

SUNRISE PICKLEBALL CLUB

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2021

OPENING

The Board of Directors Meeting for Sunrise Pickleball Club (SPC) was called to order at 4:32pm at Rusch Park Meeting Room # 4 (following all COVID protocols).

Present (In-Attendance) :

Vickie Onesti-Warren (Vice President), Elaine Dykhouse (Secretary), Reine Steel (IT Dir), Rodney Coleman (Event Coord), Gwen Warrener (Membership Dir), Tom Bylsma (Tournament Dir)

Attending via SPEAKER PHONE: Amy Hardison-Sanford (President),

GUEST: Cynthia Cheney (Member)

ABSENT

Bob O'Brien (Treasurer/SRPD Liaison), , Lan Huynh (Newsletter Editor)

VACANT

Ambassador

***Elaine moved to approve September 23, 2021 Agenda and approve August 23, 2021 minutes.

➔ Second Tom, unanimous approval.

OFFICER REPORTS

Treasure: As discussed in August, Venmo was addressed again as treasurer unable to access account, QR scan doesn't work, and it is highly recommended that the Club stops using Venmo and revert back to PayPal. It is further reported that there are ins/outs of the Venmo account that doesn't have correct documentation, thus unable to fully balance.

Recommendations:

- 1) Vickie and Amy provide Treasurer all accounts that may be open and/or linked to SPC.
- 2) Password credentials to be given to both Bob and Gwen to try and reconcile.
- 3) Stop using Venmo immediately.

It is further reported that the finances continue to be worked on but that reconciliation is taking time due to the absence of a treasurer for several months and trying to balance everything. In layman's terms, the finances are a mess but Bob is working on them constantly to try and balance.

IT Director:

Reine further informed the Board that she created the coding for PayPal activities to instantly be loaded into the database for transparency and clear identification. Venmo is not set up that way, thus our IT Director also recommends the club stops using Venmo.

**** MOTION**** Gwen has motioned that the club immediately stops using Venmo and revert to using only PayPal

- a. SECOND – Amy Hardison-Sanford
- b. Passed UNANIMOUS

ACTION ITEM: By Saturday, September 25, 2021 - Reine will have removed all signage referring to Venmo and replace with new QR code and information for the PayPal account.

Reine also informs that “Mail Chimp”, the new membership distribution source, is up and running and being used by membership (Gwen) and will be used by Newsletter (Lan).

Membership Gwen reported that to date, 837 members, 128 lifetime members, two have paid the new \$1,000 lifetime fee.

OLD BUSINESS

PRO TEACHING GUIDELINES

The BOD continued discussion on accepting the “Pro Teaching Guidelines” that Gwen had presented last month. The guidelines have been approved by the Sunrise Park and Recreation District and was presented to the BOD in August. After little discussion, the following motion was presented:

**** MOTION**** Gwen motioned that the Pro Teaching Guidelines, be presented to the Pros and place into action immediately.

- a. SECOND – Tom Bylsma
- b. Voice Vote (7 voting members) / 6 Yes, 1 abstain
- c. Motion passes by majority vote

ACTION ITEM: Gwen will present to the pros and collect completed forms.

With the passing of the above Pro Teaching Guidelines, any deviation needs to be brought to the BOD. The following was presented:

Samantha Martinez, teaching pro, is volunteering her time to conduct a drills clinic on Tuesday evenings.

**** MOTION**** Reine Steel motioned that Samantha may continue offering the drills clinic with the following stipulations:

- 1) All participants MUST be a member of SPC
- 2) No more than (3) courts may be used
- 3) If this “clinic” is causing wait times for other members, this will be revisited and may be subject to court use reduction.
 - a. SECOND – Vickie Onesti-Warren
 - b. Passed UNANIMOUS

ACTION ITEM: Gwen will inform Samantha of the acceptance / changes

LADDER FOLLOW UP

With the survey now completed, the following was gleaned by the IT Director::

- 1) Too many back-to-back ladders occurring on the same days
- 2) Morning ladder taking place at busiest time in the morning
- 3) Members want ladder to have assigned courts

Other results revealed but above were the main points, so with that information, the following is agreed (no motion necessary):

Fall ladder will start on Monday October 11th.

