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PICKLEBALL MEMBERSHIP

MEETING MINUTES - NOVEMBER 14, 2023

Attendance:

Troy Konz, President
Dennis O'Dell, Vice-President
Jeanne Harteau, Secretary
Laura Darrow, Member-at-Large
Eileen Saunders, Treasurer
Joe Shevlin, Member-at-Large

Absent:

Mark Meier, Member-at-Large

1. Call to Order: Time: 3:02 p.m.
2. Introduction of New Members: Troy asked all new members to rise and introduce themselves. There were three new members in attendance from Idaho, Oregon and Arizona.
3. Secretary's Report: A motion to approve the October 12, 2023 Membership meeting Minutes was made, seconded and approved. Some members expressed a desire to see more details in the Minutes.
4. Treasurer's Report: Eileen reported that due to a change in how deferred income funds are being titled in Quicken, the October financial reports wouldn't be ready until the end of the week. She further reported that the bank balances are \$8,598 in checking and \$10,975 in savings.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Attendance: Troy reported that membership is currently at 2,004, and that Sue Johnston and her husband, Charles, were the 2,000th and 2,001st members.
2. Tournament Update: Troy reminded those in attendance that the tournament will be played on December 11th and 12th, and that the cut-off to enter is December 4, 2023. 174 players are currently signed up. Troy reported that the club has about 30 to 40 paddles to raffle. Troy stated that the revised PPA rally scoring

rules would be used with the freeze being 14/14. Terry Kinkead volunteered to repair/repaint the medal award stands and to also get a new banner to use as the photo backdrop which will have the club logo on it.

3. Court Resurfacing / Windscreen Replacement: Troy reported the court cleaning schedule will remain every-other week. Troy further reported that he does not know when the new windscreens will be installed nor does CAM.
4. 2024 Board of Directors Election Update: Troy reported that the following list of candidates are currently running:
 - President: Troy Konz
 - Treasurer: Eileen Saunders
 - Member-at-Large:
 - ✓ Richard "Bear" Smith,
 - ✓ Patrick Hansen,
 - ✓ Don Madison,
 - ✓ Laura Forbes.

Troy reported that the Board is looking into E-voting, but that it will not be in place for this election. Eileen mentioned that should the club move to E-voting, that there will be a cost associated with it. Troy further reported that voting will take place at the next membership meeting which is scheduled on December 12th which is the second day of the tournament. He will be asking CAM to move the membership meeting date to December 13th. Members will need to be present at the meeting to vote. An email blast will be sent to the membership confirming the date, time and location of the meeting.

5. Chapters 12 & 13 Update: Dennis reported that Chapters 12 & 13 are ready for club vote. Keith Darrow made a motion for a red-lined copy; after discussion, the motion was seconded and approved. No timeline to produce the red-lined copy was issued.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Rally Scoring / Clinics: Jeanne reported that there are four upcoming rally scoring clinics; three on Wednesdays and one on Saturday to accommodate members that may be working. The updated PPA rules will be taught. Those rules are on the website and posted on the bulletin board. Jeanne further reported that she is willing to hold additional rally scoring clinics in the new year

should there be a need. Troy stated that Rally Scoring will be mandatory as of January 1, 2024 during drop-in.

2. Paddle Holder Rules: Troy stated that new paddle holder rules prohibit jumping line. If less than four paddles are in the front slot, a later slot with four paddles may not jump ahead. Troy gave the example: if two paddles are in the front slot and if there are four paddles in the second slot, the first two paddles have precedence and hold a court until two more members join them. Then, the next slot of four paddles will be on-deck. Troy reported that Keith Darrow is making longer paddle holders as the current vendor only manufactures a 16-slot maximum holder.
3. Billy Goat (Vacuum) Upgrade: Troy reported that the Board would like to purchase a new Billy Goat vacuum. A motion was made, seconded and approved as follows: raffle proceeds will be used for this purpose, and if additional funds are needed, they will come from tournament proceeds; the cost of the vacuum will be capped at \$4,000.
4. Dave Weinbach Request: Troy reported that Dave has requested to hold a clinic on December 17th between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. The cost of the clinic will be \$115 per person. There will be a 75% - Dave / 25% - GPC division of the total funds. A member commented that the club's percentage should be higher than 25%; Troy responded that any future paid for clinics will be renegotiated. Troy reported that Dave will also be offering private clinics for any member who wishes to participate.
5. Open Floor Questions, Comments, Suggestions:
 - a. Keith Darrow, as the head of the court acquisition committee, reported that the committee had identified three potential locations for additional courts 1) behind a church, 2) along the wall behind the baseball diamond, 3) six courts along the east side of the existing courts. Keith reported that the committee is working with the City of Surprise re: permits. Keith also informed the members in attendance that the committee is assessing whether the project could be considered under the "small project proposal" criteria for the Grand. If so, it could be moved along much quicker and possibly be completed by next summer. Courts behind the church and along the ball field would require submitting under the "large project proposal" and would therefore take much more time to get approved by the Board.
 - b. A member voiced his displeasure that he was told by another member that he did not belong on the Advanced courts, and asked "should any

member tell another member that they didn't belong on certain courts?" Troy responded that no member should kick another member off a court. However, members should always play on courts in alignment with their skill-level.

- c. A member upbraided Troy for a comment that was made at the October, 2023 meeting stating that balls disappear from the sleeves at the time snowbirds leave for the summer. This member was offended by the comment as she is a snowbird herself. Troy apologized profusely and stated that no offense was intended. Troy did, however, mention that there is a correlation between when snowbirds leave and how many balls go missing during that exact time frame.
- d. A member commented that what he thought of as a low turnout for entry in the upcoming tournament was due to members signing up in the wrong skill-level bracket which prevented others from signing up (example: a 4.0 player signing up in the 3.5 category). Troy responded that a seeding committee will be looking at the entries and moving players into the appropriate brackets. A member mentioned that if a player was signing up for the tournament at a 3.5 level, then that player should be constrained to playing drop-in on the 3.5 courts and not playing on the 4.0 or 4.5 courts. A member commented that he is not pleased with the dates of the tournament and cannot participate because he will be going home for Christmas.
- e. A member requested that the court reservation system be changed back to hour increments with a two-hour maximum. They explained that the 90-minute slots now allow members to sign up for two 90-minute slots (three hours) and then they only play for two hours or two and a half leaving the courts empty for the remaining time. Eileen explained that moving to 90-minute blocks allowed for 44 additional reservation slots per day.
- f. A member asked whether AED training will be resuming. Troy explained that there may be liability issues as our training was not "certified". The club member who had been teaching AED training was a physician, but he is no longer able to conduct the training. Therefore, AED training is on hold until the question of liability can be answered.
- g. In closing, after a long and contentious meeting, a member reminded those in attendance that we should be kind to one another, and that words matter. Once words are spoken, they can never be taken back, so it's best if we all try to be nice to one another.

Adjourn: Time: 5:15 p.m.

Submitted by:
Jeanne Harteau
Secretary