

# PICKLEBALL MEMBERSHIP

## JANUARY MEETING MINUTES (01/09/23)

### Attendance:

Troy Konz, President  
Jeanne Harteau, Secretary  
Eileen Saunders, Treasurer  
Laura Darrow, Member-at-Large  
Mark Meier, Member-at-Large  
Joe Shevlin, Member-at-Large  
Verlin Chalmers, The Den Consultant

Absent: Dennis O'Dell, Vice-President

1. Call to Order: Time: 4:05 p.m.
2. Secretary's Report: A motion to approve the December 13, 2022 Membership meeting Minutes was made, seconded and approved.
3. Treasurer's Report: A motion to approve the November, 2022 Treasurer's Report was made, seconded and approved.
  - a. Eileen reported that the club is in good financial standing and that approximately \$6,700 had already come in from 2023 dues collection.
  - b. Troy reported that there was a timing issue with the membership approving financial reports prior to Board approval. The December reports were not available for Board approval at the time of the January, 2023 Board meeting. Therefore, those reports will be reviewed by the Board at the February meeting with membership review and approval to follow. Going forward the Treasurer's report will be brought to the membership for approval after it has been reviewed and approved by the Board.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Board of Directors Election: All Board of Directors members introduced themselves to the membership, including newly elected members, Mark Meier,

Joe Shevlin and Jeanne Harteau. The membership voted to approve the election results.

2. Attendance: Troy reported that 2022 ended with a total membership count of 1,841. Troy further reported that 1,503 members had renewed or joined the club already in 2023.
3. DEN Update: Verlin reported that the ladders were up and running. He stated that he has a group of volunteers to run the ladders in addition to himself, but would be needing more volunteers to captain the events. He stated that there is interest in starting a “mixed ladder” but that the format would not be strictly one man and one woman as what is currently in practice in tournament Mixed Doubles play. There is a possibility of allowing two female partners. The idea is to avoid a court of three males against one female. The details of a mixed ladder are still being worked out. There is also a possibility of utilizing a different time slot given the number of other club events currently being run. Verlin also reported that a member no longer needs to request a Den membership, but that a club member is automatically enrolled in the Den at the time of joining the club or renewing their membership.
4. Challenge Courts: Troy reported that the challenge court designations have been removed with new signage and paddles holders in place.
5. Balls: Troy reported that the OSO balls were currently on the courts along with the Franklin X balls. So far, the OSO balls are testing well; testing will continue through to the summer months. Troy will be working with the manufacturer on possibly lowering the cost. A lengthy discussion was had regarding the merits of different balls. Troy reassured the membership that the Board would continue to test new balls for playability and durability. Troy mentioned the possibility of using a “summer” ball and a “winter” ball to avoid excessive breakage during the colder months.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Sticker Parties: The first sticker party was held on Saturday, January 7, 2023 between 9:00 a.m. and noon. 240 donuts were consumed in a half hour! Thanks was given to Cheri and Mike Cameron for providing the donuts. A second sticker party will be held on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Troy informed the membership that Board members and Susan Konz, will have sheets of 2023 stickers with them while at the courts so that members

unable to attend a sticker party can get their 2023 sticker after verifying that their dues have been paid.

2. Tournament Update: Troy reported that the dates for the Grand Games III will be March 20 and 21, 2023 with a start time of 10:00 a.m.
3. Public Service Announcement: Troy warned the members in attendance that it is the season for scamming, that other clubs were getting hit by scammers and to be aware and vigilant.
4. Open Floor Questions, Comments, Suggestions:
  - a. A member made a motion to form a committee to look into areas within SCG to build more courts, including the costs associated therein. The motion was seconded and approved. Committee members were not appointed at the time of the meeting.
  - b. A member suggested one way of possibly easing the overcrowding during morning drop-in would be to have both a morning and afternoon drop-in. It was mentioned that the club had already tried that and the afternoon drop-in was not well attended so it was removed.
  - c. A member spoke of problems with the 4.5/5.0 skill level during morning drop-in. He stated that many 4.0 players who are probably not really 4.0 players were coming on the courts watering down the level of play. A suggestion was offered to have players prove their 4.5/5.0 rating. No solution to the problem was found.
  - d. A member mentioned that there seemed to be a problem with the Sign-up Genius software for Skills and Drills. It was intended to allow members to sign up a maximum of twice a month, but it appears not to be the case. Mark Meier is looking into all issues with the Sign-up Genius software and whether there are other software options available to the club.
  - e. Tom Zmugg informed the membership of the AED training currently being given on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. He encouraged anyone interested to sign up through the Sign-up Genius link on the pickleball website.

5. Adjourn: Time: 5:08 p.m.

Submitted by:  
Jeanne Harteau  
Secretary