

Pickleball University Board Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2024

Location: Lakes at Waterway Village

1. Call to Order 5:00PM
 - a. Claire Miller, President; Chuck O'Hanlon, Vice President via Facetime ; Steve Bull, Vice President; Bob O'Leary, Tom Frechette, Treasurer; Dave Caswell, Loretta Potts, Secretary.
2. Quorum- all board members present.
3. Proof of Notice

Upcoming board meetings are posted at the end of the meeting minutes and in the PBU 411.
4. Approval of previous meeting minutes

The board discussed wording in the January minutes and each person's recollection. They were revised and approved.

5. Monthly Financials

Wells Fargo Checking: \$30,776.67

Wells Fargo Savings: \$12,196.19

Wells Fargo 4-month CD: \$100,000.00

Fidelity account in CD: \$296,021.72

Fidelity Money Market Account: \$36,000.00

6. Old Business

- A. Fidelity Money Market Update: \$36,000 was moved from Wells Fargo to Fidelity Money Market Account.
- B. Open Board Position due to Dave Caswell leaving the board.

Claire and Steve spoke to 2 possible candidates, one showed interest in being on the board. This person was interviewed by all members of the board and a letter from this candidate was received by the board explaining his interest and qualifications. A discussion ensued about his qualifications and his interest in the position.

A discussion also ensued to put this in the PBU411 before a decision was made and pros and cons were discussed. A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Chuck to advertise the position. **Motion fails 4 to 3.**

Claire motions to accept Dr. Joe Mendola to replace Dave Caswell. Steve seconds this motion. **Motion passes Unanimously.**

There was a discussion in addition on how to fill the 3 seats that will be vacant by the end of the year and how and when we should replace these individuals. There was a motion by Claire and seconded by Steve to advertise these positions in PBU411 so that they can be added by years end and there will be a transition period. **Motion passes Unanimously.**

C. Tournament Update and Planning

Claire spoke to Diane who will run the software for the tournament, and she was confident from the past tournaments that she ran that many people would sign up at the last minute. There are only 166 people registered and considering the budget that Steve ran, at current numbers the club should come close to breaking even and there is still an upside if we get an influx of people. The tournament will go on as planned.

D. Landscaping project updates.

Steve and Dave discussed potential plans, amenities, and a preliminary budget being somewhere in the \$150,000 target. PBU is still gathering information and working with the city to nail down requirements. The project will hopefully include additional amenities such as a shade structure, dedicated water station, brick pavers, Propane, Grill, Fire Pit, additional outside seating. Budgets and amenities are still being discussed and bids are being obtained to come up with a realistic budget. City Planning and recreation have been contacted to inform them and work through codes. No budget has been approved at this time.

7. New Business

A. Summary of recent general meeting 2/19/24

The board discussed the meeting that was recently held and viewed the outcome as positive. We were all pleased with the support and interest shown by the membership and thank the people that attended. Many good suggestions came from the meeting that will be considered.

B. Round Robin Policy

There was discussion around a recent conflict in our policy when the club had scheduled a round robin at 6:30 in the morning that conflicted with our policy of having no round robins before 1pm. Our policy is that all round robins were to occur between the hours of 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM. This policy is in place so that that our members can play singles, practice, and take lessons and not to interfere and butt up with General Play which could cause conflicts. Although courts are available early, scheduling a single round robin at that time could cause confusion and it could be argued that a special party is getting favorable treatment. It was discussed that this is best handled by having individuals simply use the courts that are available without signing up in Court Reserve. And in the unlikely chance that the courts are completely being used, they will have to put their paddles in the paddle box, which is the norm for general play. After much discussion, Bob motions to allow the 6:30am Round Robin if it ends promptly at 8:00 a.m. Chuck seconds this motion. **Motion fails 5 to 2.** It was decided to remove this early Round Robin from Court Reserve and carry on the initial policy with Round Robins starting at 1PM and running to 5:00 PM.

C. Member complaint discussion and action.

Pursuant to our round robin discussion in New Business in Topic B above, there was an incident that occurred with a round robin group that was playing at 6:30 in the morning. They were approached by a member that told them they were not allowed to play during those hours according to our existing policy and that they should leave the courts. The group thought that his demeanor and tone was unsatisfactory and that they were not treated fairly by his actions. Two of the members filed complaints.

After reviewing the 2 complaints and reading the story that was provided by the individual and discussion, Bob motioned that we suspend the person for 1 week, and Chuck seconded it. **Motion fails 5 to 2.**

Claire makes a motion to send a written warning to this individual. Tom seconds this motion. **Motion Passes Unanimously.**

A letter will also be sent to the 2 members that sent complaints about the results of our discussion.

D. Minor corrections to website on disciplinary procedures verbiage (which can be found under the BOARD tab under Code of Conduct/Rules) was discussed. Complaints must be in a written statement so the respondent can reply. Steve Motions to require written statements for complaints. Bob seconded. **Motion passes Unanimously.**

E. Thanks and gratitude were expressed, from all the board members, for Dave Caswell's service to the board.

6. Next meeting was scheduled: Claire motions to adjournment. Tom Seconds this motion. **Motion passes Unanimously.**

Next meeting: March 27, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at the Lakes at Waterway Village