

**SUN CITY GRAND PICKLEBALL CLUB  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2013**

Meeting Called to Order at 3:00 p.m.

**Officers and Directors Present:**

Bob Applebaum, President  
Keith Darrow, Vice-President  
John Olson, Treasurer  
Gerri Gerard, Member-at-Large  
Ken Wilson, Member-at-Large

There were 29 members in attendance.

**Minutes of the March 12, 2013 meeting were approved as written.**

**Treasurer's Report was reviewed by John Olson and approved as presented.**

**Committee Reports**

Bob Applebaum advised membership that a committee is being formed to create an updated presentation to the Activities & Fitness Advisory Committee as to why we need more pickleball courts. Bob Applebaum, John Olson and Bill Booth have volunteered to be on this Committee. At the meeting Ken Kravitz and Bob Julian also volunteered to be on the Committee.

**Old Business**

- Bob indicated that Scott Phillips intends to place new signs on the breezeway gates stating no pets and no bikes are allowed and only NON-marking soled shoes be worn on the courts. One of our members suggested that Scott should also be informed that the workers are dragging the benches on the courts when cleaning which causes scuffing marks on the court. Bob will address this matter with Scott.
- Bob informed the Membership that the bulletin board has been fixed and at this time there is no need to have it replaced with a new one.

**New Business**

- Bob stressed the need to sign in at the monitor's desk before playing. This is a CAM requirement. Data collected is used to justify the need for additional courts in the future.
- Bill Booth has updated the Club's website to be user friendly. All were encouraged to go onto the site. If for some reason certain links are not functioning properly, Membership was advised to contact Bill and he will correct the problem.
- It was suggested that a notice of upcoming events be placed at the monitor station as all people do not go on the website. This will be taken into consideration.
- The hours of play for the summer will remain 7 a.m. - 9 p.m. per the decision of the Activities & Fitness Advisory Committee. It was suggested that a presentation of our recommendations should be prepared and presented at the "Chat with the Board". Because there are new members on the SCG Board we need to make them aware of certain issues we would like to

address – that is why it was mentioned how important it is to attend the “Chat with the Board” meetings to bring these matters to their attention. A suggestion was made that perhaps we could invite members of the SCG Board to one of our meetings so we can discuss our requests and the reasons behind them. This will be taken into consideration.

- Bob advised the Membership that there will be no Pickleball Board meetings or Membership meetings until October, 2013. CAM has been advised of this as well.
- Starting **MAY 1<sup>st</sup>** the summer hours of play will be 7 a.m. – 9 p.m.; drop in will be 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. and Ladders will be 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. Paul Hoggatt suggested that six courts be set aside for ladder and six courts for drop in. John Olson stated that last year George Cox prepared a document posted on our website with a list of times for the summer months. It was suggested that a blast e-mail be sent regarding this information.
- A question was raised by Jack Ballantine as to whether past tournaments can be reinstated? Members looked forward to them and inviting others outside the Community to play. It was a good morale booster! Bob indicated that we want to do this and asked Jack if he would Chair the Tournament Committee and start planning in the fall.
- On Friday, April 12, 2013 there will be a 3.5 (B) skill level clinic. Joe and Linda Pender are the Clinic Directors. Bob acknowledged the Club’s appreciation to Joe and Linda for all their efforts in organizing all the clinics we have had.
- Bob advised the members that the Club is considering purchasing a new brand of pickleballs from Steve Wong. If we get a better price and the quality and durability is better, we may buy some as needed.
- Stickers will be placed on the canisters at the courts, stating that the balls are not to be removed from the courts as they are the property of the Pickleball Club. John Olson is in the process of having these stickers made.
- Court reservations: If you sign up for courts and then decide you do not need them please remove your name from the reservation list. Ladder Captains should also release courts they are not using. This is a problem that usually occurs during the months of January-March only. Cheri Swinehart volunteered to oversee this Committee to ensure there will be no abuse in 2014 of court reservations. Bob reminded everyone that after 10 minutes of no one showing up at the reserved courts they are free to be used. Being that non-members can also make court reservations Linda Applebaum inquired as to whether there was a way to advise the non-members of our website and the rules regarding court reservations and cancellation of them. This will be taken into consideration.
- Keith Darrow and Dick Lewis will continue their talks with Scott Phillips about raising the wind screens for future tournaments.
- It was suggested that the current board serve a 2-year term with future boards doing the same. Perhaps have 3 new members elected and 3 existing members. Membership will need to vote on this proposal.
- Bob indicated that a Nominating Committee will need to be formed for the 2014 process. Bob Julian and Mel Langer volunteered to be part of the Nominating Committee.
- It was noted that John Olson will represent the Board during the summer months. If issues arise during this time e-mails should be sent to him as well as Bob.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Bob Applebaum, President

Gerri Gerard Acting Secretary for this Meeting