

Sunrise Pickleball Club

Annual Membership Meeting
November 10, 2021
Rusch Park

Present:

Vicki Onesti (Vice President), Rodney Coleman (Event Coordinator), Tom Bylsma (Tournament Director), Bob O' Brien (Treasurer), Gwen Warrener (Membership)

In addition, approximately 15 members attended.

Absent:

Elaine Dykhouse (Secretary), Lan Huynh (Communications), Amy Sanford (President), Reine Steel (IT Director)

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm.

Three of the incoming officers for 2022 were introduced:

Cynthia Cheney, President

Tom Bylsma, Vice President

Bob O'Brien, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report – Bob O'Brien reported that combined savings and checking accounts show a balance of almost \$155,000.

Membership – there are now 889 members of the club. Membership has not been capped based on observations of court usage and also the results of the ladder survey when almost 60% of the respondents had a typical wait of: from no wait, to less than 5 minutes, to 5-10 minutes.

Ladders – The format changes to ladders appear to be working well. One thing that didn't work well was having ladder players pay \$10.00 in cash. Rich Reed who is a repeat ladder captain is willing to research online programs for SPC to use to register players for ladders and other events. The SPC board will get two or three other members to assist with this project.

The meeting was then opened to feedback from the membership as follows:

- Dues were increased to \$100 to help fund additional courts. If this doesn't happen, dues should be decreased.

- The rules keep changing and causing confusion.
- Listing courts 2-6 is confusing.
- Night time play is too clicky. A single player cannot find a game because the groups are not receptive to including others.
- The beginner's courts need to be reinstated.
- Courts by level should be considered.
- If the club has money and doesn't build courts, consider paying a stipend to ladder captains.
- Financial information should be provided on a regular basis.
- The newsletter's new format is much easier to read.

In response to questions about the budget and expenditures that didn't have board approval, board members explained mitigating circumstances and plans to stay within requirements of the club's non profit status. SPC is currently designated as a 501c7 and has considered moving to 501c3 to have the benefit of donations being tax deductible to the donor. However, 501c3 has considerably stricter IRS requirements which may not work well for SPC.

SPC board members clarified that the Bistro has never been under SPC and currently operates under an agreement with the park district. However, SPC and Bistro staff have a cooperative agreement wherein the Bistro staff assist with drill registrations, provide member information and hand out new member packets. The SPC still has use of the Bistro for storage, etc.

SPC board members continue to work to develop financial statements for 2021 which they may have reviewed by a CPA before filing taxes.

SPC board members have developed a chart of accounts and processes to have all receipts and disbursements fully designated in 2022. All receipts and disbursements must be approved unless they are included in the budget for 2022.

SPC has made progress by developing guidelines for teaching pros and monitoring their donations of 10% of their lesson fees.

Building additional courts was discussed. The Parks Department will proceed with developing a Request for Proposal in the spring of 2022 for 2-3 courts. Costs of goods and services have increased dramatically over the last year, so cost will be a major issue. Another factor will be how SPC membership is affected by the construction of additional courts in surrounding areas.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 pm