

**Sun City Grand Pickleball Club
Membership Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2015**

Guest speaker, Dr. Michael Cronin from Naturopathic Physicians Group, provided a presentation on Prolotherapy and Platelet Therapy which is a non-surgical solution for chronic joint pain. Club members were able to bring one guest; approximately 75 people attended. The presentation began at 3:00 p.m. and concluded at approximately 3:50 p.m.

Prior to the beginning of the regular business meeting, Jeff Cretors and Kathy Crotty discussed options for club social activities. Various ideas for day and/or overnight trips were presented. Suggestions included a casino/show trip, a potluck with entertainment and an outing to Turf Paradise. Members expressed interest in pursuing outside activities; club members are being asked to share additional ideas and to participate on the social committee.

The February membership meeting of the Sun City Grand Pickleball Club was called to order by the President, Dennis Raggi, at 4:15 p.m. The meeting was held at the Cimarron Center; there were 52 attendees, including board members.

Board members present:

Dennis Raggi, President
Bob Ellis, Vice President
Lynn Renick, Secretary
Doug Pusateri, Member at Large
Paul Reiss, Member at Large
Cathy Hennefer, Member at Large

Treasurer's Report: Betty Ponto, treasurer, was unable to attend the meeting, so Dennis Raggi presented the proposed 2015 budget for the members' consideration and approval. Following discussion, a motion was made by Carol Starnes to approve the 2015 budget as presented. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the January 13, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

Vice President's Report: Cathy Hennefer was introduced and welcomed as the new Member at Large. Cathy will be involved in the club's charitable activities and fundraising. Bob Ellis discussed progress on community projects. Volunteers are being asked to sign up to work at the Saint Mary's Food Bank, at the Surprise location (13050 W. Elm St.). The non-profit is in need of assistance to make 4500-5000 daily meals for the Kids Café and to help sort and box food donations to people in need who reside locally in Surprise and surrounding communities. It was requested that interested members sign up to work in groups on the busiest days at the Food Bank. Other clubs will be asked to participate in this project as it goes forward. Contact Bob Ellis to volunteer with special events.

President's Report:

Announcements were made regarding the following:

- Thank you to the volunteers who updated the Club's bulletin board.
- The Saturday afternoon drop-in has been eliminated to provide additional opportunity for residents to access courts. This does not affect the 75+ drop-in that is scheduled from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturdays.
- Members are encouraged to read email blasts for information regarding club activities and updates.
- Needed court repairs, especially safety issues, are to be reported to Dennis Raggi.
- See Paul Reiss to assist with court maintenance tasks.

- Daily court schedules are now posted at three locations around the courts.
- As of 2/10/2015, there are 945 club members.
- Simon, the new pickleball machine, has arrived and is being utilized at skill level drop-ins/clinics. Guidelines for use will be sent out in an email blast.
- A club policy is being updated to address overcrowding on the courts during the busy season: From June 1 through October 1, guests of club members are allowed at club events; however, guests will not be able to participate in club (court) activities, October through May. Team or league play, which includes outside communities, is being considered for addition as a club activity from April 1 to October 31.
- A committee is continuing to work on obtaining a Real Time Monitoring System for the courts. A proposal will be presented after cost and operational information has been gathered.
- The paddle testing committee continues to test new paddles on an as needed basis.

Unfinished Business:

- 1) The left locker code at the Pavilion has been changed. The pickleball machine is being stored in this location due to availability of the electrical outlet.
- 2) Court cleaning is scheduled Wednesday, February 11. Following discussion, having ladder scheduled later in the day of court cleaning will be looked into.
- 3) Sun shades are planned to be added in the breezeways; bids will be presented to CAM.
- 4) Paul Reiss is working on articles in Grand Lifestyles about Pickleball Club activities; the first article is planned for March.

New Business:

- 1) Jeanne Harteau and Mel Langer are conducting a weekly clinic and evaluations for novice players during February.
- 2) Engraved club name badges are now available for \$7.00 each from a new supplier who resides in Sun City Grand. Information is posted on the club website on how to order.
- 3) Accident report forms are placed in the monitor books. This form must be filled out and given to Bob Julian, Bob Ellis or Dennis Raggi; all accident reports must be taken to the activities office at the Sonoran Plaza, not the front desk at Cimarron.
- 4) On March 20th through the 22nd, a charity pickleball tournament will be held at Sun City Grand. Contact Doug Pusateri or Victor Moreno for more information. It was suggested that the funds raised during this event go to the Dysart School District to assist with band-related activities.
- 5) Linda Durkee is planning the Club's Luau Party on March 26. Contact Linda if interested in volunteering to help, especially set up.

Announcements:

- A 'plan check' has been submitted to the City regarding the court expansion proposal; the presentation and proposal to the SCG Board has been delayed pending this review.

The February membership meeting of the Sun City Grand Pickleball Club was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Lynn Renick, Secretary
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