

**Sun City Grand Pickleball Club
Membership Meeting
November14, 2017**

The President, Steve Berwald, called the November Membership Meeting of the Sun City Grand Pickleball Club to order at 3:07 PM. The meeting was held in The Agua Fria Room. A quorum was established. There were 95 attendees, including board members.

Board Members Present:

Steve Berwald, President
Carol Willoughby, Secretary
John Olson, Treasurer
Peter Hladek, Member at Large
Kathy Crotty, Member at Large
Janice Roberts, Member at Large

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

Treasurer Report: John Olson presented the Club's Financial Statement for October, 2017. Income was \$1,115, mostly from dues but \$85 was from shirt sales. Total expenses for the month were \$171. Operating income is \$944 for the month and \$(2942) for the year. We had projected a loss of \$(8,800) for the year but we will probably do better. Reconciled Account Balances... Checking \$2490... Savings \$14,521... Total Bank \$17,011.

John spoke about the membership which is 1158 members currently. He also announced the 5 renewal sessions which are posted on the website.

President's report:

- Steve Berwald introduced a special guest from "**Soldiers Best Friend**" to speak to the membership about the upcoming "**Play with a Pro**" fundraiser on December 17 from 4 to 9.

Roy Cirincione explained how their organization started in 2011 to provide service dogs to returning veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder or Post-Traumatic Brain Disorder. It takes about \$4000 to train a dog and they have graduated 195 dogs to date. There are between 45 to 55 teams working at a time and the training program takes from 6 to 9 months. One of their campuses is local in case anyone is interested in volunteering. Funds are their greatest need. For more information or to volunteer, go to their website, soldiersbestfriend.org.

- Voting for the Membership-at-Large Positions: The five candidates for the Member-at-Large positions are Jean Dowis, Carol Weber, Don Madison, Stewart

McWilliam and Marlene Berwald. Each candidate was introduced and spoke on their qualifications and why they would like to be on the board. Dennis Raggi passed out ballots, instructed everyone to vote for 3, then collected the completed ballots. Dennis and his team counted the ballots while the meeting continued.

Congratulations to the three new Members-at-Large: Don Madison, Stewart McWilliam and Marlene Berwald.

- Membership sign up dates are posted on the Bulletin Board and start in December on the 4th and 13th. January dates are 4, 8 and 17. You need to bring a completed application, payment and your cam card to sign up.

New Business/Announcements:

- Demo/Vendor Days are scheduled for December 1 from 9 to 12. The pavilion and courts 1 and 2 will be used for trying out paddles.
- The Pickleball Holiday Party is on December 14. Food will be provided by Sharko's and the same DJ will handle music. There will also be a bin to collect "Toys for Tots". Linda Durkee encouraged everyone to come and have a great time.
- "Play With a Pro" Event is scheduled on December 17 from 4 to 9 on courts 17-22. There will be food, raffles, toy collection and possibly a dog from Soldiers Best Friend present. Troy Konz is encouraging everyone to support this worthy event. Information and registration is available on the website under posts. Registration deadline is December 10.

Member discussion on Non-agenda items:

- A question was raised as to whether we can use different balls other than the Pure #2 on the courts. Steve Berwald explained that our agreement with CAM when getting the new courts requires us to use the quiet ball. Noisier balls are not allowed.
- Paddle restrictions are still in use and we must refer to the green list for legal paddles.
- A member asked if there is a machine that could clean the balls. So far, cleaning is done by individuals.
- Laura Fenton Kovanda spoke about the **World Team Pickleball Championships** that are taking place in Sun City West on December 7-10. You can enter as a team of 3 men and 3 women and are guaranteed to play 9 matches. Matches are scheduled by skill or age divisions. For more information or to be placed on the mailing list, email Laura at Lfenton2862@gmail.com or call 702-468-6337.

The Sun City Grand Pickleball meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Carol Willoughby, Secretary
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