

## **SCG Pickleball Club Members Meeting (Dec. 13, 2022)**

**Dennis O'Dell** called the meeting to order at 3:03pm.

**Board Members Present:** Dennis O'Dell, Eileen Saunders, Janice Kawamoto, and Laura Darrow (Troy Konz came part way through the meeting.)

**Absent:** Stu Templer and Bob Schrag

**Total Membership: 1818**

**Total CAM Card Swipe-In 67,000 year-to-date. Largest Ever**

**Introduction of New Members** None present.

**Secretary Minutes:** Nov 2022 Club Minutes are posted on the website. Minutes were **Moved (Keith D), Second by (member), Voice Approved**

**Treasurer Report:** The Oct 2022 Treasurer Report, which was tabled at the last meeting, was brought to a vote for approval. **Moved (member), Second by (member), Voice Approved**

Treasurer Eileen Saunders reported that the current balance was about \$17,000.00 in checking and the Reserve Account has slightly under \$8,000.00. Having just returned from being out of town, the Treasurer Report for November 2022 will be posted on the website as soon as it is completed and will be voted on at the next meeting.

**Tournament Charity Funds Report** – Our tournament's purpose was to raise funds for St. Mary's Food Bank; so, all proceeds, after expenses, are going to the food bank. The participating members, visitors, and sponsors - through tournament fees - purchased meals, raffle-tickets and banner fees - earned an amazing amount for our charity. After expenses, \$3,426.00 will be given to St Mary's Food Bank on Wednesday, December 21, 2022, at 4:00pm at Cimarron Center.

### **Spin Cycle:**

#### **Report on Previous Spin Cycle Items:**

*Backboard* – Should be mounted at some point during January 2023.

#### **New Suggestions & questions Included:**

- 1- *Ball-Machine Management* – Craig Soubliere recommended that we get a volunteer to be the ball machine manager to maintain the three Lobsters that are available for use by members.
- 2- *Voting Available for All Members* – Mark Weber recommended that we have a system that allows all members to vote for club officers instead of just having members present at the meeting being the only ones that vote.
- 3- *Concerns Over Pavilion Kitchen Area* – Celeste Pearson, who was part of the kitchen crew during the tournament – noticed several features that were outdated or not working.

*She expressed concerns over the ability of workers to maintain appropriate levels of cleanliness and recommended that we consider food trucks for future tournaments.*

- 4- *AED Equipment – Ed Abrams mentioned that, of the four training dummies used for the AED training, two of them are not operating correctly.*

### **Board Nominees for 2023:**

Mel Langer – provided a summary of current board positions and their tenure status.

President, Troy Konz has one more year to serve before his maximum of three two-year commitments will end.

Treasurer, Eileen Saunders has one more year on her commitment.

Member at Large, Laura Darrow has one more year on her commitment.

### **Running Unopposed (but requiring a confirmation vote)**

- Vice President, Dennis O'Dell
- Secretary, Jeanne Harteau

Both were approved for their two-year commitment by the membership that was present.

*Janice Kawamoto, the Secretary for the last 3 years, was acknowledged for her contribution to our club.*

### **Members Running for Members at Large**

Five members were running for 2 vacant seats. Each was given a chance to give a short presentation to the members. For candidates not present, Mel Langer or a chosen representative made the presentation for them.

Candidates:

Bob Schrag

Sharon Marassa

Mark Meier

Vicki Nicodemo

Joe Shevlin

Members present were each given one paper ballot with all 5 names and asked to vote for no more than 2 candidates.

The votes were counted and verified.

Mark Meier and Joe Shevlin were announced as the winners and will be joining the board in 2023.

### **Den Update:**

Verlin Chalmers said that, currently, we have 1047 people signed up on the Den and that our members had proved the doubters, who think older people can't adjust to new technology, wrong. Our members are adjusting just fine!

All members having paid for their 2023 memberships will be added in bulk over the next few weeks.

Four Den events are currently open, with two volunteers running each of them. In addition, there are plans to add Mixed Ladders to the club scheduled activities this coming year. Our next season begins January 2023, and we will need some additional volunteers to be ladder captains.

The Den is planning to create a software solution for our members being able to vote and respond to surveys – which should allow all members to vote for officers, in the future.

### **Removing Challenge Courts**

Challenge courts have created some problems and the club is experimenting with discontinuing them and attempting to better balance the number of courts assigned to various levels of play. We will continue to experiment to achieve the right balance. Some placements of paddle holders will change, and another paddle holder will be added.

### **Pickleballs**

Club provided pickleballs are breaking or disappearing faster than predicted – particularly in this cold weather. We are experimenting with other balls to see if we can identify ones that work best during colder times.

### **Ball Machines**

Due to the demand for ball machine use, the club has purchased two more Lobsters that are now available for use.

**Tribute:** Troy noted that George Cox, who was one of the club's early presidents and had been volunteering for years as the Membership Chair, plus many other tasks vital to the club's operations, was retiring and his duties were being distributed to other volunteers. Given his years of contribution to the club, we want to honor him in a special way, which will occur sometime in January or February 2023.

### **Member Questions or Concerns.**

Responses to Questions:

- Ball machines can be accessed by contacting Troy Konz or Craig Soubliere.
- Rating Clinics will be available early next year conducted by Linda Hogatt and Jerry Louis, who are both certified for rating players.
- Skill Level Drop-In is another club event that we will be looking to add this coming year.

*(The order of items above does not necessarily match the order of items presented at the meeting.)*

**End of Meeting:** Meeting ended at 4:27PM