

September 11, 2018 Pickleball Club

Board Meeting Minutes

Pickleball club board meeting was brought to order by Bruce Cowling at 9:30. Stan Ronk was not in attendance. Board members present; Bruce Cowling, Karen Gebhard and Berni Schyvinch. Members in attendance were; JoBob Sbaraglia, Pat Borowiak, Penny Wardlow, Bill Dysert, Bill Ravenscroft, Ed Leizens, Tish Leizens, Bertha Gonzalez, Rosa Haase, Rick Tette, Cany Lamb, Linda Toregson, Joe Piscola, Cyndi Pletch and Hildy Richards

Membership> 394 paid members as of to date.

Treasurer's Report> Karen Gebhard stated, "There is \$26,007.45 in the pickleball account. This includes Geezer Meister participant's checks with no expenses for Geezer Meister."

New Business

Geezer Meister Tournament > October 18-20 with rain date set for 10/21. Rick Tette spoke on volunteers; there is at this time 12 and could use more. Currently there are 439 doubles teams with some categories closed. The concern is getting all matches completed on the day of the events. Bruce Cowling stated there is hope that the tennis club will let us use 2 courts for warm-ups which they have done in the past. Rick Tette stated, "Warm-ups start at 7:00-7:20 with games to start promptly at 7:30. We will be using the Engage Tour ball for the event which is USAPA approved. Starting October 1st the Engage Tour Ball will replace the current ball we have been using. Winning participants will receive a pin instead of medals like in the past. This way they can put the pin on hat or bag. Candy Lamb is in charge of food for the tournament. There will be grilled food for people to purchase like last year. It is recommended to keep grill open later on Saturday.

Annual PB Club Meeting> this will be Wednesday, October 31, 2018 starting at 4:30 at the Fitness Center Pavilion. Sign-in and membership dues to be paid at this time. Dues are \$10 per member. Election of officers will be held. Positions up for election are Vice President and Secretary. Looking in to have the meeting catered. We have \$1000 allotted toward the meeting. Joe Piscola reminded the Board that the Board may not spend more than \$1000 otherwise it must be approved by members. Karen Gebhard stated that it was in the budget for 2018 which was approved by members at last year's annual meeting. Joe Piscola asked, "If there will be an additional charge for non-members attending the meeting for the meal?" Joe stated, "If we do not charge extra for non-members to come to other pickleball events is it fair to charge for meal at annual meeting. Berni Schyvinch brought up the fact that at a meeting in 2017 prior to the annual meeting that we should be charging non-members for the meal and it was voted and approved to do so and now your bringing up the same issue and wanting to know if it is fair to charge for the meal." After further discussion Karen Gebhard motioned to charge \$5 for non-members' meal at the annual meeting, seconded by Berni Schyvinch. Motion approved to charge \$5 for non-members for meal at annual meeting.

Senior Games> Bruce Cowling asked, "If the club would like to make a donation toward the Senior Games. Last year the club donated \$250. A donation of \$500 would get us a ½ page in the Senior

Games booklet and the money donated would go toward Community Gratitude and service dog's charity. Motion made to donate \$500 for senior games by Berni Schyvinch, seconded by Karen Gebhard. Approved.

Other Items for Discussion

Donation> to "Love In the Name of Heart" organization which helps several area services in Marion County as listed in a brochure provided by Bruce Cowling. It was asked by a member if this is a legit organization? Karen stated, "She checks to make sure they have a legit tax id number prior to sending a check to any organization. Karen Gebhard motioned to donate \$250 to the above mentioned organization. Seconded by Berni Schyvinch, motion approved.

Screens> Cyndi Pletch asked if the club would be in favor of dropping the East and West screens on the courts to have more air circulation during the warmer months of the year? Penny Wardlow stated that it would be a great idea to have better air circulation and she has heard other members' state why club does not have the screens dropped for the warmer months. It was also stated by Berni Schyvinch by having the screens East and West screens down less prep for a hurricane. There was concern regarding breeze affecting the ball. It was brought to the attention that the screens are down for the Geezer Meister tournament. After discussion it was agreed upon to drop the screens the 1st of October, than in 2019 drop the screens in May and see what the affect if any on playing.

New League on Thursday> Pat Borowiak stated that there has be a group of people getting together to play Thursday's at 9:30 She has been keeping count for 6 weeks and they average about 20 right now and predicts more once the snowbirds come back. She would like to start a fun league for people all levels to come and play without keeping track of scores. There was discussion on how it would be run. Bruce Cowling suggested to Pat to keep track of participants we will table it for now and revisit the issue in 2 months.

Volunteers> Joe Piscola asked if there was a way to get more club members to step up and volunteer to help or run events. Berni stated that at last year's Annual Meeting there were sign-up sheets for people to volunteer for all the upcoming events throughout the year. Is there some other way? Tish Leizens brought up a point that the managers ask people personally to help with specific task or events may get better response.

Bruce Cowling asked if there was any other business.

Meeting adjourned.

Next board meeting will be November 13, 2018. Annual meeting is October 31, 2018.