

Sun City Grand Pickleball Club
Membership Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2013

Meeting Called to Order at 3:00 PM

Officers and Directors Present:

Robert Applebaum, President

John Olson, Treasurer

Sharon Navratil, Secretary

Gerri Gerard, Member at Large

Ken Wilson, Member at Large

There were 31 members present.

Minutes of the meeting held February 12, 2013: Were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Was reviewed by John Olson and approved as presented.

Committee Reports:

1. Ken Wilson reported that all of the volunteer positions have been filled; Bob Julian volunteered to fill the Monitor Chair position.

Old Business:

1. The 12 new ZYT paddles have been delivered to the Cimarron activity desk for resident and guest use.
2. The check for the phone book delivery was received and will be distributed as previously approved to the American Cancer Society and the Wounded Warrior Project, each will receive 50% of the money raised.
3. New plastic sleeves have been placed in the monitor's box for member use.
4. Paddle Ban: 99% compliance has been observed, again if you have a banned paddle do not play with it, the list of approved paddles is on our website and posted on the bulletin board.
 - Court Repairs have been completed on courts 11 & 12; however it has been noted that many of the courts have hairline cracks and the surface is chipping.
 - John Starnes stated that water is still accumulating on those 2 courts despite the repairs.
 - Linda Pender stated that light outside of courts 7&8 is falling over, Ken Wilson suggested they be stabilized and centered in the breezeway, this is a safety issue.
 - Bob will discuss all items with Scott Phillips.
5. Limiting court reservations during high usage months; the membership was surveyed, Bob stated there were 300-400 responses received, and he suggested the survey be re-

conducted in the fall and depending on the results implement the change in January of 2014.

6. Jan Booth brought up that the new Sun City Grand website allows you to book pickleball courts. This will cause confusion; Bob will ask to have reservation capability removed. We only want reservations to be made through the clubs Pickleball website. A blast e-mail will be sent to our members to avoid any confusion.
7. Summer hours; George Cox is attending the SCG membership meeting today representing Bob and is asking for 2 changes:
 - Changing the hours of play during the summer months (5/1/13 – 9/30/13) from 6:00 AM to 10:00PM.
 - The capability of making pickleball court reservations be removed from the SCG website.
 - Bob and Ken also asked at the director's workshop that the hours of play be permanently changed to the hours above because of the paddle ban and the decrease in noise levels from the courts.
8. Court Cleaning: Bob Applebaum discussed the possibility of rotating the cleaning of the courts to different days of the week not just on Wednesdays.
 - Bill Zapka asked if it is necessary to clean the courts every month and asked Bob to inquire how often the Adobe tennis courts are cleaned.
 - Nikki Greene asked that the courts not be blocked for the entire day, many courts are ready for use by 1200 and if there really is a need to clean the courts monthly.
 - Linda Pender asked if power washing the courts every month will not damage them. Bob will ask Scott Phillips to contact General Acrylics for advice and if power washing affects the warranty in any way.
9. Bird droppings and leaves on court 1: The tree has been trimmed back; a thin wire has been placed on the top of the fence to deter birds from perching in the area. The membership agrees that the tree still needs to be trimmed back more; there are still too many leaves on the court which pose a safety issue for players.
10. CAM Card swipe readers: there is still no activation date.
11. Electronic Bulletin Board: George Cox and Keith Darrow continue to research this idea.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

1. Jim McManus has resigned as the President of the SCG Board.
2. Code of Conduct: Bob reported there have been several instances of inappropriate behavior on the courts, this is unacceptable, and infractions should be reported to him so he can intervene. If the behavior reoccurs a formal code of conduct report will be filed.

3. Fund raising ideas; since the phone book fund raiser will not continue we are looking for suggestions so we can continue to support our charities. Bob suggested adding on volunteer donations on entry fees of future tournaments, if you have suggestions contact him.
4. Volunteer appreciation: Ken Kravitz asked if we can revive the program.
5. Valuables; if a valuable item is found on the courts (wallet, cell phone, jewelry, etc.) do not place them in the monitor box please turn them into the Cimarron desk and they will attempt to find the owner.
6. Drop In: Players are reminded that they are required to sign in during ALL club events including drop in. The statistics are used for leverage of future courts and sign in is a CAM requirement. Bob continues to ask for additional courts on a monthly basis at the SCG board meetings.
7. Clinics/Lessons: Keith Darrow, addressed the fact that he and many other players would like to have more detailed instructions in smaller groups to improve their game and learn drills to enhance their playing skills. Although many players don't like to drill there are many who want to move to the next level and need instructions to accomplish that goal. A, open players would instruct, Keith Darrow, Bob Applebaum, Mike Jennings, Ruth Buenzow and the Pender's will develop a plan to present to the membership. The issue of blocking off more courts every week was brought up; Sharon Navratil suggested that the Surprise courts could be used as an alternate site.
8. 2014 Board and Membership meetings: Bill Zapka made the motion, Keith Darrow seconded and the membership approved the changes for 2014:
 - Board meeting will be on the 2nd Tuesday of the month
 - Membership meeting will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.
 - The time for the membership meeting will be from 2:00PM – 4:00PM
 - There will be no meeting during the months of June, July, August and September.
9. The board is considering more social events to promote the club, contact board members if you have any ideas.
10. Future sanctioned tournaments: the following issues were discussed:
 - Parking, Carol Starnes stated this has been an issue in the past. Bob has suggested we shuttle players for the surrounding church parking lots to resolve the problem. He will ask the churches for permission.
 - Mitzi will be asked for a 3 day waiver on the paddle ban.
 - Mitzi will be asked to temporarily convert 1 tennis court to 4 pickleball courts.
 - The issue of not being able to roll up the wind screens was also discussed, no resolution on this item.
11. Mel Langer stated the clock on court 9 is not working, Bob has already contacted Scott Phillips and it is being repaired.
12. Dan Swafford donated 4 bottles of his famous Teriyaki Sauce for door prizes, thanks Dan.

13. Gerri Gerard reminded the membership that all concerns, suggestions, complaints, etc. pertaining to our club should be brought to Bob Applebaum's attention rather than going to CAM first.

The Meeting was adjourned at 4:36 PM.

Sharon Navratil, Secretary