

PICKLEBALL MEMBERSHIP

MEETING MINUTES - MARCH 14, 2023

Attendance:

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

1. Call to Order: Time: 4:00 p.m.
2. Troy started the meeting off with a shout-out to Stan who was turning 88 years old on March 15, 2023. Happy Birthday Stan!
3. Introduction of New Members: Troy asked all new members to rise and introduce themselves. New members came to the club from Seattle, Tampa and Chicago.
4. Secretary's Report: A motion to approve the February 14, 2023 Membership meeting Minutes was made, seconded and approved.
5. Treasurer's Report: A motion to approve the January, 2023 Treasurer's Report was made, seconded and approved.
 - a. Eileen reported that as of 3/14/23 bank balances are as follows:
 - i. Checking: ~\$19,000
 - ii. Reserve: ~\$11,000

OLD BUSINESS

1. Attendance: Troy reported that 2023 membership was at 1,807. Troy opined that membership will likely hit 2,000 this year. Troy further reported that January had 7,799 card swipes with an estimate quite a bit higher as many members and residents don't bother swiping in when they come to the courts.

2. **Tournament Update:** Linda Hoggatt reported that registration is now closed with 237 club members being registered. Linda stated that the larger brackets would be split into smaller groups, and that the 2.5 and 3.0 groups will be combined. She further reported that there are six men needing women partners. Troy will send an email seeking volunteers to fill these positions (no fees will be charged to volunteers who step up to play because they will not be receiving a tee-shirt). Troy reported that the Camerons will be providing donuts; Nancy Muslin will be providing water; and various snacks will be provided by the club. Ray's Rackets will be the sole vendor on site during the tournament. Troy stated that there will be various items for raffle; tickets for the raffle will be two for \$1.00.
3. **New Court Committee Update:** Troy reported that Keith Darrow will head the committee. The scope of the committee is not limited. The only issue that has been determined is that fundraising for potential new courts will be key.
4. **Court Resurfacing Update:** Troy reported that the courts are slated to be resurfaced this summer. It is possible that General Acrylics will do it in stages rather than all at once, but that is yet to be determined. The windscreens will be replaced this summer as well.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Name Badge Change:** Troy reported that given the name change from "Sun City Grand" to "*the* Grand" member name badges will change. A black background with yellow lettering will be used going forward. New members are already receiving the new badges. If current members would like a new badge, they can order it from our website at a cost of \$8.00.
2. **New Court Reservation Program:** Troy reported that CAM is currently looking into a system for the community to use called "Club Express". Mark Meier reported that he is currently looking at a system called "Court Reserve" which he believes is more user friendly. No decision has been made on using either system.
3. **Stacking/Rally Scoring Clinic:** Troy reported that the clinic is set for Sunday, March 26th noon to 3:00 p.m. Jeanne reported that she has the instructors in place, outlines drafted, 8 courts reserved and that Mark Meier would be opening the online sign-up soon. Jeanne further reported that the online sign-up will be limited to 64 attendees, and that attendees must be a 3.5 skill-level or above.

4. Seasonal Time Change: Troy reported that the seasonal time change will no longer be date specific, but weather driven. Jeanne recommended using Sunday, April 16th as the date for this year's seasonal change. The date for the fall change has not yet been set.
5. Last Membership Meeting: Troy reported that March 14th would be the last membership meeting until the fall. He further stated that he is requesting that the time of the meeting be put back to the 3:00 p.m. slot due to a lack of participation by members at the 4:00 p.m. meetings.
6. Open Floor Questions, Comments, Suggestions:
 - a. Eileen thanked all of the numerous club members who volunteer for their efforts this season. She encouraged anyone interested in volunteering in the future to ask current volunteers about the various types of volunteer positions available and what those jobs entail.
 - b. Volunteers are still needed to run the ladders.
 - c. The lack of monitors has been resolved for the moment due to Troy's email to the club asking that members step up and fulfill the mandatory requirement. It was reported that some members were leery of signing up for monitoring because they did not know what it all entailed. Laura mentioned that it would be a good idea to incorporate monitor training into the New Member Orientation meetings.
 - d. Troy mentioned that monitor books in the pavilion are being abused. He has removed two of the books for repair. Troy further mentioned that all information regarding monitoring is contained in the books and on our website.
 - e. A member questioned whether monitors could play during the summer months. The answer is yes.
 - f. A member questioned whether the tournament would be held using specific rules. Linda answered that yes, the tournament would be run under USPA tournament rules.
 - g. A member asked whether courts would be available for reservations during the summer months during drop-in as there were last year. Troy said yes, there will be 11 drop-in courts and 11 reservable courts.

- h. A long and spirited discussion was had regarding the upcoming Stacking/Rally Scoring clinic. Many opinions were offered, mostly negative as there was a general misunderstanding that rally scoring was going to be mandated during drop-in. Jeanne quelled this misunderstanding and clarified that she was simply offering this clinic to the membership as something fun and different to do.

7. Adjourn: Time: 5:15 p.m.

Submitted by:
Jeanne Harteau
Secretary