

SUN CITY WEST PICKLEBALL CLUB

BOARDMEETING

March 12, 2024

Palm Ridge Summit Hall B

Board Members Present: President Coke Schaefer, Vice President Danielle Smith, Treasurer Larry Haas, Secretary Kathleen Derrick, OAL Social Jill Allyn, OAL Facilities Rickey Murrell, OAL Programming Don Marshall

The Meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by President Coke Schaefer. Cell phones are to be turned off and put away.

APPROVE FEBRUARY MINUTES – A motion was made by Don Marshall to approve the February Board Meeting Minutes and seconded by Rickey Murrell. The motion was unanimously passed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Peg Barcelo

- At the end of January membership was 1,713. There were 19 renewals and 44 new members added for a total of 1,776 members at the end of February. New badges will be brought to the membership meeting for members to pick up. Unclaimed badges will be put in the green Mailbox at Liberty courts.

TREASURERS REPORT – Larry Haas

- The Treasurer's report was previously sent under separate cover.
- Sweatbirds vs Snowbirds – Larry was able to fill all brackets and add 48 more players (24 men and 24 women). Larry spoke of adding brackets for more players. There was a total of 192 participants this year. That is the highest number ever.
- Club Championship – Sign up is open as of Wednesday morning and all that sign up will play.
- There were 100 leftover balls from the FITS tournament and they are available to the club for \$1.25 each. Larry was given the go ahead to purchase them.
- The Chili Cook Off netted \$800 and Larry will be processing this check. Jill Allyn will present it to the Fire Department at the March Membership meeting.

FITS TOURNAMENT – Eileen Freydborg for John Click

- The FITS tournament had 471 registered players from 29 states and 7 Canadian provinces. That was an increase of 23% over the previous year. Eileen thanked the many volunteers who helped make the FITS tournament a success.

PRSIDENTS REPORT – Coke Schaefer

- Club survey – this was briefly discussed. 849 people responded to the survey.
- Group play Sign in sheets are not being turned into Larry Haas. It was suggested that we might consider a standardized form for sign in. Further discussion was tabled.
- New Board start dates – this was discussed and the positions of treasure and OAL Social needs to be set to start later in the year. It was suggested that this be implemented for the Board election at the end of 2025. The bylaws would need to be changed to accommodate this. Further discussion was tabled.
- Bylaws – Coke asked members to review the bylaws. Changes and updates are needed. Board members were given a copy of the current bylaws and asked to review them.
- Kathy Russler’s shoe collection – Over 150 pairs of used tennis shoes have already been collected.
- CR 6 – Coke needs dates for meetings, tournaments and social functions for 2025. This info needs to be turned in by May 1, 2024 for all of 2025.
- Helping Hands needs volunteers – shall we put this in the newsletter? Discussion followed and it was decided that since Helping hands stores much of the Pickleball Clubs equipment we would allow this request to be in the newsletter.

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Danielle Smith

- Court Monitor Progress Report – Danelle has met with Kasey Huhta and efforts to move this item forward will continue after the FITS and Club Championships.
- Paddle Donations – A high school in Pleasant Valley is trying to start a pickleball program and is asking for used paddle donations. The Board agreed to put this in the newsletter and collect at the next two membership meetings.

SECRETARY’S REPORT – Kathleen Derrick

- Club Historian – This position hasn’t been filled and Mike Regnier suggested that if he could have past years minutes he could create historian reports. Kathleen will give Mike the membership meeting minutes that she has. It was discussed that perhaps we don’t even need a historian at this point.

OAL FACILITIES - Rickey Murrell

- CPR/AED – currently there are very few people signed up for this. It was suggested that we wait until fall to present this to the membership again.

OAL SOCIAL – Jill Allyn

- Club Shirts - The club will pay the tax on the shirts. Peg Barcelo will be putting the shirt info on Membe. There is no date yet on when the shirts will be available for purchase.
- St Patty's Day party is on March 15. There will be live music, a costume contest and lots of fun!

OAL PROGRAMMING – Don Marshall

- Court Ambassadors – The Club is using ambassadors during Dropln play and it has been working well. Don would like to have a few more volunteers to help with this.
- Summer Schedule – Don wants to have the summer schedule start depending on the weather. He feels that will be around April 15. He went over the summer schedule that he has developed.
- Happy Camp will be held again this spring. A few more volunteers are needed for this.

NEW BUSINESS – Danielle brought up the fact that the courts at Sands are always reserved even the community courts. It is frustrating to members who want to reserve a court and play at Sands. There was member discussion regarding the fact that all of the Sands courts are reserved. It is a problem for all courts that they are reserved and not used.

MEMBER INPUT

- Board Starting Date – There was discussion regarding the possible starting date of new Board members.
- Franklin Balls – possibly continue to use them during the summer.
- Paddle Holders for Dropln – placement is a little confusing for players.
- Discussion occurred regarding the need for Dropln courts.
- Court expansion was touched on briefly but there is no further information available.

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to adjourn was made by Kathleen Derrick and seconded by Danielle Smith.