

SUNRISE PICKLEBALL CLUB

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

November 17, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 4:35pm at Rusch Park by the Bistro at court 1.

Board Members in attendance:

Tom Bylsma, Vice President; Gwen Warrener, Communications; Reine Steel, IT; Jerry Mountjoy, Membership; Rodney Coleman, Events.

Absent: Jeremiah Brown, Treasurer; Elaine Dykhouse, Secretary.

Incoming board members in attendance: Jason Pollock, president; Gail Kenney, Treasurer; Jessica Knowlton, Secretary.

The current board members were thanked for their service and incoming new board members were introduced during the meeting.

Vice-President's Report

Tom Bylsma reported that several improvements have been completed – court resurfacing, additional concrete walkway and benches. The club taxes for 2021 have been filed. There are two upcoming club events – Shotgun tournament on Saturday, November 19 and Ugly Sweater Tournament on December 10. Next spring, courts 1-3 and 7-9 will be resurfaced and net posts repositioned.

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of the treasurer, Vice President, Tom Bylsma, reported that there is approximately \$200,000 in combined checking and savings.

Membership Report

Current membership is at 927 members. New players keep joining at this date when they could wait until December 1 and join for all of next year. A notation will be put on the website to ensure applicants are aware of this.

Communications Report

Our education to our members regarding the public courts is having results. There is now a clearer understanding that members don't play with non-members during club hours.

Our signage on courts is either damaged or needs updating. Jerry Mountjoy will assist with updating signs in 2022.

There are continued reports of numerous non-members playing during club hours at night. This will be one of the projects for the new board in 2022.

King/queen of court sessions continue to be very popular and will continue.

Member Questions/Suggestions:

Input from members included those from incoming president, Jason Pollock, who plans to continue to grow the already strong Rusch community. In addition, his goals include encouraging higher level players to participate at Rusch by developing more programs to promote their participation.

Other Suggestions from members in attendance:

- Recommend eye protection
- Replace the windsock
- Add benches at court 3 so players can watch the challenge court
- Look into adding a bottle filling station at the west side of the complex
- Consider some type of wind screens on the west side of courts 11 and 12
- Consider posting ratings signs so players know their level
- Board members should survey the courts every few months and do a clean-up of the area.
- Offer more guidance to new members when they arrive to play.
- Offer/advertise more drills for members.
- Bathroom needs a light bulb!

In addition to offering suggestions, members were appreciative of the facility improvements, club programs and work of board members.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25pm