

**Sun City Grand Pickleball Club
Membership Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2015**

The May membership meeting of the Sun City Grand Pickleball Club was called to order by the President, Dennis Raggi, at 3:01 p.m. The meeting was held at the Cimarron Center; there were 36 attendees, including board members.

Board members present:

Dennis Raggi, President
Bob Ellis, Vice President
Betty Ponto, Treasurer
Lynn Renick, Secretary
Paul Reiss, Member at Large

Treasurer's Report: Betty Ponto, treasurer, presented April's monthly income and expense report. The report is attached; there is \$7,693 in the club's checking account with \$23,005 in savings, totaling \$30,699 in total cash. Betty noted that \$6,780 has been received from dues; and as of today, there are 989 members. Seymour Butchin moved that the financial report be approved. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the April 14, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

Vice President's Report:

- Bob Ellis reported that club volunteers continue to be needed through the summer months at the St. Mary's Food Bank. Volunteers are needed in the morning, or from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the afternoon.
- Dennis Raggi and Bob Ellis met with the Dysart School District superintendent last week. She wants to have pickleball taught in all the high schools and 8th grade. The district is asking for the club's assistance in teaching the physical education instructors. A request for volunteers to help teach the school instructors will be sent out.
- The band director has identified three needs that the club could assist with. One request was a transport case for the synthesizer; this was purchased with excess funds raised at the VVHS Charity Event in the amount of \$199. With the remainder of the funds available, the band has identified a need for a trophy display case, and a cart to roll out the synthesizer when performing.
- Thank you to Karen Miller for her volunteer work altering band outfits for VVHS students.
- Bob Ellis, Jeff Cretors and Lynn Renick are offering introductory lessons by appointment only this summer.

President's Report:

Dennis Raggi discussed the following items:

- Summer court schedules are in effect: Ladders and drop-in times are 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.; Singles Club mixer has moved to Monday night; Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday night mixers will continue; the Tuesday night mixer has changed from couples to individual play. Ladder captains may suspend ladder play during the summer if there are 2 courts or less.
- Court cleaning was scheduled for Wednesday, May 13th, however it is being postponed because Channel 12 news will be coming to the SCG courts to tape people playing pickleball for an upcoming news story. Members are encouraged to come out and play. The news segment will focus on intergenerational support, specifically the fundraising efforts between Valley Vista High School Band and the SCG Pickleball Club. School

officials and Dennis Raggi have been interviewed, and the segment will air between 5:25 and 6:25 a.m. on Monday, May 18.

- Daily posting of court schedules will be on the bulletin board only during summer months; volunteers are still needed to post the daily schedule this summer. If available, please contact Dennis Raggi.
- A couple of members have been trained to use Simon, the Pickleball Machine. All equipment purchased by the club belongs to CAM and the club is responsible for loss.
- Thank you to Paul Reiss who has been submitting excellent articles for publication in Grand Lifestyles.
- CAM has provided an internet hotspot in order to go forward with the setup of the Real Time Monitoring System. Dennis is working with Scott Phillips and the system will hopefully be working this fall.
- Court repairs continue to be identified and will be fixed; Dennis will be working with Scott Phillips to schedule the work needed unless it can be taken care of by members. Paul Reiss and his maintenance crew continue to maintain the courts and he will be working on the net height adjustment.

Unfinished Business:

1) The presentation by the Tennis/Pickleball Ad Hoc Committee is scheduled to be made to the SCG Board on May 28 during the Board Chat and Workshop. Members are encouraged to attend. There are designated individuals who will be there to assist in adding or clarifying information provided by committee members. A couple of years ago, the membership approved \$18,000 to be available for expansion efforts. **Motion:** Following discussion, Keith Darrow moved that up to \$20,000 be allocated for expenditure, as needed, toward pickleball court conversion. Motion passed unanimously.

2) CAM has agreed to pay for approximately one third of the cost to purchase and install sun shades on top of the breezeways by the pickleball courts. Dennis is looking into the possibility of using wind screens that were removed if they can be located. CAM received bids in the amount of \$3000. No action is being requested at this time.

New Business:

The election committee for the 2016 Board will be chaired by Colleen Grimes. Currently, the term of office begins April 1 through March 31. **Motion:** Following discussion, Laura Darrow moved that the pickleball club policy be changed specifying that the officers' term of office run on a calendar year basis, January 1 through December 31. Motion passed unanimously. There was also discussion regarding the possibility of staggered terms in order to provide more consistency; this issue will continue to be discussed.

Announcements:

Dennis met with Jeff Stone, from the Surprise Pickleball organization, about TrackItHub.com which is a social media connection that sets up a system for the ranking of players through play and self-evaluation. The program also assists in locating other players in various areas. It allows individuals to keep track of their scores and maintain a type of 'handicap' system. There is no cost to participate unless people sign up for 'shootouts'. Dennis will be sending out more information about this opportunity if people are interested.

The May membership meeting of the Sun City Grand Pickleball Club was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Lynn Renick, Secretary
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