

**SUNRISE PICKLEBALL CLUB**

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2020

**OPENING**

The Board of Directors Meeting for Sunrise Pickleball Club (SPC) was called to order at 5:06pm, Rusch Park, room #4

Present (In-Attendance) :

Amy Papenfuss (President), Gail Kenney (VP), Elaine Dykhouse (Secretary), Karen Seminoff (Membership), Reine Steel (IT Dir), Rodney Coleman (Event Coord), Lee Swayne (Past President), Teresa Ward (Treasurer), Vicki Onesti (Activities)

**ABSENT**

NONE

\*\*\* Amended October 10, 2020 minutes as follows:

- ➔ 2020 donations = \$550

Move to approve October 10, 2020 minutes, moved by Gail, Lee second, unanimous approval.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Continuing discussion about adding more courts:

Steve Cooper presented to the Board preliminary proposed plans for phase 3 of adding an additional six to seven courts.

At a very high level and sketch draft, the following was presented:

- ➔ Plan A: With championship court
- ➔ Plan B: Without championship court
- ➔ Includes gazebo and picnic area

Discussion ensued, including concerns about maintenance, parking and costs. As estimates are needed, Amy to send email blast to membership to see if there are any civil engineers and/or drafting professionals within our group. Firm estimates are not possible until more scaled drafts are presented.

It was also discussed, and agreed, that a fundraising committee will be created, with Gail Kenney volunteering to be a committee chair and others will be recruited. Ideas such as silent auctions, crab feeds, and other community events suggested to help with the two-year fundraising goal to raise the estimated \$200,000-\$300,000 funds needed. It was further discussed the challenges that COVID creates at this current time and with talks of a vaccine, hopefully that events may get underway as early as late Spring 2021.

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Gail continues to work on the 501(3)C for the club but that the State offices have essentially come to a standstill with COVID and that the process is stuck in the backlog. She has committed to see this through to the end as it is necessary for the club to successfully solicit larger donations from local businesses.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

A recap of the 2021 Officer Elections:

- President: Amy Hardison-Papenfuss
- Vice President: Vicki Onesti
- Secretary: Elaine Dykhouse
- Treasurer: Teresa Ward

It was noted that there were several write in candidates and that perhaps a recruiting opportunity for current and future assistance with the growing club.

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Lee presented the 2021 liability insurance bill of \$659 to be paid:

- ➔ Gail motioned to approve
- ➔ Amy second
- ➔ Unanimous

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Treasurer report is delayed so finance and membership may balance.

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Amy discussed the need to move forward with tournaments and that she would like to see more “clinics” available to membership on a donation basis. Several local pros are donating their time for free clinics, with donations are highly recommended, all donations being steered to the phase 3 fundraising efforts.

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Amy discussed lifetime memberships in that she continues to suggest to membership that this was a good deal. Current rate is \$500, and with the raise in annual fees to \$100, this vehicle may be more enticing to members. A discussion of capping off this area, in the near future, occurred, as well as possibly increasing the cost sometime in 2021.

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Since the creation of the new court rotation (paddles on the desired court), the old white board is taking up space and the board agrees to donate to the park, since they do use it from time to time. This gets the board out of club facilities, such as the Bistro or the restrooms.

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Current membership will start renewal process on December 1<sup>st</sup> through February 1<sup>st</sup>; after which, will be opened to all new members, if there is room. Membership to be capped at 700 to assist with court availability.

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Discussion occurred regarding 2021 membership identification – it is too hard to identify PAID members today without going up and asking people. It was suggested that a current member offered to provide colored stripe that would be place on the rim of the members main paddle. This will allow easy identification of members; Amy is tasked to seeking more information as there is concern of non-members playing on the courts and not paying the \$5 drop in fee.

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### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm by Amy. Next meeting to occur in January 2021.

Minutes submitted by: Elaine Dykhouse, Secretary