

**Sun City Grand Pickleball Club
Membership Meeting
February 14, 2017**

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 Agua Fria Room. There were 48 attendees, including board members.

Board Members Present:

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

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the January 10, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer Report: John Olson presented the Club's Financial Statement for January 2017 and it was approved as presented. In reviewing the current financial statement, John pointed out that we still owe CAM the final \$10,000 payment when the courts are completed. He also said that we currently have 1042 members. Of those 1042 members, 127 are brand new members and 260 past members have not yet renewed.

President's report:

Steve Berwald talked about the following-

Court Expansion:

- Groups of four courts are still being resurfaced. The current group should be completed on Saturday and the final group will then be closed for resurfacing.
- Completion date for all 22 courts is February 25 as long as there are no weather delays.
- Six concrete benches and a tall table with four chairs still need to be purchased.
- A member brought up aluminum seating that was used in the past and Steve agreed to look into that.
- Court 19 needs a lower gate to prevent balls from getting out.
- Court 20 needs a corrected latch.
- Some courts need a metal stop to prevent the gates from going all the way through.

Tournament:

- The Super Senior Tournament is on schedule but we still need some volunteers to help monitor cars coming into the parking lot. Contact Marlene Berwald to volunteer.

- A member brought up the possibility of getting a sponsor for our club to help with costs like Sun City West.
- Pauline is going to help with selling PB shirts.
- A member or group of members expressed their displeasure about the Super Senior Tournament that was planned by the board. They felt that this should have been voted on by the membership. A heated discussion among members, both in favor and against, followed. The general objections were as follows:
 1. Everyone cannot play because it is age restricted.
 2. The noise of a tournament may offend the neighbors.
 3. The tournament participants can use any paddle, even though our membership is restricted to certain approved paddles.
 4. Parking will be a problem, even though shuttling to a local church has been planned. Insurance is a concern.
 5. Some felt we should do an “in house” tournament instead.
- Keith Darrow made a motion as follows: “I move that we vote on having this SPA Tournament“. Carol Willoughby seconded. The motion was open to discussion. “Should we vote now or notify the membership for a later vote” was discussed. Another suggestion was to send a detailed email to all members and have them vote online. The discussion continued back and forth.
- Jeff Stone, President of the Surprise Pickleball Association, Sun City Grand resident and member of our Club addressed many of the criticisms that were voiced. He sensed that the bad feelings were not abating and stated that he would withdraw the tournament from Sun City Grand and he would find another location to host it.
- At this point, Keith rescinded his motion and Carol rescinded her second.

Vice President’s report:

Bill Murphy talked about the following:

Pickleball Shirts:

We are selling them for \$5.00 at the vendor fair on Saturday, February 18. Pauline Avery volunteered to help.

New Business/Announcements:

- Vendor Day is Saturday, February 18.
- We are planning a celebration/ribbon cutting of the new courts on Saturday, March 4 at noon. It will be a pizza party for all PB members and invited guests.
- Linda Durkee spoke about the Sock Hop on March 3 and encouraged all to come.

Member discussion on Non-agenda items:

A member asked if we could request a wind sock at the pickleball courts.
Steve explained that he has asked and been turned down many times.
Maybe calling it a “wind directional device” may get a different response.
The Sun City Grand Pickleball meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Carol Willoughby, Secretary
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