

**Sun City Grand Pickleball Club  
Membership Meeting Minutes  
October 20, 2015**

The October 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 Sonoran Plaza; there were 80 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  
Cathy Hennefer, Member at Large

**Treasurer's Report:** Betty Ponto, treasurer, presented the Club's Financial Statement through September 2015. The report is attached; as of 9/30/2015, there is \$3,474 in the club's checking account with \$20,008 in savings, totaling \$23,483 in total cash. As of 10/20/2015, there are 990 members. Linda Durkee moved that the financial report be approved. Motion passed.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes from the May 12, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

**Vice President's Report:**

Bob Ellis talked about the following --

- There will be 3 upcoming club t-shirt sale days with the first scheduled on Saturday, October 24 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The other dates that shirts will be on sale (at the court pavilion) are November 21 and December 19. The cost of the club t-shirts are \$10 each, or 4 for \$30. Angie Robinson and Pauline Avery were thanked for all their hard work ordering and selling the t-shirts; gift cards were given to both individuals in appreciation for their volunteer time and efforts. On November 21, a vendor day will be planned along with the t-shirt sale.
- A second pizza party for club members is being arranged for Wednesday, December 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Cimarron Pavilion. Club members are invited to come for free pizza and to socialize with others.
- On December 14, a Holiday Lights Golf Cart Parade and social hour has been scheduled. More information will be coming out about this event. Snacks will be provided prior to the parade; then golf carts will follow a route to be determined by CAM's holiday light contest. A volunteer is needed to lead the parade.
- The volunteers, organized by Justine Retkowski, were thanked for their work in updating the pickleball club's bulletin board in a Fall theme.

**President's Report:**

Dennis Raggi discussed the following items –

- The winter court schedule took effect October 1 with hours changing to 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Activities have also changed, including additional drop-ins and ladder times. Please check the daily court reservation page for information regarding scheduled club events. Daily court schedules are posted at the bulletin board and beginning November 1, the schedule will be posted in the breezeway for players' convenience.
- Court cleaning is scheduled on Thursday, November 5 beginning at 7 a.m.

- Volunteers continue to be needed to help with posting the schedules on a daily basis. Also, members are needed to assist with ball distribution for the last 2 weeks of November. Doug Pusateri is the contact. Club members receive monitor credit for their assistance with these volunteer tasks.
- Instead of a Holiday Party scheduled in December, a date has been set for a club party in January 2016 which will take the place of the Holiday Party and Spring Fling. More information will be sent out regarding this club social event. Linda Durkee has continued to be instrumental in organizing the club's holiday party and Flings.
- There are changes to some key volunteer positions over the next few months: Joe Williams is resigning as ladder manager, however he will continue his volunteer work in other areas, such as the website. Colleen Grimes is resigning as 3.5/B ladder captain (Marlene Berwald will be taking over this position). Vic and Pauline Avery will no longer be the 2.5/Novice ladder co-captains (Cathy Hennefer will be the new Novice ladder captain). Bob Julian is retiring as Monitor Chair and he listed the following responsibilities of this position which takes a maximum of 2 to 4 hours per month: assure rules are followed, turn in data sheets, keep books up to date for club activities, input information on a spreadsheet for the Activities Department and track monitor time by members. The ladder manager and monitor chair are important positions in the club, so people are encouraged to consider filling the positions; contact Dennis Raggi if interested. All of these volunteers were thanked for their years of service.

#### **Committee Reports:**

1) Dennis Raggi is meeting with CAM officials about the installation of the Real Time Monitoring System which will eliminate the need for paper schedules at the court and provide information on club activities. SCG has approved the system and no club funds will be utilized.

2) Dennis will be requesting that court bench canopies be installed with benches placed on gate entry sides of the courts. The canopies would be similar to those currently at tennis, bocce and lawn bowling courts. The CARE committee will need to approve as no club funds will be used.

3) Paddle testing continues to be completed by request only.

4) Additional volunteers for daily/weekly court maintenance activities are needed; Paul Reiss is the contact.

5) Nominating/Election Committee: Sharon Navratil, chair, introduced the 2016 officer and board member candidates:

- Steve Berwald, President
- Bill Murphy, Vice President
- Lynn Evangelist, Treasurer
- Carol Willoughby, Secretary
- Paul Reiss, Member at Large
- Peter Hladek, Member at Large
- Janice Roberts, Member at Large

Nominations were closed. Bios were available for members' information. Incoming board members will take office as of January 1, 2016. Thank you to members of the Nominating Committee: Sharon Navratil, Nancy Hebeda and Linda Durkee.

**Unfinished Business:**

- 1) Court expansion was voted down by the SCG Board in June. There was discussion regarding the need to continue efforts to raise SCG Board members' awareness of the growing popularity of pickleball and the need for additional facilities within our active adult community. Members were encouraged to attend community and other committee meetings, such as the new Lifestyle Advisory Committee, to present information and take an active role in this ongoing discussion. Also, introductory lessons will be scheduled on a more limited basis this season during evening hours.
- 2) Sun shades are being added at the top of the breezeways along the fencing by CAM.
- 3) Club policies and procedures were updated as of 10/5/2015 by Bob Julian. Bob was thanked for all his work on this task.
- 4) Storage closets will be cleaned out, along with updating/replacing old equipment.

**New Business:**

- USAPA has approved a new Pure Ball which is testing quieter, is the same cost as the current ball and is lasting 2 to 3 times longer. It has been testing well when used in extreme temperatures. 1,000 Pure balls have been ordered.

**Announcements:**

Dennis Raggi asked if anyone has been using [TrackItHub.com](http://TrackItHub.com), which is a new system that provides a social network and link to other pickleball players in an area. There is a fee to join.

**Member Comments on Non-Agenda Items:**

- Members must wear their nametags during club court activities. An email reminder will be sent out regarding this requirement.
- In addition to the discussion on the need for additional courts, there was conversation regarding the lack of availability of court use by non-members.

The October membership meeting of the Sun City Grand Pickleball Club was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Lynn Renick, Secretary  
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