

Pickleball University Board Meeting

April 17, 2021 @ 2:30 p.m.

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

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

2:34 p.m.

2. Proof of notice

On club website under minutes

3. Approval of previous minutes

Dick made motion to approve and Steve seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Determination of a Quorum

All 8 board members present in person.

5. Old Business

- Riverside proposal update (impact of proposed county courts) See item J below
- Lights repair
Repair is still pending due to company unforeseen circumstances.
- Susan Walsh Memorial
Sufficient funds have been raised and the city has been provided with a cheque for \$574 to install the new bench at Pocahontas park. Money contributed in excess of the cost of the bench was contributed to Habitat for Humanity, approximately \$300

6. New Business

A. Financial review

Current balance for PBU is \$150,000. See financial statement on website for further information.

B. Post tournament summary

The recent Vero annual tournament was discussed by the board. The club made a profit of over \$3,000.

C. Future tournaments

The board discussed whether we would continue to hold future tournaments and how they would be run. The board agreed that the club would like more tournaments but was undecided if a third party should be brought in to oversee the court assignment duties. Steve and Claire will discuss with involved parties and report back to board next month. Possible tournament to occur in November 2021.

D. Club Name

Claire made a motion that we change the club's name to reflect the Vero Beach origin. Steve seconded motion. Jamie, Joe, and Chuck opposed motion. Fran, Jackie, Steve, Dick, and Claire in favor. Motion passed 5 to 3.

Prior board member and attorney, Dennis Fitzpatrick, will be consulted as to the procedures for changing the name. New club name to be determined.

E. Backboard relocation

Heritage Museum staff recently made a complaint about noise pollution from the backboard on south courts as it is directly in front of their offices. Board agreed to relocate the backboard to the north courts where it was originally mounted.

F. Defining primetime play/Program request

The board agreed that Primetime during the peak season should be defined from 8:00- 11:00 a.m. Any special events occurring during this time will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The board will define primetime in the evening and during off peak season at a later date.

Member Kate Hoffman made a request to the board to change the intermediate ladder time to 8:00 -9:30 a.m. to avoid the heat of the day. Board discussed how this may interfere with open play and create unwanted wait times. However, many members who play at this time may choose to participate in the ladder.

Member, Rob Morris also requested to run a ladder Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 5:00- 6:30 p.m. for beginner, intermediate, and advance players respectfully. The board discussed the potential impact of this on nighttime play and whether this would cause overcrowding and wait times.

Dick made a motion to allow the ladders to commence as a pilot program for 6 weeks. After that time, it will be determined by the board if it may continue. Joe seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

G. Heritage museum issue

Moving forward, the Heritage staff will be included on all email communications from the club so they can stay informed of planned events and parking needs.

H. Shed and inventory.

The board discussed whether a larger shed was necessary. It was discussed that after recently cleaning out and organizing the shed there appears to be sufficient room at this time.

I. The board received a report from our tournament head referee, Dereck Prince, regarding an incident that occurred with a player. Mr. Prince shared in writing, the incident with the board and with Lucy Kitcher, the tournament director. At this time, no further action will be taken but the incident has been addressed with the person involved.

J. Riverside Complex

Board discussed the recent meeting with the city rec department regarding the Riverside Complex proposal and next steps. The city has asked PBU to submit a specific proposal and to provide information related to the number of members who reside within the city limits.

It was discussed that the proposal would include converting the 4 tennis courts closest to the clubhouse. PBU would pay for re-surfacing, divider fences, painting, and future maintenance.

The board also discussed the option of looking at another location where we could develop a larger number of courts dedicated to pickleball.

The pending county project to add 12 pickleball courts at Dick Bird Park was also discussed and the potential impact to our club.

Next meeting scheduled for May 22nd @ 2:30 p.m.

7. Adjournment: 4:45 p.m.