

Pickleball University Board Meeting

September 18, 2021 @ 2:30 p.m.

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

AND VIA FACETIME

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order
2:35 p.m.
2. Proof of notice
Made available on club website
3. Approval of previous minutes
S Bull made motion to approve August minutes. F Woodman seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously
4. Determination of a Quorum
7 of 8 board members present (F Woodman, J Schmidt, C Miller in person. S Bull, J Scanlan, J Demetrian, C O'Hanlon via FaceTime). Dick Haverland absent
5. Old Business
 - a. Update on lights on north courts (Claire/Steve)
S Bull emailed information previously to the board pertaining to a new bid from Sports Surfaces for north court lights that included installation and electrical work.
S Bull made a motion to accept the Sport Surfaces bid proposal
Claire seconded motion
Discussion ensued about adding timers to the north and south court lights and including in the bid. It was also discussed that the contract that dictates the timeline for construction on the courts expires in November 2021 and may need to be extended. J Scanlan will talk to the city about extending this.

Motion to accept Sports Surfaces bid was approved unanimously.

6. New Business

A. Financial review

D Haverland submitted financials to board via email earlier in week as he was not present at board meeting. There has been little to no change in the club's financials. Financial Information continues to be made available on the club website.

B. Club expansion

(1) J Demetrion made a motion to halt any activity related to expanding our club's capacity until the county's 12 court project is completed, estimated to begin in 2022. J Scanlan seconded the motion.

J Scanlan stated that the club does not currently have the funds to pursue a new location and purchase land from the city. He also discussed that the county's addition of 12 courts south of Pocahontas may alleviate our overcrowding problem.

S Bull stated that we may be able to lease any potential land we are interested in developing. S Bull shared that he had also researched the feasibility of expanding at Pocahontas and talked with the recreation manager who potentially supported this possibility. The proposal would also have to be approved by city council. The expansion area in question would include the addition of 3 courts at the south end of Pocahontas on the green land. It was discussed whether this was green land or a retention space.

Board voted 5-2 against the motion (Jamie and Joe in favor, Claire, Francine, Jackie, Chuck, and Steve opposed)

(2) F Woodman made a motion to pursue adding courts at Pocahontas site. C Miller seconded motion.

After discussion, motion passed unanimously.

(3) S Bull made motion to concurrently pursue looking at expansion outside of Poco while exploring expansion at Pocahontas site. If after

researching expansion at Pocahontas, it is not a viable option, then the club will continue to look for other land to either lease or buy outside of Pocahontas. Claire seconded motion.

S Bull discussed that the club has the funds to do the expansion at Poco, the lights, and 12 new courts if the board elected to go ahead with such a plan. He mentioned it could be done in phases. Joe said a parking lot would have to be added which would cost additional money and the quote may not include fences that divide each court. Steve mentioned and included a budget proposal from Sports Surfaces with a quote in email and a price of \$100,500.00. He also mentioned that funds will be available in 2022 of roughly \$260,000 and that the board could decide whether to go ahead and expand outside of Poco after we were awarded any land and that we were not necessarily tied in to build or not to build, but this motion was to give us an avenue to do so outside the confines of Poco.

Motion approved unanimously.

Easing wait time in primetime

- (1) J Demetrion made a motion to prohibit drop ins during primetime between 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. from December 1st, 2021, through March 31st 2022. S Bull seconded motion.**

Motion passed 5-2 (Jackie and Fran opposed. Claire, Steve, Jamie, Chuck, and Joe approved)

- (2) J Demetrion made a motion that games will be played to 11 (win by one) during primetime between 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. from December 1st, 2021, through March 31st 2022. S Bull seconded motion.**

Motion passed 5-2 (Jackie and Fran opposed. Claire, Steve, Jamie, Joe, and Chuck approved).

- (3) J Demetrion made a motion that when the paddle box is full, games will play to 9 (win by 1). J Scanlan seconded motion.**

Motion failed 5-2 (Joe and Jamie approved. Jackie, Claire, Fran, Steve, and Chuck opposed).

C. Membership 2022

J Demetrion made a motion to have current membership fees remain the same for 2022 but that new membership fees will now include a \$200 initiation fee, totaling \$300 initial annual fee for new members. Claire seconded motion.

The board discussed that this may help slow down new membership while the club works on solutions for expansion.

Motion passed unanimously.

D. Programs

C O'Hanlon shared some ideas for programs to run in season that may help ease congestion during primetime. S Bull stated that no one group should get preference on the courts during prime time. Chuck stated that the maximum number of courts to be reserved by a group in the afternoon will be 3. The board agreed to table further discussion about programs until later in the season.

E. Club Tournament

Further information will be provided by S Bull and C Miller in October or November 2021.

F. Recommendation for new board member

J Demetrion made a motion to accept Lynn Ullestad onto the PBU board of director's in October 2021. S Bull seconded motion.

The board discussed the candidate's resume that was submitted prior to the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

G. Guest passes

C Miller stated that guest passes should be made available to members at a reduced price to use for family and/or friends. The board discussed the various ways this could be implemented. Jackie and Claire will explore further and come up with ideas to implement.

H. Locks on west gates

It has come to the attention of several board members that the locking of the west gates at 4 o'clock every evening is an inconvenience to play, as stray balls go over the fence and players do not have easy access to the bathrooms. The court attendants have agreed to leave the southwest gate open in the evening and the northwest gate will remain locked.

I. Shade awning outside perimeter of courts

S Bull made a motion to allow the board to research shade options for the perimeter of the northeast and southeast courts. Jamie seconded motion.

Samples of awnings and structures were shared by S Bull and J Demetrion.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

7. Adjournment: 4:44 p.m.