

## Pickleball University Board Meeting

September 26, 2024 @ 5:30pm

Location: Lakes at Waterway Village. Vero Beach

### 1. Call to Order

- a. Claire Miller, President; Steve Bull. Vice President; Bob O'Leary,; Dr. Joe Mendola; Henry Habgood; Loretta Potts, Secretary, Tom Frechette, absent.
- b. No quorum at this meeting with Tom absent.
- c. Approval of last month's minutes: Steve motions to accept. Claire seconds that motion. **Motion passes.**
- d. Monthly Financials
  - Wells Fargo checking: \$77,230.12
  - Wells Fargo Business Market Savings: \$7,204.65
  - Wells Fargo Time Account: \$102,322.72 CD (Increase of \$120 from August).
  - Fidelity Account: \$209,747.56 (\$30,000 transferred to checking)
- e. Improvements ongoing with furniture ordered at \$30,000 along with stone and gravel and landscaping. This is still within the initial budget.

### 5. Old Business

#### A. State License Plate for Pickleball

Henry explains that we need to find a person in the Florida State Representatives to start the initial application. Bob explains that a "Foundation" that he can set up will help to get this

done. This process can take up to 6 months. More investigation is required to move forward. Each license plate will cost \$25 which will go directly to the club. Henry explains that we need a purpose for this extra money such as security issues and others. We may need to provide a deposit to get on the list which could be \$1000. Presale of 3000 plates required for the plate to be produced after approval from the state legislature. More at next meeting.

#### B. Fall Tournament Discussion

It has been determined that there are already so many events such as Chili Cookoff, Christmas party and Happy Hour at the courts going on that this tournament will not happen this year. All members agree.

Discussion on the spring tournament due to issues with Diane and Carter will require further study. We want to maintain association with Diane and Carter so we will have to make changes that we will discuss later. Others will have to step up from the board to continue this.

#### C. Guest Passes

Bob investigated punch cards or regular cards that the member will have to carry with them to use for their guests. MinuteMan Press will print 1000 cards at \$295. Only 1 pass per member that will have 5 passes each for \$25. There will be a second time to purchase another pack yet to be determined.

#### D. Signage Vendors

Henry got quotes from 3 vendors. Fast Signs between \$95 to \$400 each which requires wind mitigation when this is the banner. The signs including Code of Conduct and children under 12 not allowed to play will be displayed. This will also be displayed on Application for membership.

## 6. New Business

### A. 2025 membership renewals and annual fees.

After much discussion, Renewals will start from October 15 through November 30. All will be via credit card or debit card through Court Reserve. Joe motions to increase dues to \$140. Those that do not renew by December 1 will be out of the club as of January 1. Last year we had some that claimed they did not get notice and we took this on a case by case basis. Henry seconds that motion **Motion Passes Unanimously.**

B. Recent policy for minimum age. It has been decided to limit children below the age of 12 are not allowed to play. Certain circumstances may come up that will be decided by the board on an individual case by case. Any member may make a proposal to the board considering age limits and this will be decided case by case.

### C. Winter Season Round Robin schedule.

Joe reports that there will be Round Robins from 1pm to 3pm and 3pm to 5 pm with maximum courts of 6 Monday through Friday. Jeff will have 6 courts on Tuesday from 6pm to 8pm. Also, Sunday from 3pm to 5pm is a private Round Robin with maximum 6 courts. 24 members can sign up with 2 on the waitlist.

Coaches can give lessons 1pm to 5pm and 7pm to 9pm using 2 courts. People will sign up on Court Reserve for PB 102 with a max of 16 players.

#### D. Invasion of Privacy Complaint

Several people have complained about the pictures that are published under Facebook. Many of the members enjoy this but there are some that feel that it is an invasion of privacy. We will speak to Laura about this, so she is sure to get members permission to publish these pictures. WE don't want to discourage this since it is enjoyed by many members.

#### E. Paddle rack discussion

One paddle rack for both sides. This will not work. Joe makes a suggestion about changing sides periodically. This will not work well due to members being used to a certain way. After much discussion, we will make it known with the membership that any member is welcome anywhere on north and south courts and the furniture will be close enough to south courts that this will work out.

#### F. Waitlist projection.

This will be decided once we determine how many members will renew. Our hope is to stay at 1100 members. This will be discussed as it becomes clear how many renewals we will have.

#### G. Christmas party.

Claire spoke to American Icon about catering for the Christmas party to be held at the courts. We will require a permit of \$250 with a \$300 refundable deposit. Due to the use of alcohol, a police officer will be required at \$55/hr with a minimum of 3 hours. Joe

suggests Toojays to cater this at \$25/ person. Tables will be rented \$322 for tables and chairs. Total is \$2425 for 80 members not including permit and police. May be risky and not worth the chance to not have permit. Claire suggests December 7 for Party. WE will involve Carol Sue to help organize and decorate. Joe Motions to have Christmas party at the courts on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December with permits for alcohol. Henry seconds this motion. **Motion Passes Unanimously. Founders Award will be given at that time.**

Next Happy Hour will be at the courts in October. Will will organize this.

H. Waitlist discussion.... tabled until next meeting.

I. Member requests work on reducing the train noise since this can be considered a “quiet Zone” Unfortunately, this may only be from 10pm to 6am. We will ask the member to research this with the city of Vero Beach.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58. Next meeting October 25 at 5:30pm at the Lakes at Waterway Village.