucks followed by play.
- ByLaws revision - The Board hopes to have the Club bylaw revisions completed and presented to the membership for approval for the February 2024 Membership meeting.
- Discussion regarding Board members email addresses - Mark Basil reported on this and every Board member has a SCW Pickleball Club email and Board members should begin using them in January.
- OPS manual revision meetings – Coke reminded Board members that there is an Ops Manual meeting on November 13 in the Stampede Room.
- “Contact Me” button on the website – There was discussion as to who was going to be the responsible person for the Contact Me button. Initially it was assigned to the Vice President but the President at the time took that responsibility upon herself. It was decided that the Vice President should be the person responsible for the Contact Me button. The Vice President can then forward questions to the correct Board member.
- RecCenter Kuentz plan - In the proposed budget for 2024, the Governing Board wants to spend \$50,000 to study what to do with Kuentz Courts. There are also thoughts of spending nearly \$700,000 to redo Kuentz courts into 12 pickleball courts, 2 tennis courts and a social area. Coke was approached by a Governing Board member who told her that if we did not want this proposal, PB Board members needed to be at the next Governing Board meeting and Budget and Finance meeting. Coke read a letter that was sent to the Governing Board outlining why the plan to convert Kuentz was a bad idea. Discussion followed and all PB Club members will be encouraged to attend Governing Board and Budget and Finance Meetings.
- Call for Agenda items for November Membership Meeting – Coke called for agenda items for the November Membership meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT – Bob Campbell

- Update on elections - Bob reported that there currently is one candidate for each open Board position. At the November Membership meeting we will ask for nominations from the floor. If there are no floor nominations the candidates will automatically take

their positions as Board members after a membership vote to approve and no ballots need to be cast. If there are nominations from the floor then we will use electronic voting.

SECRETARY REPORT - Kathleen Derrick

- Kathleen reported that she went to the Club website and found that the minutes for the May Membership meeting and September Board meeting have not been posted and she is unable to access them on her computer. It may be due to changing computers last month. She is working to solve this problem.
- She is learning her new computer capabilities and believes the minutes will be more timely.

OAL - Bob Bastian

- Bag holders at Liberty have been moved to Courts 1 & 3. He is also working with the RecCenter to have the timing lights adjusted. We also need a Wind Sock for Sands Courts.

OAL – Danielle Smith

- Upcoming events are Glow Night Pickleball on November 16 and the Club Christmas Party on November 30.
- Tracy Watkins will be asked to be in charge of receiving and tracking volunteer hours.

OAL – Don Marshall

- Ball Machine instruction will be moved to a fixed time beginning in January. Individual instruction may be available if unable to attend the group instruction.
- Ladies 4.0 Challenge Court was a success and will be repeated on November 17. Don is wondering about the feasibility of having Challenge Courts during DropIn play.

AUDIENCE INPUT

- Benches at the courts tip easily and are dangerous. Coke will speak with Kasey Houta about replacing them.
- Hours for volunteers for meals are variable. Sometimes people need to check pricing at several places. It was mentioned that Tracy Watkins was going to do a spreadsheet with food prices on it which would eliminate each group having to check prices.
- The plans for Kuentz Courts would make those courts community courts. We need more courts for Club members and the RecCenter needs to develop a plan to meet those needs.
- There is a need for a place for New Members to get information that they need about the club and its activities. Would it be reasonable to put that page on the website?

- There are problems with people signing up for events. Some have been unable to do that. There was a discussion with Mark Basel about correcting this problem.
- It was suggested that we put a reminder to “Be Kind” on a board on the PB courts.
- Members need a reminder that when they hit a ball and it leaves the courts, the member needs to retrieve the ball. Also remind players to pick up balls left on the court when they finish playing.
- The New Member page planned for the Newsletter should include a section on court etiquette.
- The Lost and Found barrel needs to be labeled.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kathleen Derrick and second by Pam Vermeer. Unanimously approved.