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**Sun City Grand Pickleball Club  
Membership Meeting  
February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

The President, Troy Konz, called the January Membership Meeting of the Sun City Grand Pickleball Club to order at 3:03 PM. The meeting was held in The Agua Fria Room. A quorum was established. There were 98 attendees, including Board members.

**Board Members Present:**

Troy Konz, President  
Craig Soubliere, Vice President  
Colleen Grimes, Secretary  
Mike McDonald, Treasurer  
Stewart McWilliam, Member at Large  
Don Madison, Member at Large  
Marlene Berwald, Member at Large

**Sun City Grand Board of Directors Representatives**

Troy introduced Elli Brooks, the President of the Board and Ray Wilton, Board Member. Elli Brooks is also on the Board of Directors for Policy.

- The Club is required to develop and approve a policy for advertising/sponsorship and submit the request to CAM.
- There was discussion regarding the debris from trees on the courts that are posing a fall risk for the members. Ellie explained that the General Manager is responsible for Landscaping, but she would follow up with him regarding this issue.
- The members asked if a restroom could be built near court 19. Elli stated that a request would need to be submitted to the Lifestyles Committee. A member asked if the Club paid or subsidized the building of the bathroom would that expedite the process. Ellie is aware of our Club's contribution to projects, but it would still need to be determined if water, sewer and electrical are possible to build a bathroom near court 19.
- Canopies for the courts were discussed and Steve Berwald stated that the request was withdrawn because the money was used to build the courts.
- Ellie informed the Club that the Community and the Board needs to develop a 5 and 10-year plan, not just a yearly budget. They are planning to start the Budget process in September 2019 and the Long-range Planning Committee and Budget out to 2020.
- Victor Moreno suggested that we plant Evergreen trees. He also suggested that we install vending machines in the Pavilion. Elli will meet with the General Manager to discuss the trees.

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- There was a discussion about the CAM staff's unresponsiveness to Club requests. Ellie Brooks will meet with the CAM staff and discuss our concerns regarding call backs and e-mail responsiveness.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes from the January 9th, 2018 meeting were approved as written.

**Treasurer Report:**

Mike McDonald presented the Club Financial Statement for January 2018 (Attachment 1):

- Total bank and cash assets as of 1/31/18                      \$23,977
- Club membership as of 1/31/18                                      1,381
- Club members as of 2/1/18    1,169
- 212 members did not renew by the Delinquent Drop Date.

Mike reported that the Club has an 80% retention rate and believes that the Novice Mixed group is supporting the membership.

Linda Hoggatt made a motion to approve the January 2018 Financial Statement. The motion was approved (adopted) by the membership.

**President's Report:**

**Internal Tournament scheduled February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018**

- John Grasso reported that 170 Club members have signed up for the tournament. Players will receive a T-shirt and a meal ticket for the \$20.00 tournament fee. Tournament winners will be awarded medals in their brackets. Members will need to sign-up by 2/15/2018 to receive a T-Shirt because we have to know what sizes to order.
- The tournament will include Men's Doubles 2.5 – 5.0, Women's Doubles Novice - 5.0, Mixed Doubles Novice -5.0.
- Paula Avery will be responsible for check-in, Colleen Grimes and Sharon Navartil will be responsible for First Aide and Roc Kane will be responsible for referees.
- Start time will be 8:00 am with check-in 30 minutes before start time. Projected finish time is 4:00 pm.

**Court Maintenance**

- Troy reported that 18 volunteers have been cleaning the courts on Sunday's. The courts are cleaner and there is a noticeable difference in the color and cleanliness of the Pickleballs.
- Troy will ask CAM to stop cleaning the courts. The Club will assume the responsibility to keep the courts clean.

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### **New Business**

- The battery-operated Ball Machine does not work. There is an increased demand from Club members to use and attend the ball machine classes. At least 30 Club members per session are using the ball machines at the Monday and Thursday sessions. Last Monday, there were 5 courts using 4 ball machines for training.
- A member asked if we could use another ball machine. Troy stated that a new ball machine would cost \$1,200.00. Bob Dooling motioned that the Club purchase another ball machine. The motion was approved (adopted) by the membership.

### **Spring Fling**

- Linda Durkee presented the Spring Fling scheduled for March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018. It will be a 1950's theme, cost \$25.00 per person and be catered by Dillions.

