

# Sunrise Pickleball Club

## Board of Directors Meeting April 20, 2023

The Board of Directors Meeting for Sunrise Pickleball Club (SPC) was called to order at 4:36 pm at Rusch Park, Bistro patio.

Attending: Jason Pollock, President; Tom Bylsma, Vice President; Jessica Knowlton, Secretary; Gail Kenney, Treasurer; Jerry Mountjoy, Membership; Rodney Coleman, Events; Gwen Warrener, Communications; Reine Steele, Technology. Guests: Jake Polito, Sunrise Recreation and Park District; Lee Swayne, Past President of Sunrise Pickleball Club.

Members Attending: Trisha Polluck, Karen House, Duc Nguyen, Cheryl Summers, John House, Karyl Villa, David V. Dellinger, Elaine Moyer, Lee Swayne, Jackie McDonald, William Brown, Steve Cooper.

A motion was made to approve the March board meeting minutes. It passed unanimously and will be posted to the club website.

**General Membership:** The members were welcomed to the meeting by president Jason Pollock. He thanked them for being involved and encouraged them to volunteer. The meeting was then turned over to members for questions and comments.

We discussed the RFP for the resurfacing of all the courts within the next year. The work is estimated to be completed in September. Gwen talked about working with the park on making sure all the cracks and any damage to the courts will be corrected. She also reminded the members of the increase amount of rain the area has received and how that may have impacted the recent court resurfacing. Carol suggested for more pop-up tents for shade at tournaments. This comment brought up the club's lack of storage on site. A few options have been proposed to the parks department about the club's need for a small shed near the courts. This could provide storage for pop-up tents, squeegees, tables, and other equipment to help make tournaments more efficient.

Rotation and court usage was another point of concern. It was again emphasized that we need members' help in holding non-members accountable during club hours. Members need to make sure they are following the rules of rotation set forth by the club.

More tournaments, permanent soap dispensers, and new paddle racks were all also suggested. The board will look into all of those possibilities. With more tournaments comes the need for more volunteers. This seems to be the biggest obstacle the club and board faces when meeting the needs of the members. A survey was suggested as an idea to gauge the willingness of members to help run activities and tournaments at the club. This concluded the general meeting with the members.

Jason discussed sending an email to members and letting them know we would start doing regular band checks during the week. One member has volunteered to help with this. The board also discussed other fun activities that could be hosted by the club such as mixers, family nights and potentially a BBQ.

Tom asked about doing something different in the Fall instead of a round Robin tournament. We discussed the possibility of hiring someone to do a DUPR event.

Gail gave the treasurer report that included starting a certificate of deposit \$75,000 in CD to earn 4% a year. Tom and Gail will take care of it. She also is going to start working on a budget to potentially forecast 12 months of club expenditures

Reine informed the board that the domain has been transferred and is now in the club's name, email, and mailing address. It's up for renewal in June, and we may change from GoDaddy.com. Jason followed up with information about the Facebook page and that the admin is now under SPC. The hope is to shut down and restart the Facebook page so that it can operate as a communication platform for members.

Rodney over activities gave an update for the tournament in April. The suggestion was made to change the women's doubles bracket from Friday to another day for upcoming tournaments.

Jerry addressed the rotation problem that was discussed during the general membership portion of the board meeting. The board discussed the idea of hiring someone to manage rotations on the courts. We really just need to rely on members to help hold people accountable and be honest. It was motioned that we change the teaching court to court 7. The board decided to make that a temporary switch to see if that helped to alleviate the crowds on the 4 on 4 off. The club needs to find a coordinator for the queen and king program and to potentially add a volunteer coordinator to the general board.

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A new member orientation video answering FAQ was suggested to help new members understand the club policies and how things work. A motion was made and passed to have all the banners moved to the back fence.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.