

**Sun City Grand Pickleball Club  
Membership Meeting  
December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

The President, Troy Konz, called the December Membership Meeting of the Sun City Grand Pickleball Club to order at 3:02 PM. The meeting was held in the Agua Fria Room. A quorum was established. There were 67 attendees, including Board members.

**Board Members Present:** Troy Konz, President  
Craig Soubliere, Vice President  
Betty Ponto, Treasurer  
Colleen Grimes, Secretary  
Don Madison, Member at Large  
Marlene Berwald, Member at Large  
Stewart McWilliam, Member at Large

**Housekeeping Rules:** Troy requested that members come to the front of the center isle if they are recognized and have a question.

**First Aid:** Troy announced that there is a second St. Luke's First Aid/CPR training session scheduled on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in the Pavilion. There are 60 slots open and members who are interested should send him an e-mail if they want to attend. Troy thanked Mel for scheduling the training sessions and stated that our goal is to donate \$500.00 to the St. Luke's First Aid program. Troy shared that David Schlemmer has donated a training AED to the Club and Colleen Grimes and other medical professionals will be conducting AED training classes in the Pavilion starting in January 2019. Troy will be sending out a Blast when the training sessions are scheduled.

**2019 Pickle Election Vote:** Mel Langer announced that two candidates had withdrawn from running for a Board Position, therefore, all candidates are running unopposed and there would be no election required.

The Board Members for 2019 are as follows:

Troy Konz, President  
Craig Soubliere, Vice President  
Don Gunderson, Treasurer  
Cathy Hennefer, Secretary  
Don Madison, Member at Large  
Stewart (Stu) Templer, Member at Large  
Stewart McWilliam, Member at Large

Troy thanked Mel and the members of his committee for all their hard work.

**Secretary's Report:** The November 2018 membership meeting minutes were presented. Troy made a motion to approve the minutes and Mel Langer seconded. The November minutes were approved by the membership.

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**Treasurer Report: Income/Expense Report (I/E report)** Betty Ponto presented the Club I/E report for January 1, 2018 - November 30, 2018 (Attachment I).

- Checking Account Balance: \$6,564.92
- Saving Account Balance: \$13,526.09
- Total Cash Available: \$20,091.01
- Membership 1295

Troy made a motion to approve November Treasurer's report, it was seconded by Jane White and approved by the membership.

**Committee Report Sponsorship:** No report

**Old Business**

**Charity Event - Soldiers Best Friend (SBF):** The Play with a Pro (SBF) charity event will take place this Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, from 12 noon to 5:00pm on courts 13 - 22. Linda Kauss has had to drop out and we are looking for a Pro to replace her. We currently have 65 members signed up to play and we have 122 slots available. The deadline to sign-up has passed but Craig is willing to work members into the schedule if they notify him soon. There are sign-up forms located on the bulletin boards at the courts and on the website. Ellie Brooks and members of the Board of Directors have been invited to attend the event. Colleen asked for volunteers for the event and informed folks that volunteers will receive a monitor credit for their time. Colleen requested they see her or Linda after the meeting if they can volunteer. If you need a monitor credit for 2018, this is a fun way to get one. If members can't play, donations will be appreciated.

**2019 Budget:** The 2019 Budget has been on the website for member review (Attachment II). Troy asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the Budget. The budget will be voted on in January by the membership.

**Dink-A-Dilly II:** Troy reported that the Club made \$760.00 at the event. There are 16 T - shirts still available to purchase and you can contact Marlene if you want one. Troy shared that fewer members signed up this year and that may have been because the format of a partner being assigned at the same skill level was not that popular. A list of Tournament Winners will be published (Attachment III).

**2.0 Ladder:** Angie Robinson reported that eight members signed up for the 2.0 Ladder, but it was rained out. The 2<sup>nd</sup> session will be this Thursday and she believes the Ladder will get larger as members find out that it is available.

**Renewal Sessions:** Betty reported that there were 507 members that renewed their membership at the December renewal sessions. The next renewal sessions are scheduled on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> 2019, from 9:00am to 11:00 am at Cimarron.

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**2019 External Pickleball Tournament:** Troy reported that the Club's external tournament "Spread the Pickleball Love" will be held for Soldiers Best Friend and the two Fire Stations in Surprise. Part of the funds from the tournament will be used to purchase equipment and other essential items that the Fire Stations need. Troy reiterated that the tournament will be a three-day USAPA sanctioned event. Troy again requested that members "Host" out of town players for the tournament.

**New Business**

**Swiping CAM Cards:** In the month of November, over 5,000 cards were swiped. Troy estimates about one third of the members who played did not swipe their cards to sign in. All members must swipe their CAM card before starting play.

**AED Training:** AED training was talked about earlier, but Troy emphasized that the training will be an important tool to save lives. Once you are familiar with how the AED works, it will not be scary to use.