### **Volunteer of the Quarter**

- Troy presented Linda Durkee with the first award for Volunteer of the Quarter. Linda has dedicated herself to Club events for 6 years and given many hours of her time to support Club events (Attachment 2).
- Award (Attachment 3).

### **2018 Club Budget (Member Approved Budget)**

Mike McDonald presented the 2018 Budget for approval by the membership. (Attachment 4).

- Ball Machine was included in the 2018 Budget.
- In 2017, \$10,000 went to CAM for the courts.
- \$6,000.00 for ride on court cleaner.
- \$1,500.00 for heaters.
- Spring Fling has a subsidy of \$725.00 and Holiday party \$3,130.00.
- Mel Langer motioned to approve the 2018 Budget. The motion was approved (adopted) by the membership.

### **Sponsorship**

- Troy explained that the Club will generate income for the Club through advertising and sponsorship.
- Sun City West generates approximately \$60,000 in sponsorship revenue per year for their courts. Their Club paid for their new Pickleball courts through sponsorship.
- Pickleball Club will keep 20-30% of the revenue generated from sponsor fees.

### **Committees**

- Troy asked for volunteers for the new Committees. Sign-up sheets were on the back wall.

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- Training Committee- Chairs: Colleen Grimes and Marlene Berwald.
- Sponsorship Committee Chairs: Craig Soubliere and Don Madison - Motion to move forward with Sponsorship by Earle Greenberg. Motion was approved (adopted) by the membership.
- Court Enhancement Committee Chair: Stewart McWilliam - Addresses ice machines, Coffee vending machines, Water Bottle fillers, patio furniture. Motion to move forward with Court enhancement by Keith Darrow. Motion was approved (adopted) by the membership.
- External Tournaments - Troy Konz.
- Internal Tournaments - Marlene Berwald.
- Volunteer Committee - Colleen Grimes.

**Ladders/League restructure** - Will be addressed in the Fall, 2018.

**Court Designation by Skill Level** – will be addressed in the Fall, 2018.

### **External Tournaments**

- Troy suggested the Club sponsor an External Tournament in the Fall 2018. There was discussion about how many days would be devoted to the Tournament. The Bylaws state up to 5 days (Tuesday through Saturday). One member asked what the Club gained with courts unavailable for recreational play for 5 days. It was explained that the tournament would provide income for the club and community. Nicki Green was concerned about the neighbors complaining about the noise. The paddle restriction was also discussed. Would it be lifted for the tournament? All questions and concerns will be answered as we plan the tournament.
- Motion to approve the external tournament by Dave Walker. Motion was approved (adopted) by the membership.

### **Grand Pickleball Website**

- Troy asked that all members check the Pickleball Website to make sure their information is correct. Name, Phone number, address and CAM number. The member has the ability to edit their own information on the website.

**New Fuse balls** - when the 200 PURE 2 balls are gone, the Fuse balls will be ordered.

**Vice President Report:** No business to report.

### **Member Discussion/Announcements**

**St. Luke's Medical Center Crisis Workshops** (Attachment 5).

- Mel Langer reported that St. Luke's is providing hands on CPR training and lifesaving First Aid tips. Mel will take the Lead to find out about what is offered.
- There was a show of hands of members interested in CPR and AED Training. Almost 100% show of member interest.

### **Pickleball Referee Clinic**

- 45 members participated in the referee training.

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**Court Etiquette** - Troy asked that members be courteous and respectful of other members court time. Do not walk onto courts before their scheduled time starts.

**Dave Weinbach Clinic** - Sunday 2/18. 2018 from 12noon to 3:30pm.

**Volunteer awards** - John Grasso recommended that volunteers be rewarded by paying for their next years' membership as recognition for their volunteer commitment. The Board validated that there was discussion in the 2/6/2018 Board meeting regarding volunteer recognition. Reimbursement for the member's next year membership was discussed, but it was not voted on. There was more discussion by the membership and it was recommended that the Volunteer Committee make a recommendation to the Board.

**Troy announced Club Members that have won medals in the Happy Trails, SSIPA and Southwest Regional Pickleball Tournaments in January 2018** - (Attachment 6).

The Sun City Grand Pickleball meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm

Colleen Grimes, Secretary

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