

Sunrise Pickleball Club
Member/Board Meeting
June 19, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 outside the Bistro at Rusch Park. Members were invited to attend.

In attendance: Jason Pollock, President; Tom Bylsma, Vice President; Marty Brown, Treasurer; Reine Steel, IT; Rodney Coleman, Activities; Jerry Mountjoy, Membership; David Dellinger, Membership; Brian Newman, Club Teaching Pro; along with approximately 8 club members.

Absent: Jessica Knowlton, Secretary, and Rosemarie Dias, Communications.

Open Member Discussion

Jason opened the meeting by welcoming the members and expressing appreciation for their attendance. He began with a status update, which will be covered in the Old and New Business segments below. Suggestions included:

- **Bring back ladders.** *Positives:* Participants love it. *Negatives:* Members who are not in at the start lose access to ladder assigned courts for the duration of the ladder. *Proposal:* The devil is in the details. A detailed proposal would be considered by the board. The board has operated the King & Queen program as an alternative, since it is open to all members each week.
- **Have more activities for new members.** Brian pointed out that he and Amber Lao are conducting Pickleball 101 and 102 classes each Friday from 6:00 - 8:00 PM that are free to members and guests who pay the guest fee. Additionally, they are working on some events for their new players.

Reports

Treasurer: Marty submitted a detailed treasurers report from the accountant.

Membership: Jerry submitted a detailed membership report. In summary, total membership as of June 18 was 711. We added 38 new members since the May report. Overall membership is down 24% since last year.

Old Business

- **Court Resurfacing:** Jason reported that we have approval for crack repair and resurfacing with a scheduled time frame of August 4 through August 15. The plan calls for all the courts to be shut

down during that time.

Action: Jason will follow up on discussions with Johnson Ranch and perhaps others regarding obtaining access for our members during the shutdown. Rose will develop a communication plan so that no one will be surprised to discover the courts closed.

- **Lights:** Eight new poles were installed last week. Lights and necessary controls are on order. The control devices will allow park personnel to turn off the lights when they lock the courts at night. The new lights will extend up to 24' above the poles. Once installed, the major lights will be adjusted to create a perfect night-time pickleball atmosphere.

Action: Upon receipt of the equipment, work with park district to get installation completed.

- **Court Ambassadors:** Damian Velasquez and Michael Rifkin are under contract with the club to assist members and monitor courts during peak times. Their work thus far has resulted in a significant increase in new members and in paid guest fees. More importantly, they are having a positive effect on play by ensuring that players understand and follow club rules.

Action: Support the ambassadors whenever the opportunity arises.

- **Bistro:** This week, the new operators began preparations to open the bistro. We will continue to have limited access for storage, but we're unsure how that will work. We haven't had any official contact with the new operators and don't have any information on what they will be serving or their hours of operation.

Action: Rodney will remove anything we don't need. Wait for further information from the operators and the park.

- **Lembi Park Pickleball Club Donation:** Jason didn't hear back from Lembi Park and there was confusion about the purpose of the donation. The board voted to rescind the approval at this time.

Action: None

New Business

- **July 4 event:** Marty proposed a club event on July 4, with perhaps some cupcakes and other stuff, including a raffle for some club paddles.

Action: Short notice, so perhaps Trisha or someone else can pull something together.

- **August Tournament:** To avoid last minute delays due to resurfacing, the board voted to move the club tournament to the first week in October.

Action: Tom will put together the necessary plans.

- **Paddle racks:** We discussed paddle racks again.

Action: Someone will photograph the stations at Lembi Park and send the photos to Jason.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at about 5:30. Next meeting: July 17th.