

SCW PICKLEBALL CLUB
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 24,2024 5:00pm

Palm Ridge Suites A & B

Board members present – President Coke Schaefer, Vice President Danielle Smith, Secretary Kathleen Derrick, Treasurer Larry Haas, OAL facilities Rickey Murrell, OAL Social Jill Allyn, OAL scheduling Don Marshall

CALL TO ORDER – President Coke Schaefer called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. She asked all to turn off and put away cell phones.

WELCOME – Coke introduced the Board including new Board members.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 8 MEMBERSHIP MEETING – Nikki Hall motioned to approve the November Membership Meeting. Seconded by Jon Myrick. Motion carried unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Peg Barcelo

- Membership increased to 1,908. The Club saw a growth of 200 members in 2023.
- Early Bird renewal was successful.
- New members present were asked to stand and be recognized.

TREASURERS REPORT – Larry Haas

- Treasurers report was given. It was sent previously under separate cover.

SCW PRIDES – Kathy Estes

- Kathy reported on all that the PRIDES do to keep our community clean and beautiful.

FOOD DRIVE WRAP UP/REPORT – Hope Ernst and Linda Pitsch

- The Food Drive was a success and we were able to donate \$5435 to St. Mary's Food Bank. The Food Drive Sponsor was Saini Smiles.

SWEATBIRDS VS SNOWBIRDS – Larry Haas

- Sign ups will accept the first 72 men and 72 women.
- A club rating is not required.
- The fee to play is \$10 and will include a t-shirt.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP – Larry Haas

- The Club Championship is scheduled for March 28, 29 and 30.
- A Club rating is not required this year.

CLUB SURVEY – Larry Haas

- DropIn courts – Proposed that Court Rangers could be appointed to make sure people are directed to the court/group with like skills.
- Larry would like a short survey that will tell what the audience is such as gender, age, skill level, etc.
- Larry outlined some possible court arrangements.

PICKLESKILLS – John Click

- The Pickleskills classes fill up in less than one hour.
- John recognized volunteer coordinators who help make Pickleskills a success. They are Linda Simons, Mary Beth Kunze, Kathleen Doody, John Costa, Paul McClintock and Yvette Brown.

BALL DROP – Teresa Brown

- Teresa reported on the SCW Foundation. It supports educational, charitable and service organizations.
- Helping Hands serves over 15,000 residents annually. They provide temporary equipment for rehab and resident care as well as cribs, rollaway beds and other equipment for our residents and their guests.

FITS (FUN IN THE SUN) - Eileen Freydborg

- The FITS tournament is sponsored by Club member Eileen Freydborg.
- John Click and Eileen Freydborg are the co-directors of the FITS tournament.
- It will be March 5, 6 and 7th at Liberty Courts.

POACH CLINIC – Jan Dominick

- Poach Paddles is a vendor who will be at the FITS tournament. He will be offering Pickleball Clinics on Sunday prior to The FITS tournament. He will have two clinics that will be 3 hrs. each. Information on sign up will be announced later.

PRESIDENTS REPORT – Coke Schaefer

- Please Note that the February Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 20 at RHJ Social Hall.
- Court Usage Rules state that if you are a SCW resident you may come to the courts 4 times per year without joining. If you are a non-resident you *MUST* be accompanied by a resident member and you may play two times each year.
- Signing up for the Membership Meeting and Meal is important so that the people providing the meal know how much food to prepare. Members have not been signing in advance and this could cause there to be not enough food for everyone present.

We ask you to please sign up by the requested date that will be posted in the Club Newsletter.

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT – Danielle Smith

- On the Club Website there is a “Contact Us” button. Danielle is the person behind that button. She will make every effort to respond to your questions in a timely manner.

SECRETARYS REPORT – Kathleen Derrick

- A Club Historian is needed. This will require a report in January that will highlight the club activities and membership numbers. The information may be gathered from Membership Meeting minutes. Please see Kathleen or Coke if interested.
- The LOST and FOUND barrel is in the Liberty courts by Court 16. Please check it occasionally to see if you’ve left a jacket, water jug or sunglasses.

OAL FACILITIES – Rickey Murrell

- When playing at Liberty if you turn the court lights on, please be patient. It may take 10 minutes for the light to warm up and turn on.
- Rickey clarified with the Rec Center that it is preferred that you turn off the court lights when you finish playing at night.
- Newcomers Event was a success and Rickey feels that we may get up to 25 new members as a result.
- We have new Selkirk balls and these will be trialed to determine if we want to use them.
- Please let Rickey know if you wish to sign up for AED training.

OAL SOCIAL – Jill Allyn

- Modified Pickleball is off to a great start. It is for anyone who feels that they cannot play a regular game. Four courts were filled for the first session.
- The Volunteer Dinner is January 29.
- On Feb 16 there will be pickleball with Firemen and a chili competition. See the Newsletter for details.

OAL PROGRAMMER – Don Marshall

- The Lobster Ball Machine is not usable and the cost to repair it is prohibitive. Don is proposing that we purchase another Tudor so that all our ball machines are Tudors and there would be commonality of use and maintenance. The cost for a new Tudor would be approximately \$1,600. You can learn to use the Tudor by showing up at Liberty Court 7 at 4pm on Tuesdays. Please always sign out the machines and cancel if you are unable to keep your reserved time. Dave Black made a motion that we purchase a new Tudor ball machine. Seconded by Kathleen Doody. The motion was passed unanimously.
- Because the ball machines are both Tudor it was suggested that they be named to differentiate. The membership voted to name them Anna and Ben.
- Several new groups have been formed. We now have a high level Ladies 4.5 or higher, Mens 3.5 RR Social and Modified Pickleball.
- Don explained MLP (Major League Pickleball). John Click is looking into setting this up. Look for more information soon.
- Please check “Hold My Court” before coming to the courts. There are many groups and often the courts are full.
- Attendance has declined at DropIn play. Don is working to try to increase attendance and has some great ideas and would like to hear your ideas.

MEMBERSHIP INPUT – Comments are limited to 2 minutes and each person may speak once.

- Some courts need to be resurfaced and The Rec Center is aware.
- To reserve a court go to the Club Website and Court Reservation. Click “Hold My Court”.
- Some groups need more courts. The Board is aware and the best solution is more courts. The Rec Center has not responded to our request for more courts.
- There was discussion again about using empty DropIn courts for group play.

ADJOURN - A motion to adjourn was made by John Hall and seconded by Sandra Witt. Motion carried unanimously.