**Dave Schlemmer and Ron Grant Update:** In early November, Dave Schlemmer had what is called a "widow maker" or sudden death on the courts. Our members and a Registered Nurse (we believe to be a family member of a Club member) jumped into action and started CPR and used the AED. Dave would not be with us today if the AED had not been used on him. Dave purchased the training AED for the Club to say thank you to the person who used the AED to save his life. The second emergency happened at the "Dink A Dilly" last Thursday. Colleen evaluated Ron Grant and insisted he go to the hospital because she believed he was having an issue with his heart. After he repeatedly said he would not go, Ron finally consented to be transported and 911 was called. Ron had 3 stents put in his coronary arteries and he also had what is called a "widow maker" that would have caused a sudden death episode at some point.

**Ball Machine Training:** Jeanne Harteau and Mel Langer will be conducting training at the skill level drop-ins with the ball machines. There was some discussion concerning Jeanne and others restarting the skill level clinics that she conducted a few years ago. The clinic training was well received by all players.

**Ladder/League:** Angie discussed the policy of notifying the Ladder/League Captains when you are not able to play. For Ladders, the rule is that there is a 4-week suspension for a no show (if you have not arrived by the start of Ladder play). For a second time occurrence, the member will be suspended from Ladder play for 8 weeks and for a 3<sup>rd</sup> occurrence, the member will be suspended for a year. To avoid a suspension, members must notify the Ladder Captain at least 24 hours before scheduled play begins.

For League play, it is a 1-week suspension for a first-time absence without notification and for the 2<sup>nd</sup> offense you are suspended from playing in that season's League play. Angie requested that all members notify the Ladder/League Captain as far in advance as possible

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**Deaf Pickleball Clinic:** The Club sponsored a free Pickleball Clinic for eleven of our deaf members coordinated by Laura Fenton Kovanda and a deaf interpreter. It was extremely successful, and another clinic is scheduled for December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**Newcomer Coffee/Fall Fest:** Linda reported that the Newcomer Coffee and the Fall Fest events were both very successful. We had over 30 new members sign up for Pickleball lessons as a result of our participation in the two events.

**Emergency Signs:** The Club has posted signs in each court with the court number and the Cimarron address if 911 needs to be called from a cell phone. The Club also has a Red phone by the bathrooms that members can use to call 911, but you still need to inform 911 dispatch of the address posted on the phone. Some members do not realize that the calls we make to 911 roll into a centralized call center in Phoenix and that the Surprise Fire Department Paramedics are dispatched from that center. There was extensive discussion that members were told to always use the red phone and not to call from their cell phones. It was explained by medical personnel that that is not always the safest approach depending on the situation.

Suggestions from members:

- One member suggested that a red phone be placed down by court 22 and Troy said we will investigate that possibility, but we are dealing with a Land line.
- Another member suggested we have someone from the Fire Department come and talk to the membership about the safest way to contact the EMT's. Troy said that we would look unto having them come to a member meeting.
- A member raised a concern that multiple calls to 911 would only confuse 911 dispatch. It was pointed out that there are often multiple calls made to 911 in mass accidents, fires and other life-threatening situations. The 911 operators are trained to take those types of calls in an emergency.

Colleen will call the Fire Department to confirm the procedures and where our 911 calls go when we call for EMS support.

**Holiday Party:** Linda reported that the Holiday party was a success. Many have said that this was the best Holiday party they have ever attended. Thanks to Linda for all her hard work and dedication.

**Signage:** The Club is replacing most of the paper signs hanging on the gates with laser cut metal signs. Linda Durkee is talking to vendors and getting bids to replace the paper signs.

**Joe Best Replacement for Monitor Chair:** Colleen accepted the position but stepped aside when she was told that Vicki and Mark sexton requested the job.

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**Afternoon Drop-in:** Cancelled because of poor attendance.

**Thursday Night Lights (TNL) Clinic:** Laura Fenton Kovanda held a successful TNL event on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Laura has scheduled another TNL on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. There will be 16 players in each skill level. The cost will be \$10 with a pizza party afterwards. Additional monies will be used for charities such as "Chance Animal Shelter" and the St. Luke's training programs

**Volunteer Dinner:** Troy was informed that the Club did not have our annual dinner for volunteers. It will be scheduled in January at the Pavilion.

**Spring Training Baseball Tickets:** Marlene reported that she has purchased the last 100 tickets for the spring training game on Saturday, March 2, 2019. The tickets are \$35.00 per person. Marlene explained that the event will be in the tent area and one meal and drink will be provided. Cathy Hennefer stated that her club also purchased 100 tickets for that game and we can work together if she doesn't need all her tickets.

**Non-Agenda Items:**

**Tournament Medal Winners:** See attachment III.

**New Member Concern:** A member moving back to Sun City Grand had questions about playing and signing in etc. Vicki Roundtree explained about the New Member Letter, and the "Getting Started Playing at Sun City Grand" documentation that her committee developed for new members and promised to send it to her. Vicki also invited the member to come to her "New Member Welcome Event" scheduled at 4:00pm on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 on the court nearest the Pavilion. Troy will send out an e-mail Blast to notify members of the event.

**Board Members that are Leaving and Volunteers:** Troy thanked the Board members and volunteers who worked so hard to develop and implement the successful programs, tournaments and policy changes for the Club over the last year.

Colleen Grimes, Secretary

Minutes approved by the Membership on January 8, 2019

The Sun City Grand Pickleball Club meeting was adjourned at 4:05pm.