

**Sun City Grand Pickleball Club
Membership Meeting
March 8, 2016**

The President, Steve Berwald, called the March membership meeting of the Sun City Grand Pickleball Club to order at 3:04 PM. The meeting was held in The Aqua Fria Room. There were 29 attendees, including board members.

Board Members Present:

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

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer Report: John Olson reviewed the Pickleball Club's finances and stated that the financial statement is posted on the website. The Club currently has 1033 members, but that number will drop as leases expire for seasonal renters. The Pickleball Club purchased 130 tickets to the Spring Training Party Tent event on March 6 and sold 129 of those tickets. The financial statement was approved and a copy is attached.

President's report:

Steve Berwald talked about the following-

- The card readers are in place and working well at both locations at the pickleball courts. Steve will review that data to see the breakdown of when the courts are being used. Please report if your card does not work when swiped. If you attend more than one event a day, swipe your card at each event.
- No changes have been made to the schedule this month. The afternoon drop-in period from 4 to 6 may need to be changed if it is not being fully used.
- Balls are no longer being marked with SCG as requested. Pure balls are clean and usable.
- Ball usage has been excessive over the last two months as compared to other similar clubs (Sun City, Sun City West and Pebble Creek). The issues seem to be throwing away balls that are usable, people taking balls, and using "new" instead of "old" balls in the ball machine. The current rate of usage is over 500 balls per month. The difference between new balls distributed and damaged balls retrieved have been more than a hundred balls per month.
- The Spring Training event was a success and everyone had a great time.

Vice President's report:

- Bill attended the February Lifestyle Meeting. The 25% rule of open usage will apply to all other outdoor courts and activities, not just pickleball.
- The new ¼ page Pickleball Club Add is in the Grand Times. We are entitled to two quarter page adds or one half page add per year without any cost to us.

New Business:

- Turf Paradise Day at the races will be held on Monday, April 18. There are plenty of tickets available. For tickets, contact Kathy Crotty or Jeff Cretors.
- Red Nose Day will be held this Sunday, March 13, at noon at the pickleball courts. This is a national charity event, (all 50 states) to support poor children. Players will be given red noses, red hats and red beads to wear. The group playing will be filmed and the event will air on May 26 from 9am to 11am. This is a Pickleball Club Event arranged by Linda Durkee, not a Sun City Grand event.
- Court monitors should be walking around making sure that members are swiping their cards and wearing their badges. During peak usage times like morning drop-in, guests are not allowed. It was reported that some people have been rude to the monitors. There is a code of conduct that must be followed. Monitors should report any rude members to Bob Julian who will pass it on to the board.

Member Discussion:

- There was a question about the Executive Board Meeting that the Pickleball Club Board members attended. Steve stated that that the discussion held is confidential but the meeting resulted in no negative actions.
- There was concern about the wear on the courts so soon after being resurfaced. The courts are being cleaned 10 times per year.
- Keith Darrow thanked all the pickleball members for their support on his recent campaign for a seat on the Cam Board.
- There was a question about the expansion of pickleball courts. The Cam Board is putting off expansion to all clubs, including pickleball, until the Strategic Plan is released.

The Sun City Grand Pickleball meeting was adjourned at 3:44.

Carol Willoughby, Secretary
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