

## **Sunrise Pickleball Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**August 7, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by President Amy Hardison-Papenfuss at 6:15 p.m. and was held in Amy's lovely backyard.

Attending: Amy Hardison-Papenfuss (Pres.), Rodney Coleman (Event Coordinator), Reine Steel (IT Dir.), Lee Swayne (Past President) and Karen Seminoff (Membership Dir.).

Absent: Gail Kenney (VP), Elaine Dykhouse (Secretary) and Teresa Ward (Treasurer).

Resignations: Amy reported that both Lisa Hicks (Ambassador to USAPA) and Steve Cooper (Rusch Park Liaison) have resigned their positions. (The USAPA position must be filled by a member who is a resident of Citrus Heights.) The board thanks both for their contributions of time and talent on behalf of our membership.

M/S/P/U to approve minutes of January 13, 2020, board meeting.

### **Old Business**

Lee reported that we have repaid the District in full for the funds they lent us for construction of the new courts. The final payment of \$11K was made last February.

### **New Business / Reports**

Membership Fees, Courts Needing to be Resurfaced and Budgetary Constraints of SRPD –  
Lee reported that our six older courts are due to be resurfaced in Spring 2021 at an estimated cost of \$20-\$25K. We cannot count on any financial support from the SRPD for the next 2 years due to budget constraints and other financial commitments. Options discussed were 1) increasing dues to \$100 pp next year to help cover the cost or 2) leaving the dues at \$50 and asking members to make a special donation if possible to help defray costs or 3) given that we currently have \$19K in the bank that is basically uncommitted and that if a large majority of our current members renew for 2021, we might well be able to fund the project without an increase in dues. Reine will prepare a memo to inform the membership of this dilemma and to seek feedback to help determine the best path.

Lifetime Membership for Steve Cooper – M (Lee) /S/P/U to make Steve a Lifetime Member, a well-deserved recognition given Steve’s involvement as a founding member of the club and his ongoing tireless service.

Memorial Bench for Kingsley Lee – Amy reported that \$2K has been donated for the memorial bench. She and Jake Polito have identified a location for the bench in the vicinity of the transformer. The bench has not yet been purchased. A monument company was suggested as a possible source of the bench. Concrete work will be involved – will require going to bid. Board is considering honoring the founders of the SPC with a plaque to be set in the concrete at the base of the bench.

Board Member Dues – M/S/P/U to exempt board members from paying annual dues.

PB 101 and 102 – Amy says attendance at PB101 averages 16-24 people. It was suggested we consider capping at 16 in future to ensure enough other courts are available for general play. PB102 will start soon. It will meet one Saturday per month from 9-11 a.m. Only members can participate in the sessions which will be taught by Doug Covert. Amy will handle registration, and a fee will be charged, a portion of which will go to the SPC.

Lessons at Rusch Park Courts - Amy advised that Doug Covert is available to teach both private and group lessons. Those interested must book through Amy. 10% of cost will go to the SPC. Lessons are currently taught at the courts by Doug Koch and another person approved by SRPD. Amy will get clearance from the SRPD for Reine Steel and Mo Nard of Positive Dinking to teach at Rusch Park as well on a similar basis.

Drop-in Fee – per Amy, there will be no more free play on the courts. One either becomes a member or pays \$5 per visit. Signage to this effect will be posted. Fees will be collected at bistro once it opens. Hard copy membership applications will be available there as well.

New SPC Bistro – Amy advises the bistro is scheduled to open soon pending health department okay. Hours will initially be 7 to noon on weekends. Menu will include hydration teas, protein shakes, hydration and mental energy drinks, cold brew coffee, water, Gatorade and other healthy and tasty treats.

Awnings – we are in search of sources for provide quotes on awnings to shade the waiting areas beside the courts.

Upcoming Rusch Park Event – The Pickleball Guru will be conduct clinics on 10/6 and 10/7. This event is not sponsored by the SPC.

Windsock – Rodney advised that he is going to install a windsock above the alley between the two sets of courts near the Lifetime Member plaque.

Windscreens – Discussion was held without decision being made concerning need for windscreens around the outsides of the new courts - possibly 10 screens at approx. \$750 each.

Stadium Seating on Court 6 – Amy reported there is some membership interest in stadium seating on court 6.

Monthly Newsletter Protocol – Reine suggested and other members concurred that future newsletters first be circulated among board members for review and comment prior to being emailed to membership.

Membership Report –

2020 membership count – 522 including 174 new members and 348 renewals

2020 membership dues received - \$26,325

2020 donations received - \$780

2019 members who did not renew - 94

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. by President Amy Hardison-Papenfuss.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Seminoff / Acting Secretary