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PICKLEBALL MEMBERSHIP

MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 9, 2024

Attendance:

Troy Konz, President
Jeanne Harteau, Secretary
Eileen Saunders, Treasurer
Mark Meier, Member-at-Large
Joe Shevlin, Member-at-Large
Patrick Hansen, Member-at-Large

Absent:

Dennis O'Dell, Vice-President

1. Call to Order: Time: 3:02 p.m.
2. Troy asked the 2024 Board members to introduce themselves to the audience.
3. Introduction of New Pickleball Members: There were new members from the states of Colorado, Washington, Iowa and Illinois. All were enthusiastically welcomed into the club.
4. Secretary's Report: A motion to approve the December 12, 2023 Membership Meeting Minutes was made, seconded and approved.
5. Treasurer's Report: A motion to approve the November, 2023 Treasurer's Report was made, seconded and approved. Eileen reported that the net proceeds from the December, 2023 tournament were \$4,496, and that cost of the new vacuum is \$5,503. The remaining balance of \$1,007 for the vacuum purchase is being taken out of reserves, and that the vacuum has been ordered and would be coming soon, but that we don't have a definitive date yet. Eileen further reported that as of the date of the meeting, there is \$2,500 in checking and \$10,970 in reserves.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Ladders Report: Mark reported that the Men's ladder started on Monday, Women's ladder would begin playing at 4:30 p.m. directly after the meeting, Deuces Wild will be on Thursday and Luck of the Draw on Saturday. All ladders

will be using traditional scoring. A discussion was had regarding the merits of using traditional vs. rally scoring. A member pointed out that the Board had mandated rally scoring to be used in morning drop-in, and therefore, for consistency's sake, all "club functions" should use the same method of scoring. Jeanne pointed out that only rally scoring was being taught in Introductory Lessons now and that new players will not know how to use traditional scoring. Mark responded that rally scoring is being looked at as a possible method for use during ladders, but currently traditional scoring will be used. A member asked whether the men's and women's ladders could switch dates based upon golf commitments. Troy explained that the Board had gotten complaints about the dates in both directions therefore, the dates for 2024 will remain as is. A member asked what "Deuces Wild" is. Mark and Verlin explained that it is partner play wherein at least one of the partners must be female, and that partners do not need to be the same week-to-week.

2. Clinic Report: Jeanne reported that clinics are set and ready to start. 2.0/2.5 will begin on January 17th between the hours of 1:30 p.m. and noon. 3.0/3.5 will begin on January 19th between the hours of 1:30 p.m. and noon. No sign-up is required. An instructor in the audience reminded the membership that court shoes are required, and that absolutely no slip-on shoes will be allowed. Jeanne told the audience that she is open to suggestions on other types of clinics such as the recently held rally scoring clinics, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2024 Renewal Update: Troy reported that he had completed 1,244 renewals in eight days. He further reported that membership was 2,049 at the end of 2023 with approximately 350 new members joining per year. Troy reported that the pickleball club is the largest charter club within The Grand and possibly in the country.
2. Card Swipe Machine: Mark reported that we will be purchasing "bulletproof" (waterproof, drop-proof, dust-proof) tablets to be used with the new QR reader system. The tablets are rated to withstand temperatures of up to 158 degrees and down to 60 degrees below zero. This system will be integrated with CAM's system that is used for indoor activities. Mark is aware that some CAM cards are not working. That will be addressed as necessary. The membership was told that if they had a CAM card that does not have the QR code on the back, that they should get a new CAM card at the membership office. Mark further reported that the new tablets and QR readers should be functional by the date of the first sticker party on January 20th.

3. Sticker Parties: Troy reported that sticker parties will be held as follows:

- a. January 20th 9:00 a.m. to noon
- b. January 27th 9:00 a.m. to noon

Coffee and donuts will be provided by Mike and Cheri Cameron.

A new member asked what exactly a “sticker party” was. Troy informed her that renewing members need to get a “24” sticker to display on their name badge so that monitors will know they are dues paying members for the current year. However, new members that have joined in the months of October, November and December of the previous year will already have a “24” sticker on their name badge.

4. 2024 Tournament Dates: Troy reported that even though a survey had gone out to the membership asking which of two dates was preferred for the 2024 spring tournament, it was found later that both of those dates were being used by the Surprise City Courts for tournaments. Therefore, our spring 2024 tournament date has been changed to March 23rd and 24th. Rally scoring will be used with a minimum of 7 games being played. The top four teams will compete in the medal rounds. T-shirts will be “tropic blue”. Troy will ask members to again bring desserts which was a great addition to the December tournament and enjoyed by all.

5. Open Floor Questions, Comments, Suggestions:

- a. A member stated QR codes can be obtained through The Grand app. The Grand app can also be obtained from a QR code in the Grand Lifestyles magazine.
- b. Mitch Fox asked for a volunteer to make a Power Point Presentation for the committee looking into court acquisition. Sheryl Larson volunteered. Troy reported that the committee had looked into various locations for additional courts and that there was a suggestion to switch locations with the tennis club. Troy reported emphatically that that is not an option and will not be taken into consideration.
- c. A member questioned why dues had gone up so steeply. Joe introduced himself stating that he is a retired CPA. He explained that four years ago the club held an outside/invitational tournament that netted the club approximately \$40,000. That \$40,000 is now gone and the club has been running in the red ever since as expenses have increased greatly over

those four years. An increase in dues was absolutely necessary to cover the increased cost of maintaining the quality of the courts.

Adjourn: Time: 4:02 p.m.

Submitted by:
Jeanne Harteau
Secretary