

# Pickleball University Board Meeting

October 24, 2024

Location: Lakes at Waterway Village, Vero Beach

## 1. Call to Order

- a. Claire Miller, President; Steve Bull, Vice President; Dr. Joe Mendola; Tom Frechette, Treasurer; Loretta Potts, Secretary; Bob O'Leary via phone; Henry Habgood via phone. Mary Chappelle was in attendance and participated in discussion only.
- b. A Quorum has been established.
- c. Approval of last meeting Minutes  
Due to all the work following the tornado, the September minutes were not finalized for this meeting and will be approved via email.
- d. Monthly Financials:  
Wells Fargo Checking: \$59,359.73  
Wells Fargo Business Market Savings: \$7,204.71  
WF Time Account: \$102,537.59 CD (increase of \$210 from September)
- e. Fidelity Account: \$210,653.37

## 2. A: Old Business

After much discussion, the board has decided to do something a little different and have our holiday party at the courts using Salt and Pepper Barbecue for catering and a sound system for music. We will need to contact the city concerning the permit for alcohol consumption and rental of police for this occasion. The date tentatively is December 8, 2024.

B Landscape Update. Aluminum Perimeter fence is now done and granite will be installed this week. Furniture will come in 2 weeks.

### 3. New Business

- a. A member requested that her membership be rolled over into the 2025 year due to ongoing cancer treatments that have not allowed her to play in 2024. Loretta offered to call her to hear additional details and will bring the information back to the board with a recommendation.
- b. 2025 Annual Budget  
Steve suggested that since he has developed the previous budgets and is no longer going to be in office after January, that Tom and he work on this and present it to the board the next meeting.
- c. There will be additional expenses this year because of the Tornado. All the fencing will have to be replaced this year and the bids that we received ranged from \$55,000 to \$160,000. The lower bid was provided by a company that we have worked with before and the work will start in the near future. Tom makes a motion to accept this bid. Steve seconds this motion. **Motion passes Unanimously.**

Shed Purchase: Tom measured the existing cement pad and found that a larger shed will fit on the pad. The suggestion is to have more space than the old shed. We have looked at a 10 ft X 16 ft and it will fit in the old footpad. It will have 2 doors, one on the front for daily use and a second in the back for lawn maintenance and other tools. There will also be one small window on one side to allow light in without fear of breach. A motion was made to not exceed \$10,000 for purchase along with permitting and additional items needed. Steve seconded it. **Motion passes Unanimously.**

Bids for court repairs: Papico has bid \$6,000 to patch and paint. A motion was made by Tom to accept this bid, not to exceed \$10,000. Steve seconds this motion. **Motion passes Unanimously.**

Repair of Lights: The Tornado did move some of the fixtures although it did not damage the lights. Before the tornado, some of the LED lights had failed. These lights are under warranty. A purchase order is required to ship the lights and when they are returned, we will get reimbursement. Tom and Steve are willing to rent a lift and install them when they arrive since installation is not covered under warranty. Estimates of work from a contractor would be \$3,000 to install the replacement LED's.

Most of the nets on the south side courts were damaged and will have to be replaced. The estimation for this is \$3,000.

Windscreens Replaced or repaired are estimated to be \$10,000.

Benches: A longstanding member has offered to repair any damaged bench that can be repaired. Thank you RJ.

The total estimated cost of repairs might be as much as \$110,000. Steve made a motion to move forward with all the repairs needed to bring the courts back to prior standards. Claire seconds that motion. **Motion passes Unanimously.**

Fundraising discussion: The board is in discussions on how to recoup some of the losses that the tornado caused the club. Many ideas were talked about. Claire and Steve had a discussion with a local paddle company, Bread and Butter. Various ideas were discussed where PBU could benefit financially.

Other ideas were discussed including a Go Fund me page, or a Press Release highlighting the incredible damage that the tornado has caused to the club asking for donations. Bob offered to work on the press release. Further discussion is warranted.

Communication with the city: After a discussion with Jim O'Connell from the city, it is not clear if the city has insurance for this loss. They are still looking into the insurance coverage that may affect the courts. Although PBU is covered for general liability and has the coverage that the city required us to have. The city did not require us to have wind insurance. The license agreement states that PBU is responsible for everything within the fence. We are still trying to establish in talks with the city attorney, who is responsible for replacing the fence. Additionally whether their policy will cover it, and if we will get reimbursed.

President and Vice President outline duties: Claire and Steve documented all the daily, weekly, monthly and yearly duties that they cover on a regular basis, and this document was given to board members to understand how they can handle these duties moving forward.

With the workload being substantial, Bob suggested that it may be a good idea to have committees established to handle this workload. As an example, committees could be formed in these categories:

- Projects

- Operations, including gatekeepers and court attendants

- Finance, including the budget.

Both Claire and Steve remarked that something similar was done in the past with an advisory board but proved to be cumbersome and to be ineffective because of the daily decisions that need to occur.

Future Board of Directors 2025:

Both Claire and Steve being term limited, will be leaving executive positions in January. Claire asked if there was anyone that felt that they were able to take on either role. Tom expressed interest.

No other board member voiced their desire to take the position. Steve stated that in previous years, the experience that the Treasurer and the Secretary have within the club enables them to carry on the duties with the necessary knowledge. Margareta and Mary, the new members of the board, had expressed interest in becoming secretary and Henry expressed an interest in becoming Treasurer. This will be discussed when the new board meets. Claire nominated Tom and Loretta for President and Vice President respectively. Steve agreed and seconded it. The discussion of the board supported this motion. A vote ensued and there were 6 members for and 1 abstained. After Claire and Steve leave, the Treasurer and Secretary will move up to take the President and Vice President duties. **Motion passes**

Next meeting November 20 at 5:00 p.m. at the Lakes at Waterway Village.

Claire motions to adjourn meeting. Steve seconds this motion. **Motion passes Unanimously.**