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## PICKLEBALL MEMBERSHIP

### MEETING MINUTES - DECEMBER 12, 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. There was a delay in the Call to Order due to the vast number of members wanting to attend the meeting. The Agua Fria meeting room became over-capacity, so a change of venue was necessary. Given this last-minute development, the membership was given two choices: A) postpone the meeting until a later date when the Board could book the community ballroom to allow for additional seating, or B) move the meeting outside to the pickleball courts where everyone would need to stand. A hand-count was taken, and the vote was to move the meeting to the pickleball courts. Call to Order: Time: 4:25 p.m.
2. Secretary's Report: A motion to approve the November 14, 2023 Membership meeting Minutes was made, seconded and approved.
3. Treasurer's Report: A motion to approve the October, 2023 Treasurer's Report was made, seconded and approved.

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. 2024 Board of Directors Election: Mel Langer began by thanking Ken and Elissa Kravitz for their tireless work in attempting to recruit members to nominate themselves for one of the open BOD positions. Mel also thanked Linda Hoggatt along with Ken and Elissa for agreeing to be ballot counters. Mel mentioned that when the club membership was at 400, multiple members would volunteer for open Board positions, and that now that club membership is over 2,000, nobody volunteered to run for President or Treasurer except the incumbents. Mel informed the membership that unfortunately Richard Smith needed to withdraw from running for member-at-large and therefore, his name was stricken from the ballot. A member in the audience interrupted Mel yelling loudly, rudely and

inappropriately “call for the question.” Mel continued by informing the membership that the ballots would be gathered and that the tally would be done immediately with the outcome being announced via blast email the following day. The three candidates who were present, Don Madison, Patrick Hansen and Don Orseck, all gave informational speeches to the membership outlining why they should be voted for. Laura Forbes was unable to be in attendance, so Mel read Laura’s speech aloud to the membership. Votes were then cast and collected, and the counters and Mel retreated to the Agua Fria room to commence the tally and verification process.

2. Mixer Court Allocation – Vote: Troy called Gary Ruege to the front. Gary informed the membership that he has been keeping statistical data since he and his wife, Betty took over running the Wednesday and Friday evening social mixer. He spoke about how popular the event is and that any club member is welcome to attend. He stressed the importance of continuing to allot 22 courts for the event due to the popularity of the event and the great number of attendees, especially during the high season. Gary also stated that he releases courts to the general population when he knows that all 22 courts will not be used by the mixer. Troy mentioned the possibility of using the Den software to sign up for attending mixers and the possibility of using two different time slots, both ideas garnered groans and grumbles from some of the membership in attendance. It was agreed by the Board and members in attendance that all mixers are considered “club sponsored events”. A motion was made to continue the current allocation of courts for any mixer, seconded and approved.
3. Chapters 12 & 13 Update: Dennis reported that at the November 14, 2023 membership meeting, a motion was made and approved calling for a red-lined copy of Chapters 12 and 13 to be produced for the membership to review. Though no timeline to produce the red-lined copy was issued, Jeanne immediately produced the document. The red-lined version, the current version, the new draft version and Dennis’ explanative “Notes on Updated Chapters 12 and 13” were all then provided multiple times to the membership via blast email. Dennis further explained how extremely outdated the current chapters are and again stressed the need for the change. A motion to approve the new Chapters 12 and 13 was made, seconded and approved.
4. Tournament Update: Troy began by saying GREAT JOB! He then thanked Mark Meier for the terrific job he did as Tournament Director. He also thanked the numerous volunteers that stepped forward to help in differing capacities throughout the tournament. He mentioned that \$2,982 was collected in raffle money the first day which would be going toward the purchase of a new vacuum for the court maintenance staff. Troy informed the membership that the tournament balls were provided by Selkirk. He told the membership that an

informal test had been performed in the last few weeks - 180 Franklin X balls had been placed in the ball sleeves and 112 of those balls cracked; 100 Selkirk Pro S1 balls were then placed in the sleeves and exactly 1 broke. The cost of a Selkirk Pro S1 is \$1.25 and the cost of a Franklin X is approximately \$2.00 to \$3.00 depending on merchant. He informed the membership that purchasing the Selkirk balls would potentially save the club around \$8,000 per year.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. 2024 Dues Reminder: Troy reported that the 2024 dues structure had been voted on at the October 12, 2023 membership meeting and reminded the members in attendance that 2024 dues would be \$30 for renewing members who had fulfilled the volunteer requirement; \$50 for renewing members who had not fulfilled the volunteer requirement; and \$50 for new members. Troy further stated that renewals would begin January 1, 2024 and that sticker parties would be held on several dates in January, 2024 as yet to be determined.
2. Ladders / Ball Machine Drills / Clinics: Jeanne reported that she and Mel would not be able to organize clinics and get them running until mid-January due to having the work involved in organizing and conducting the recently completed rally scoring clinics, being busy with the tournament and election and other numerous club duties. She informed the membership that clinics for 3.5 players would be added this year and that if any 5.0 players wanted her to “pick apart their game”, she would be happy to do so on a one-on-one basis. Troy informed the membership that Drills and Skills would not be starting unless and until a volunteer could be found to run it.

Ladders will begin in January as follows:

- January 8<sup>th</sup>-Mens-4:30 p.m.
- January 9<sup>th</sup>-Womens-4:30 p.m.
- January 10<sup>th</sup>-Mixed-4:30 p.m.

75+ Drop-in will begin on December 16, 2023

3. CAM Card Conversion: Troy reported that Mark Meier will be working with CAM on converting to the use of the QR code system that is now in place throughout the community.
4. New Paddle Holders: Troy thanked Keith Darrow for making the new elongated paddle holders.

5. Billy Goat (Vacuum) Upgrade: Troy reported that unfortunately the manufacturer does not want the old Billy Goat as a trade-in. A motion was made to increase the previously approved amount to \$6,000 for the purchase of a new Billy Goat to be paid from net tournament proceeds and raffle sales, seconded and approved.
6. Dave Weinbach Request: Troy reported that there are still four slots available for the Dave Weinbach clinic.
7. Open Floor Questions, Comments, Suggestions:
  - a. A member stated that many members have been attending the membership meetings lately making a lot of complaints, but offering no solutions. He used the 5.0 drop-in as an example stating that the 5.0 drop-in courts have been significantly watered down with less skilled players. He suggested that two courts be allocated specifically to 5.0 players and that no player under a 4.5 be allowed to play on those courts. The other four courts would be allocated to 4.5 players. This would allow for 4.5 players to “play up” for training purposes. It would also separate the lower players from watering down the level of play. Thus, making a “complaint” and also offering a “solution”.

Adjourn: Time: 5:25 p.m.

Submitted by:  
Jeanne Harteau  
Secretary