Teresa Yount is Captain of captains and will be handling the sign ups

Ladder Games will be:

Monday	10:30am	Level B
Tuesday	10:30am	Level B
Wednesday	10:30am	Level B
Thursday	10:30am	Level A
Thursday	6:00pm	Level B
Thursday	7:30pm	Level A
Friday	6:00pm	Level A
Friday	7:30pm	Level B

During Ladder Play:

- There will be no challenge or pro court (Daytime Only)
- Assigned ladder play will be on courts 7,8,9,10,11,12
- If ladder play gets bumped from public courts, they will rotate onto whichever non-ladder courts are the least busy.
- Courts 1,2 and 3 will remain 2 on 2 off and will go to 4 on 4 off if there are more than 8 paddles up
- Courts 4,5 and 6 will be 4 on 4 off

➔ Since the BOD meeting, Amy has spoken with Teresa and an e-mail blast has been sent to the membership.

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Need an **ambassador** that lives in Citrus Heights to replace Lisa Hicks. No discussion at this meeting

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501(3)C – No discussion

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THE BISTRO

Ongoing discussion going between the Sunrise Park District and Marie Rivera (main contact) and Christine Jackson

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NEW BUSINESS

Membership Cap: Tom Bylsma opened discussion about possibly capping membership due to court availability. Going back to the survey, on the busiest days, the membership reported that the AVERAGE wait time is 5-10 minutes. BOD agreed to revisit if this scenario should change with the oncoming of cooler weather. Some thought that the crowding may become less as other venues in the area continue to be updated to dedicated pickle ball courts.

Beginner Courts: Cynthia Cheney (Member) Asked the Board about brining back the “beginner’s courts” to help facilitate the beginners getting more comfortable playing the game before rotating onto the general courts. This topic was tabled as Sunrise Park District has informed the BOD that they will be moving the public courts to an upfront placement (see August minutes), but specific location or time frame has not been decided (or communicated to the BOD).

Kingsley Lee Tournament October 1-3, 2021: Tom reported that they are almost full, just a few openings, capping at 12 teams, approximately 210 players (mix is capped, men’s has a couple of open slots, women’s is capped with a few 4/5 spots open, which is not unusual. Tom further informed that there will be ONE bracket, that with a non-sanctioned tournament, it is hard to “police” ratings and going on the honor system. Participation “gifts” is usually a tee shirt, but suppliers are having a hard time getting material thus unable to guarantee a tee shirt order, so Tom trying to put together a “towel” and pickle ball gift bag, but pickle balls are also becoming scarce. Tom will continue to put that together.

Capping players and having Robin help with the tournament has made a huge improvement with tournament planning running more smoothly. With 210-220 players, a fee of about \$640 must be paid to Pickleball.com (licensing), promotional items about \$2500 along with other miscellaneous expenses. Tom is estimating a profit of approximately \$10,000.

2022 Membership Fees: Current fees is \$100 annually – with the current financial position of the club –

**** MOTION**** Elaine motioned that the 2022 fees remain at \$100 annually

- a. SECOND – Amy Hardison-Sanford
- b. Passed UNANIMOUS

As fees are not changing, not necessary to have membership vote

Committee Positions: Amy discussed the need to add some committee positions, in a NON-VOTING capacity, to help streamline the club's growth. Committee ideas may be:

- Ladder Committee
- Court clean-up (to assist Rodney)
- Tournament Committee (to assist Tom)
- Junior Committee (to expand junior play)
- Community Outreach Committee

While it was discussed that these committees may very well assist the club, it was viewed that the BOD had enough to focus on for the last quarter of the year:

- ➔ Treasury
- ➔ Elections
- ➔ Tournaments
- ➔ Budget Development

Action Item: BOD may revisit this topic in January, when the 2022 BOD is in place

2022 Board of Directors Elections

The By-Laws state the following:

- A nominating committee shall be appointed by the BOD for the purpose of nominating candidates.
- Committee will present listing of candidates to the officers by **OCTOBER 10th**
- Ballot of candidates will be sent to the membership, via email, by **OCTOBER 15th**
- Membership has until **OCTOBER 31st** to send their electronic vote back to the nominating committee
- Election Results will be announced at the November annual meeting
- Elected SPC BOD will assume their positions on January 1, 2022.

The BOD nominated Reine Steel and Tom Bylsma as the nominating committee, both accepted the assignment.

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Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:27pm by Elaine

NEXT BOD MEETING:

- Thursday, October 21, 2021 Rusch Community Center
- Thursday, November 11, 2021 Annual Meeting at Rusch Community Center

Minutes submitted by: Elaine Dykhouse, Secretary