

## **SCG Pickleball Club Members Meeting (April 12, 2022)**

*Food was provided for this meeting and the seats were filled.*

*Troy Raffled off several items that were donated for members to try.*

**Troy Konz** called the meeting to order at 3:11pm.

**Board Members Present:** Troy Konz, Dennis O'Dell, Eileen Saunders, Janice Kawamoto, Laura Darrow, Bob Schrag

**Absent:** Stu Templer

**Introduction of New Members** Two couples are new to the club from the state of Iowa – No, they had not met before coming to the Grand.

**Spin Cycle:** Suggestions & questions Included:

1. Exchange our ball machine for a lobster.
2. Find ways to encourage members to warmup, stretch, and play within their current abilities, to reduce injuries. (Examples: Links to warmup videos specific to pickleball on the web site, encourage each other at the start of games, solicit suggestions from members, etc.)
3. Compliment given to the new pavilion furniture.

**Response to Previous Spin Cycle:**

Members are encouraged to add a label with emergency contact information on the back of their name badge.

**Secretary Minutes:** February 2022 minutes, which are posted on the website. Minutes were **Moved (Club Member), Second by (Club Member), Voice Approved**

**Treasurer Report:** A summary was given by Eileen Saunders stating some of the particulars of the current balances etc. This included transfers from the Reserve Fund to the Checking Account to cover the Pavilion Furniture and Tom Cat Batteries. February and March 2022 Complete Treasurer Reports are posted on the website. Reports for each of the two months were **Moved (Club Member), Second by (Club Member), Voice Approved**

**Old Business:**

**Cam Card Issues:** Mike O'Meara explained the current status of CAM cards. Some new CAM cards are not being read by the check in reader at the courts. If you have a card that has new numbers and isn't being read by the court reader, you can send a message to George Cox with your name and new number, and he will add it into the system. You can find a link to George on the club's website – under the Membership tab – and select Update Request Form.

**Welcome Committee:** The welcome meetings were a big success and will continue this coming fall.

**Thank You Lunch:** One of the groups has had their Thank You Lunch, and we are waiting to hear back from the two remaining groups.

**Club Member Drop-In:** The current format will continue. Refinements will be made as needed and paddle placement may be adjusted.

**Attendance:** March = 9,994 Year to Date: 27,381 (plus those that don't remember to swipe in.)

**Club Membership:** 1,656

## **New Business:**

**Pavilion Furniture:** After some false starts, the furniture was assembled by a group of dedicated volunteers. The efficient assembly line was replaced with separate teams doing their own assembly.

**Volunteers:** There have been a reduction in the numbers of volunteers to cover various functions in the club. It was pointed out that no request for volunteers has been seen by the members. This oversight was noted and will be corrected.

**Software Options:** Verlin Chalmers has discovered a less expensive option for software (PickleballDen) that may work for leagues and ladders. This option will reduce the number of volunteers required and hopefully make the process of running the events less difficult. The software also has a variety of other benefits that could be useful to the club. The club will test it and determine its usefulness.

**Holiday Party:** Sadly, the planned Club Party had to be canceled this year. Due primarily to the continuing Covid problem but also it was a challenge to arrange for it to be catered on our courts. As options were explored, it was discovered the Surprise Spring Training facility can cater large groups on site. This will be way less difficult than doing it on the courts. We will gather more information for this idea and present it to the club.

**Spring Training Game:** We plan on exploring the idea of having a Grand Pickleball Club outing to a Spring Training Game, if there is enough interest. More details to follow.

**PickleRoll.Com** There is a new product that allows a pickleball court surface to be placed on any flat surface. It is not permanent. You can look at it at [pickleballroll.com](http://pickleballroll.com). So far it is getting good reviews. We are exploring the option of using something like this, to help with the demand for courts.

**Large Practice Backboard:** The estimate for a large backboard was about \$1,000.00. It will be placed at the end of the large north/south breeze way, next to the door. Space will be cleared in front of the board for people to practice, warmup, etc.

**Glow Pickleball Update:** A trial evening of glow pickleball resulted in everyone having a crazy fun time – especially the ladies, who really got into the fun. Plans are being considered to offer a Glow Pickleball Event in the fall.

**Demo Days:** Ray's Rackets (an area store selling a range of pickleball paddles etc.) will be conducting a Demo Day at the courts at a time yet to be determined. (They offer players the ability to demo the paddle for a small down payment (\$10.00) which can be applied to the paddle if they decide to purchase it.)

**Ball Buckets:** Orange buckets for washing have been removed and the balls will be washed once a week. The Blue Buckets will remain and contain Franklin X balls and what we have left of the Onix G2. Onix has been difficult to work with (they aren't returning calls etc.) and most players are happy with the Franklin X. [NOTE: Please remember to place the ball you got from the bucket, back in the bucket when you leave – do NOT take it home with you.]

**End of Meeting:** Meeting ended at 4:01PM