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PICKLEBALL MEMBERSHIP

MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 8, 2024

Attendance:

Troy Konz, President
Dennis O'Dell, Vice-President
Jeanne Harteau, Secretary
Eileen Saunders, Treasurer
Mark Meier, Member-at-Large
Patrick Hansen, Member-at-Large

Absent:

Joe Shevlin, Member-at-Large

1. Call to Order: Time: 3:00 p.m.
2. Introduction of New Pickleball Members: There were two new members in attendance; both from the state of Washington.
3. Secretary's Report: A motion to approve the February 13, 2024 Membership Meeting Minutes was made, seconded and approved.
4. Treasurer's Report: Eileen reported that the bank balances as of October 8, 2024 were as follows: \$34,930.15 in checking and \$6,266.12 in the reserve account. A motion was made to approve the December, 2023 Treasurer's reports, seconded and approved. An additional motion was made to approve the January, February, March, April, May, June, July and August, 2024 Treasurer's reports, seconded and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Tournament Update: Troy reported that the tournament directors will be Mark Meier and Laura Forbes. Insulated cups will be given to all players in lieu of the standard tee-shirt. Included in the cups will be a Vial of Life bottle and one meal ticket. All raffle winning tickets will be drawn on the second day of the tournament with winners being announced via email. The tournament will run on the Den

software that has been used in past tournaments. Mark reported that there were approximately 80 people signed up thus far.

2. Ladder Update: Ladders will start with Women's on Monday November 4th, Men's on Tuesday November 5th, and Mixed on Thursday November 7th. Start time for all is 4:30 p.m. CourtReserve league software will be used.
3. The Den Update: Mark reported that the club's usage of the Den was not cost-effective nor did the Den provide the club with a complete platform for club management as promised or anticipated. Therefore, he negotiated the end of the club's contract with the Den. The club will continue to use the Den for tournaments. Therefore, members should not delete the app from their phones. Mark reported that there will be a QR code for players and spectators to track the progress of tournament play.
4. Wyyerd Update: Mark reported that the sales representative he was working with at Wyyerd was fired, and therefore, he needed to start from scratch with another sales rep. Mark stated that CAM is moving forward with their transition from Cox to Wyyerd, and they have been told that there is an approximate three-month delay to get the proper permits from the City of Surprise. Mark stated that he will be providing his personal Starlink for use during the tournament. Mark anticipates that Wyyerd may be installed and available for use by March of 2025.
5. Small Project Proposals Update: Troy provided the following updates:
 - a. 24-019 Mister System: Bids are being sought by CAM for a misting curtain around the perimeter of the pavilion and in the center of the middle breezeway.
 - b. 24-020 Ice/Water in Pavilion: An ice/water machine will be installed in the pavilion replacing the stainless-steel shelving in the kitchen area.
 - c. 24-021 Sink, Water-heater, Faucet Replacement: A new sink, faucet, and water heater have been installed. In addition, CAM installed a garbage disposal.
 - d. 24-022 Pad Extension and Sail Shade: Bids and plans are being sought by CAM.

Troy asked the membership for any additional small project proposal ideas. A member suggested replacing the pavers with cement in the breezeways.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Election Committee and Voting Platform: Mel Langer, Election Committee Chair, reported that there are four Board of Directors positions that will be open, Vice-president, Secretary and two Members-at-Large. Mel reminded the membership that all Board positions are for a term of two years. Mel reported that an email blast will be sent with specific details on the open positions, job descriptions of the open positions and instructions for signing up to vote online. Mel stated that there will also be the option of a paper ballot at the December 10th membership meeting. A verification system will be in place to ensure that no member will be able to vote twice (online and by paper ballot). Mark reported that he will not be able to field questions about Voting Portals because he will be on the ballot. Therefore, Patrick will be the point-of-contact for all questions relating to online voting. Lastly, Mel reported that he has compiled a group of members to serve as “ambassadors” to actively recruit and advocate for members to submit their names to run for the open positions. Those members are: Donnie Orseck, John Olson, Marlene Berwald, Cori Maser, Mark Siegman, Zig Zigler, and Mary Sluzinski. More “ambassadors” may be added at the discretion of the Election Committee Chair.
2. CourtReserve Update: Mark reported that the club will be moving forward with CourtReserve for club management with a “branded app” developed specifically for our club. Mark stated that club members will be in charge of their own account and will be able to make changes as necessary, such as a change of address, telephone number, etc. Members will also be able to securely store their credit card information and sign up for automatic renewal of yearly membership renewal dues. Mark encouraged all members to check their account in CourtReserve to make sure that if they had monitored sometime in 2024, that they have gotten credit, stating that a Tier 1 member has monitored and a Tier 2 member has not monitored. Mark reported that all current members will receive an invoice at the end of December to renew their membership for 2025. That invoice will contain instructions for renewing online. Lastly, Mark reported that he will be updating the monitor credits, but needed about two weeks for it to be complete.
3. Card Readers: Mark reported that the reason the card readers malfunctioned this summer was due to excessive heat, even though the tablet manufacturer claimed they were heat tested to 150 degrees. Mark is currently developing a method of cooling the tablet boxes so this isn’t an issue next summer, and they should be working again soon.

4. Drop-in Time Change / Weather Issues: The BOD acknowledged that the switch to the fall/winter drop-in schedule was made a little early given the current high temperatures. Future schedule changes will be made based on weather conditions.
5. Afternoon Skill-level Drop-in Continuation: Troy reported that the skill-level drop-in sessions will begin in January and continue through March depending on attendance numbers. The schedule will be the same as last year with each level having two days per week.
6. Additional Items:
 - a. Clinics: Jeanne stated that clinics will run January, February and March as usual. Jeanne further stated that the 3.5 level will be given a separate day of the week. Lastly Jeanne reported that there will be several clinics for the 4.0 level with Patrick offering to assist in teaching and organizing.
 - b. Court Expansion: Keith Darrow reported that the court expansion committee had looked at several possible locations for additional pickleball courts. The only location that is feasible is south of the pavilion where the putting green is located. That putting green could be moved across the street closer to the first tee box. One idea that is being investigated is a multi-use building which could be used for pickleball, tennis, basketball, cornhole, etc.
7. Open Floor Questions, Comments, Suggestions:
 - a. A member suggested that we do away with the approved/not-approved paddle list. Troy will ask CAM whether or not it is still needed. A member also asked whether the approved paddle list will be used for the tournament. No decision on that issue has been made yet.
 - b. A discussion was held regarding the different methods of rally scoring. No change is being made to the method used for morning drop-in. However, the method for the upcoming tournament will be games played to 21 points, no "freeze", win by two points.

Adjourn: Time: 4:15 p.m.

Submitted by:
Jeanne Harteau
Secretary