

Sun City Grand Pickleball Club
Membership Meeting
February 9, 2016

The President, Steve Berwald, called the February membership meeting of the Sun City Grand Pickleball Club to order at 3:00 PM. The meeting was held in The Aqua Fria Room. There were 46 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

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

Treasurer Report: John Olson stated that the financial statement is posted on the website. The total revenue, including proceeds from the 60's Party and ticket sales from the Spring Training Party Tent Event, is \$12,595. The total expenses, including those same two social events, are \$9047. The total balance is currently \$25,101.

The Club had 1160 members at the end of January, but as of February 1, when unpaid members are dropped, the membership dropped to 985. John is still signing up new members. The financial statement was approved.

The financial report is attached.

President's report:

Steve Berwald talked about the following-

- Steve made a presentation to the SCG board in mid-January requesting the 3 Cimarron tennis courts be converted to pickleball courts. Then, all tennis courts would be located at Adobe and all pickleball courts would be located at Cimarron. He made the case that Sun City Grand is lagging behind the other West Valley Senior Communities in the number of pickleball courts available to their members. He felt the presentation went well.
- Scheduling: We were able to have the 25% per hour changed to 25% per day for available courts to reserve, enabling morning drop-in to use all 12 courts. The ball machine will be limited to Mondays and Thursdays unless that court is needed for ladder. Ladder will release any courts not needed. There was discussion about moving afternoon drop-in from "4 to 6" back to "2 to 4". After reviewing the schedule, it is not feasible at this time.
- Pizza Party is Saturday, February 13 from 11am to 2pm.
- TV monitors were put up, taken down and they will be re-installed after board approval.

- Michael O'Meara explained our new TV monitoring system. The TV monitors that the club bought can show the schedule, advertisements or information. These monitors will be in the pavilion and in the breezeway above the water fountains. We should swipe our cards, but only for club activities. There was discussion on tracking people who reserve courts and then don't show, and the possibility of real time cameras to show open courts. Michael said this was too expensive because we would be using cellular time.
- Badge Readers: The first time you swipe your card, it should say "Thank You" if you are in the system. Members should swipe for each club activity, even if that happens to be more than one time a day.
- Monitors: Currently, Bob Julian collects all the activity sheets and enters the information into the system. Even with the new system, we will still need monitors to circulate and check for nametags. Everyone should have a nametag on at club events. Monitor duties are listed on the website.
- SCG residents (non-members) can come to club activities 3 times before becoming a member. This is in the charter club rules and cannot be changed.

Vice President's report:

- Bill Murphy attended the Life Styles Meeting. There was discussion on our benches located in each court that are still uncovered. Covers have been approved but it still needs to go before the board.
- Bill feels that we need a better public image, so he is creating an ad to go in the Grand Times. As a club, we are entitled to free ad space and can also be listed in the resource publication.
- Bill again emphasized that we need monitors for drop-in.

New Business:

- Pizza party is February 13 from 11:00am to 2:00pm. You must be a member of the club and have your name badge with your 2016 sticker with you.
- Vendor/Demo days will be February 20 from 9:00am until noon. There will be 3+ vendors participating.
- Spring Training game in the Party Tent is scheduled for March 6 at 1:00pm. We still have some tickets available.
- Court reservations that are made and not used are a continuing problem. If you cannot use a court, please cancel your reservation, even if you have to go to the court and scratch your name off.

Member Discussion:

- There was a request made to discontinue marking balls with SCG as it comes off on paddles
- There was a question to how long a game can last during drop-in events? It was suggested that timers be placed in the courts and that games be limited to 15 minutes.

- There was a suggestion to move afternoon drop-in to the 2 to 4 slot. This would be in conflict with Skill Level times and we also need to keep some “good times” available to the public.
- There was discussion on the Pickleball Club endorsing candidates. Steve emphasized that the club cannot get into politics. As individuals, you can talk to people or send emails to friends, but the Pickleball Club cannot.
- Guests are not allowed at club events during peak season, but guests are allowed at non-club events if they are with a member.

The Sun City Grand Pickleball meeting was adjourned at 4:22.

Carol Willoughby, Secretary
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