

SUNRISE PICKLEBALL CLUB

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2021

OPENING

The Board of Directors Meeting for Sunrise Pickleball Club (SPC) was called to order at 6:00pm outside at Rusch Park.

IT IS WORTH NOTING: Last official Board meeting was November 2020 and this is due to the Global COVID-19 pandemic. At this current state, vaccines are rolling out and State restrictions are being lifted. As the Board members social distanced, outside, all safety precautions were observed.

Present (In-Attendance) :

Amy Papenfuss (President), Elaine Dykhouse (Secretary), Reine Steel (IT Dir), Rodney Coleman (Event Coord), Lee Swayne (Past President),

ABSENT

Karen Seminoff (Membership), Teresa Ward (Treasurer), Vicki Onesti (Vice President)

*** Move to approve November 16, 2020 minutes, moved by Amy, Lee second, unanimous approval.

OLD BUSINESS

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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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Membership currently stands at 676 of which 126 are lifetime members. Discussion regarding capping off membership –As it is believed that the wait times are minimal right now (and no member complaints), to table this discussion and re-evaluate should membership reach 725 members

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Court resurfacing has been placed on hold until Spring 2021. Estimates are currently around \$21,000-\$25,000. **UPDATE** – Due to COVID, this has been delayed but hopeful that with warmer weather, this will be completed soon.

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501(3)C – Teresa is working on this conversion, but due to COVID, the State has been closed and backed up. There will be an update available next Board meeting, but this is a priority as it is the center point of fundraising for the new courts.

It is once again noted: ALL FUNDRAISING EVENTS are for the sole purpose of raising funds to the new court development.

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NEW BUSINESS

As Teresa was unable to attend the meeting, the state of the Budget was not discussed.

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THE BISTRO – Discussion occurred in the fact that getting the Bistro up and running has been difficult. Part of the challenge is COVID and the other part is getting volunteers. Furthermore, Amy & Vicki both put personal funds to get the Bistro open and running and until they are squared, no funds are returning to the club. As it is desired to advertise and to make the Bistro profitable, Elaine suggested that Amy & Vicki review their output of expenses and present at the next Board meeting so that the Board may review and move to reimburse Amy & Vicki for their financial output; after which, further brainstorming may occur on how to use the Bistro as a fundraising mechanism for the club. The first challenge is to bring in volunteers to help and the next challenge is how to communicate the intentions of the Bistro and its footprint to the club.

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LADDER – There have been concerns and discussion among the membership how some of the ladder activities are monopolizing the courts and not allowing the non-ladder members access to an open court. Amy informed the Board that a new rotation will be put into place WHEN there are members waiting to play on a Ladder day/night.

- IF there are people waiting to play, all LADDER courts will shift to a four-on-four-off rotation & become part of the four-on-four off courts.
- So once a ladder game is complete, the ladder group is to exit and next set of four take the court
- Ladder group will wait their rotational turn for the next open court and continue their ladder match
- It is understood that play may take a little longer due to the rotation, but it is a fair & equitable solution

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NEW COURTS

Amy motioned that the Board approve \$4,000 to pay for the Civil Engineer Survey, that is scheduled to be performed this week, by AREA WEST ENGINEERING, located in Sacramento County.

DISCUSSION – mainly about the location of the new courts due to surrounding water. More details will be available after the survey is completed.

LEE second, UNAMIOUS – motion passed.

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GATE REPAIRS

Lee informed the Board that there were several gates / fences that need to be repaired, i.e. missing latches and some “clips” popping off from the bottom of the fence.

AMY motioned to approve \$500 to use towards the repair, working in conjunction with the park.

No discussion as all agreed.

REINE second. Motion passed

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CLOSED CAPTION CAMERAS

An interested member, Val, attended the Board meeting and was wondering if the Club had considered putting up cameras to help members determine if courts are busy and maybe help deter vandalism and perhaps capture undesired member court etiquette. Amy confirmed it had been under review, but that Wi-Fi was necessary and that currently there isn't the right infrastructure in place that would house a strong enough Wi-Fi signal to support closed circuit cameras. Amy continues to talk with the park regarding this matter as the Board does agree that it would be beneficial on many courts.

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PA SYSTEM

Amy motioned that the club purchases a PA system to assist with tournaments and ladder events. She estimated the cost of such a system about \$2,000

DISCUSSION: Board agreed that a PA system would be beneficial but securing the PA system was a concern given the value. The Club, as of right now, does not have a dedicated and secured storage unit on the park premises. Therefore, the system would have to be taken to someone's house, which then also presents challenges and concerns surrounding safety and liability. It was further decided that more discussion would occur with the park to see if they are able to provide a secure location; otherwise, may have to account for the space with the new court proposal.

MOTION PARKED FOR NOW – Further information is needed

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MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Amy advised that Karen has stepped down as Membership Director, which presently handles all things membership and communications. Amy discussed the possibility that this position may be split into two and Reine reminded the Board that when the club started, that there indeed was two positions: A COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR and a MEMBER AT LARGE position and proposed that we bring these positions back.

Reine motioned that the Board brings back the Member At large position, duties to include, but not limited to:

- Monitoring the club Gmail account
- Creating and sending the monthly newsletter (Mail Chimp)
- Sending membership emails (Mail Chimp)
- Assist with website updates (posting news/events/photos)
- Possibly assist with Facebook updates

As this is an appointed position, officers would need to vote to bring back this role and via email, this was approved unanimously.

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MASTER CALENDAR

Reine will work on this as it would be beneficial for the membership to know when courts are assigned for ladder or for lessons, PB101, etc.

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OTHER ITEMS

- It was discussed with the Board that some members have been “selling” items on the courts for personal profit. It was agreed by the Board that this is not the correct method, as anything being sold during club hours and to club members, should have the Board’s consent and approval. Furthermore, the Club should profit in some manner, as that is the most common action to other recreational leagues – if a merchant is present, the league / club would benefit as well.

ELAINE suggested that she will draw up some basic ideas and present to the Board next meeting so a “procedure” can be drafted and communicated to the membership.

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- RODNEY asked the Board if he could do a BBQ at the courts, perhaps maybe even a little fund raiser, i.e., hot dog / hamburger meal, etc. It was agreed that this is more than acceptable as it would be in conjunction with the Bistro and would be a “club event” with proceeds being returned to the club.

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- Prior to the “official” start of the meeting, there were several interested members in attendance who wished to communicate some concerns that had been discussed among some of the members. The main concern was that it “appears” that there is lack of communication and disorganization within the Board. It was felt that full communication and understanding isn’t being communicated to the membership and they were just trying to gain an understanding.

OPEN DISCUSSION: The Club is growing in leaps and bounds – it is March and membership is approaching 700. There are only eight people on the Board, and we have been on COVID lockdown for the better part of the last eight or nine months. The Board acknowledged that there have been some bumps with this unexpected growth and surge in membership and while all is positive, the Board needs more volunteer support. One of the members present, CHER HILL, was interested in perhaps being the “SWAG” person, representing all club logo offerings as she has a home business presently and could help the club with shirts and other club swag for fund raising events. Val also expressed in interest in helping the club – volunteers are needed to help make the club, especially as we move forward with expanding the facility.

REINE noted that she would write something up for the newsletter and advertise open positons and the need for help.

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Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm by Amy

Minutes submitted by: Elaine Dykhouse, Secretary