

Pickleball University Board Meeting Minutes

October 30, 2021 @ 2:30 p.m.

Location: 1055 25th Ave. Vero Beach, FL 32960

Attendees: In person: Claire Miller, secretary, Dick Haverland, Treasurer, Francine Woodman, Director, Jackie Schmidt, Director, Lynn Ullestad, Director

Attended by FaceTime: Joe Scanlan, President, Chuck O'Hanlon, Vice President, Jamie Demetrion, Director, Steve Bull, Director

1. Call to Order

2:30 p.m.

2. Proof of notice

On club website

3. Approval of previous minutes

Dick Haverland made a motion to approve last month's minutes.

Francine Woodman seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Determination of a Quorum

All board members in attendance. Mrs. Ullestad joined the board this month and was welcomed aboard by members.

5. Old Business

a. Guest Passes (Claire/Jackie)

- Claire and Jackie presented a format for allowing members to purchase discounted guest passes one time a year (January). The board discussed the number of passes that should be sold per person.

Jamie proposed that at the time of membership renewal in January each member will have the option to purchase a maximum of 5 guest passes for \$5 each. They must be used after 10:30 a.m. if playing between the date of December 1st and March 31st. Dick seconded motion.

7 members approved the motion, 2 opposed. Motion passed.

b. Shade awning structures (Steve/Claire)

- Steve and Claire shared a quote with the board from a company that sells and installs shade structures. The board discussed that the project would have to be approved by the city and a permit

obtained. Steve Bull met with Jim O'Connell to review preliminary plans. The board agreed to table the plans until we have more information about the club court expansion initiative.

c. Club expansion updates (Steve)

- Steve Bull met with Jim O'Connell, recreation manager to share possible options for adding courts at Pocahontas. It was determined that the south end of the courts is a drainage area but not a retention pond. The northeast side is not a possibility for expansion due to overhead power lines. The southeast side may have room for two courts but would impact some of the parking spots on east side. The next step is to attend a city Planning Department meeting to determine the feasibility of these options.

d. Lights update (Steve)

- The club still plans on installing lights on the north side, but plans are currently delayed. More information to follow as it becomes available.

6. New Business

A. Financial review (Dick)

- The club continues to be cash positive and our balance has increased since last quarter (see statement on club website). To date we have over 900 members at PBU.

B. Wristbands

- The board discussed the recent problems with wristband enforcement at the courts. Several gatekeepers and the court attendants have reported some members failing to wear their wristband on their person or refusing to produce the wristband at all. The board agreed it is imperative all members wear the wristband in a visible place on the body as this is the only vehicle in place to identify members from nonmembers. Moving forward, the board has put a policy in place to address repeat offenders. This will involve a series of written warnings that may culminate in a suspension from the club and potential removal from the club. This

will be determined on a case-by-case basis. In addition, any nonmember refusing to wear the paper wristband will not be allowed to play.

C. Programs (Chuck)

1. Special Olympics parent training:

- Drop-in fees will be waived for the parents who may participate in the Special Olympic training program run by Ken Roberts and Gary Carmichael. If this does occur it will begin around November 1st, 2021, between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. for two to three sessions.
- Chuck O'Hanlon shared that we also have two children's programs currently running at Pocahontas. The Anne Darling homeschool program runs 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and the Youth Guidance program runs every Tuesday from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. A total of 2 courts are used during this time. Both programs will run through November 30, 2021, with a possible option to extend.

2. Lessons under the lights

- The board discussed that no coaching/lessons may occur under the lights before 8:00 p.m. during the season.
- Beginning November 1st, coaches may provide lessons no later than 8:30 a.m. and can then coach again between noon and 5:00 p.m. on the north and south courts.

D. Park water fountain

- The board agreed that the installation of a water bottle filling fountain at the park is not practical for a variety of reasons.

E. Spring Tournament

- The Pocahontas Pickleball Classic tournament will take place March 18-21, 2021. Claire Miller and Steve Bull will run the tournament. The software and court assignment duties will be hired out to Diane Schulstrom and Carter Ledeker. The board approved this expense as

part of the previously approved budget. Players will be able to register on the pickleball tournaments website early November.

F. Coaching fees

- The PBU certified coaches have asked for the ability to determine their own rates for lessons to non-club members. The board agrees that coaches be given the autonomy to set their own fees but will continue to give 10% to the club and a \$5 drop-in fee will still be incurred. Coaches will provide Chuck O'Hanlon with their pre-determined rate to nonmembers.

G. Christmas party

- Our annual Christmas party, organized by Lynn Ullestad, will be held at the Walking Tree Brewery on December 11, 2021. The event will run from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. with live music starting at 8:00 p.m. More details to follow with sign up and pricing.

H. Membership Update

- Jamie Demetrion reported that as of 10/30/21 our membership is at 900. 745 are 2021 members. 76 are 2020 members with an option to renew.

I. Next meeting: December 18, 2021

7. Adjournment

- 5:13 p.m.