

SUN CITY WEST PICKLEBALL CLUB

BOARD MEETING

Thursday February 1, 2024

Palm Ridge Summit Hall Suite A&B

Members present: Vice President Danielle Smith, Secretary Kathleen Derrick, Treasurer Larry Haas, OAL Social Jill Allyn, OAL facilities Rickey Murrell, OAL Programmer Don Marshall.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by Vice President Danielle Smith.

A motion was made to approve the January 5 and January 17, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes. It was seconded by Don Marshall. The motion was carried unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Kathleen Doody for Peg Barcello

- Membership at the end of December was 1,908. In January 100 hundred members were added. Normally approximately 295 members do not renew which will bring membership total to about 1,703 or 1,704.
- Membership badges are not being retrieved from the mailbox at Liberty Courts. An announcement will be made at the Next Membership meeting that badges can be picked up at Liberty.

CLUB SHIRTS – Barb Zeman and Jill Allyn

- Ron Graham who designed shirts for the SCW Bicycle Club has designed a shirt for the Pickleball Club. A handout was given to each Board member showing the design. Shirts were shown that

were made for another event but ours would be like material and lettering. A motion was made by Kathleen Derrick to have Ron Graham make some actual samples for review. Motion seconded by Don Marshall. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURERS REPORT – Larry Haas

- Due to the Board Meeting being held on February 1, bank balances and funds were not yet available. Larry will forward the financials as soon as he has the information from the bank.

PROBLEM RESOLUTION – Kasey Huhta

- Kasey has been getting many calls from Pickleball members regarding Club problems. She wants the membership to start by presenting issues or problems to the Pickleball Board first.

HART – Kathy Russler

- Hart stands for “Helping At Risk Teens”. The program is called “Got Sneakers”. Kathy would like to place a tote at Liberty and Sands to collect gently used sneakers to be recycled to teens who are underprivileged. Kathy would be responsible for maintaining the totes. A motion was made by Don Marshall to allow Kathy Russler to place and maintain a tote at Liberty and Sands courts for the purpose of collecting used sneakers for HART. Seconded by Larry Haas. Motion carried unanimously. Kathy will present her program at the February membership meeting.

SWEATBIRDS VS SNOWBIRDS – Larry Haas

- This competition is scheduled for February 24. There will be 72 men and 72 women. The fee is \$10 and includes lunch and a T-Shirt. Registration begins February 9.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP – Larry Haas

- The Club Championship will be held March 28, 29 and 30th. A club rating is not required. Jill asked if a designation can be made for the Modified Pickleball Group. Larry will see what he can do.

CLUB SURVEY – Larry Haas

- Larry presented some ideas for a club survey. He would like to have the following items addressed on the survey: Gender, Age (optional), Level of Play, Do you play DropIn, Do you play in a group, Do you attend social events and do you play in the Club Championship, Fall Classic or Snowbirds vs Sweatbirds? He would also like each group to have sign in sheets each time a group plays. This will help determine how many people are playing and when and how to allocate court times. The survey would be done through Mail Chimp. Don made a motion to develop a Club Survey as Larry has it written. Second by Kathleen Derrick. Motion carried with 1 vote opposed.

COURT RANGERS – Don Marshall is working on this.

NEW BOARD START DATE – Larry Haas

- Larry proposes that a start date for new Board Members be later in the year. The Treasurer who takes office in January is responsible for all financial reports for the previous year. Discussion followed and it was suggested that the entire board have a start date later in the year. We have almost a year until the next election. Subject tabled to next Board Meeting. Note that bylaws would need to be changed to reflect the new start date.

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT – Danielle Smith

- Court Monitoring has been progressing and Danielle is working with Kasey Huhta to make this happen.

- It was reported that someone participating in Pickleskills was playing music at a very loud volume. The high volume made it difficult for some Pickleskills participants to hear their instructors. This problem will be sent to John Click the Pickleskills coordinator. He then can ask his people to reduce or eliminate the loud music during Pickleskills.
- The Volunteer Dinner was a success and attended by 272 volunteers. Danielle would like to see special recognition for volunteers who have 50 or 100+ volunteer hours. Discussion followed. Danielle and Jill will work to present an idea to the Board.
- Membership Meeting Protocol. The membership meeting meal is becoming an issue. People are not signing up for the meeting but are showing up and expecting to eat. There may not be enough food prepared if we don't know how many people will be eating. Danielle suggests a new protocol which will have a cut off date 7 days prior to the meeting. Discussion followed and Danielle will work on this and present a solution at a later Board Meeting.
- Poach Pickleball Clinic will be held the Sunday prior to the FITS tournament. Danielle and Jan Dominick are working on this.

SECRETARYS REPORT – Kathleen Derrick

- A Club Historian is still needed. Please see Kathleen or Coke for more information.

OAL FACILITIES – Rickey Murrell

- Courts 1-10 at Liberty need attention, especially courts 5 & 6. The Rec Center is aware. They are scheduled for resurfacing this summer.
- CPR/AED training is coming up. This will be presented by the Fire Department. Rickey will have more information later.

OAL SOCIAL – Jill Allyn

- Jill was disappointed in the catering and wants to look at a different caterer for Volunteer Banquet next year.
- There will be a Fireman, Chili cook off on February 16.

OAL PROGRAMMER – Don Marshall

- It has been suggested by the Rec Center that the Tennis courts at Kuentz be repurposed as Pickleball courts. Those courts are in terrible condition and not appropriate for Pickleball.
- A group met and talked about ways to improve DropIn play. Don is going to break it out by skill level. He also will have court ambassadors to help people find where to play. This will be in effect when the courts for DropIn are full.
- The Lobster ball machine is retired. Jon Lema asked if he could purchase it for parts. It is owned by the Rec Center so we cannot sell it.
- Season timing – We are looking at ending the high season on March 31. Don would like to have some flexibility with that date to match weather conditions.
- Platform tennis sent a request to mention them in our newsletter to help them promote platform tennis. The request was denied.
- Firemen on the courts – someone complained that they are playing on the courts. Board members have no problem with them using the courts but Kacey Hutah says they must have a host to play.

NEW BUSINESS

- Jill Allyn asked about the progress on our request to the Rec Center for more courts. Kasey states that in 2019 the PB Board submitted a request for more courts. That request was never

acted on. The current Board submitted a request for more courts in April 2023 and we are waiting to hear. Kasey states that our request is being looked at.

MEMBERSHIP INPUT

- Suggest to Beginner and Novice coordinators to direct their people to the green mailbox to find their club badges.
- The condition of the courts was further discussed. Courts 1-10 at Liberty will be resurfaced this summer. The member is very concerned that someone will slip and fall due to the poor surface on courts 5 & 6. The member was reminded that the courts are owned and maintained by the Rec Center not the Pickleball Club.
- It was noted that the fencing at Sands needs attention. Rickey will look into this.
- A member voiced concerns about the DropIn schedule and how proposed changes were handled. The member brought up past problems and Kasey interrupted stating that the Club needs to look forward not to the past.
- It was suggested that we use wristbands to determine if a person attending the Membership Meeting has signed up in advance and is entitled to the meal.
- Kathleen Doody stated that there are many nice pieces of clothing in the lost and found. She would like to put them on hangars and display them at the courts and the next Membership meeting to try to find their owners before they are sent to Goodwill.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kathleen Derrick and seconded by Rickey Murrell. Motion carried unanimously.