

**Sun City Grand Pickleball Club
Membership Meeting
January 8, 2019**

President Troy Konz called the meeting of the Sun City Grand Pickleball Club to order at 3:00 pm. Meeting held in Aqua Fria room and a quorum established. There were 60 attendees including the board members.

Board Members Present: Troy Konz, President
Craig Soubliere, Vice President
Don Gunderson, Treasurer
Cathy Hennefer, Secretary
Don Madison, Member at large

Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Keith Darrow, club member and representative on the ARC gave an update about need to add your name and your friends to the future of Sun City Grand by getting involved. He reminded us that our community is over 20 years old, and ARC is looking for your input for new ideas to the Residential Design Guidelines. Forms are available at the Standards Office and are due by January 31.

First Aid Training St Lukes conducted training in PB pavilion at 1:00 on January 8 for AED and Stop the Bleed. 72 members were in attendance.

Intro 2 new board members Cathy Hennefer, secretary, and Don Gunderson, treasurer introduced themselves to members.

Treasurer Report No report available as Betty Ponto, 2018 treasurer was out of town and has not completed turnover to new treasurer. That will be completed soon.

Secretary Report The December 2018 membership meeting minutes were presented. Motion made to approve and seconded. December 2018 minutes approved by the membership.

OLD BUSINESS

Charity event Play with a Pro December 16th event a great success with over \$7,000 collected for Soldiers Best Friend (SBF). SBF unable to attend the January monthly meeting for a presentation of the funds. It is anticipated that SBF will be in attendance at the February 8 meeting.

2019 Budget Troy requested that \$1,500 be added to the existing 2019 budget for the purchase of 2 computers to be used by secretary and treasurer, in hopes to eliminate some of the paper records now being kept. Motion made and approved for this addition. A motion was made and seconded to accept the 2019 budget as amended.

Renewal Sessions Final 2 renewal sessions are scheduled for Monday January 14th and Wednesday January 16th from 9 to 11 am at Cimarron.

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Tournaments 2019 In house tournament scheduled for April 2 – April 4th to include picking your own partner. External Tournament scheduled for December 13 to 15. Troy asked for volunteers especially for the External Tournament as concept needs to be presented to HOA board. Proceeds will include more than one local charity.

Volunteer Dinner Still working on acknowledging those members who donated their extra efforts to the club's success during 2018. More news to come.

Spring Training Game Marlene Berwald is purchasing 100 tickets for the Saturday March 2nd game at Surprise Stadium in the Tent. A blast will be coming out as soon as the tickets are available. Price is \$35 which includes admission, meal, and an adult beverage. Last years event was a success and sold out.

Deaf Pickleball Clinic 3 successful clinics have been conducted. Troy asked for a volunteer to write an article for the USAPA. Videoing was done at the event. Laura Darrow volunteered to look into uploading that info to USAPA.

NEW BUSINESS

Skill Clinics Mel Langer announced the startup of free skill level clinics beginning week of January 14th through the end of March. Clinics will be conducted at the 2.5, 3.0 and 3.5 scheduled drop in times. Courts 18, 20, 21 and 22 will be used. Jeanne Harteau added that one trainer will be on each court. A blast will be done to advertise the clinics.

Housekeeping Staff Appreciation Troy announced that lunch will be brought in from Olive Garden for the housekeeping staff assigned to PB courts. He also asked club to members to thank the staff when they see them as they do an outstanding job for our club.

Winter League Angie Robinson shared that 146 members have signed up to play on Saturdays, beginning January 12th. That is the largest number of signups.

Court Level Designation during Drop in Troy Konz shared that a committee is exploring assigning skill levels to some courts during drop in. Other area clubs are using this method to help new players determine where to play during drop in times. David Nedelman is on the committee.

Guest Tags New red guest tags are now in use. Craig Soubliere encouraged all monitors to use them during club events. The guest tags include the phrase "my name is _____".

Balls The current Pure 2 bright yellow ball is being phased out. The existing balls will be used in the ball machine court sessions. The Pure 2 balls are no longer being made. A G2 orange ball has been purchased and will be put into use. These balls will stay cleaner than the existing balls.

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Tower Heaters Troy shared that the club is exploring purchasing 3 electric tower heaters for the 3 breezeways.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Spin Cycle Don Gunderson shared his idea to have time at end of each monthly meeting for a member to have 5 minutes put forth a new idea. Time would be called spin cycle, as members would have opportunity to spin an idea to help improve the club now or for years to come.

Size of Badges Club member asked about developing a smaller size badge as some other clubs have done. Less weight on lightweight clothing.

Skill Evaluation Club member inquired how a new person would go about getting evaluated at a level. Troy Konz and Jeanne Harteau shared methods available currently including clinics, ladder captains, professional evaluations, and others.

RIF Troy shared recent downloading issues of members swiping their badges when they come to courts. He brought up idea of having club look at Radio Frequency use of having a tag on your bag that would identify your attendance automatically.

Friendly Competition with other clubs Club member wants to explore idea of a friendly competition with other clubs, perhaps for a charity club. This could expand our prominence in the area, with goal of having the most members.

Congratulations to 2018 board Club member wanted to thank 2018 board for a good year and great work. Troy acknowledged the work of many volunteers to make this happen. Troy also shared that PB club president is part of a group of other club presidents that is working to improve all clubs within Sun City Grand.

Meeting adjourned at 3:48.

Cathy Hennefer, Secretary.