

## Pickleball University Board Meeting

March 27, 2024 at 5PM

Location: The Lakes at Waterway Village, Vero Beach, FL

1. Call to order 5:03PM

a. Claire Miller, President; Chuck O'Hanlon, Vice President via Facetime; Steve Bull, Vice President ; Tom Frechette, Treasurer; Bob O'Leary; Joe Mendola; Loretta Potts, Secretary.

2. Quorum- all members present.

3. Proof of Notice

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

4. Approval of previous minutes

Tom motions to accept the minutes. Claire seconds this motion. **Motion passes 6 to 1.**

5. Monthly Financials

Wells Fargo Checking : \$21,077.95

Wells Fargo Savings : \$12,198.61

Wells Fargo \$100,000.00 4-month CD at 5%

Fidelity Account: \$296,230.68 at 5.1%

6. Old Business

A. Member complaint outcome. As described in the Disciplinary Procedures, a letter was sent to a member in question letting this person know that this type of behavior is not acceptable.

B. Open Board positions. It was discussed that there were other members that had expressed an interest in applying for the board. After discussion it was decided to add a week to the time limit for applications. The time of interviews was determined: April 26 at 5PM and April 27 at 3PM at the Lakes at Waterway Village card room.

C. Landscaping project updates. Steve has a rough budget projected a budget of \$150,000.00 to complete this project for landscaping. He is working with the city and doesn't anticipate any issues at this time. In prior meetings with city officials, they indicated support for the project as well. Steve makes a motion to budget \$170,000.00 for the completion of this project which will still leave

the club in a strong cash position moving forward after completion. Loretta seconds this motion. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Steve continued the discussion about the bids that are coming in and the added yearly costs associated with adding infrastructure and that they need to be included in the annual budget, moving forward and to plan accordingly. That figure could be as high as \$8,000 to \$10,000 per year. Water filters, annual cleaning and sanding of bricks, power washing, depreciation of equipment, and other items were mentioned. We also discussed when to order the Pergolas since it will take 6 to 8 weeks for them to arrive. The fear was that if the city denies the project, that we would have these. We discussed that even if the city, for some reason, denies, this, the Pergolas could still be used so it was decided to order them. We are hoping to start the project in late April or May when the courts are slower. Claire brought up that we need to renegotiate the contract with the city to extend our lease since we are spending this large amount of money on these improvements. Claire and Steve will continue to work with them.

## 7. New Business

- A. Welcome and introduce new board member, Dr. Joe Mendola. We all welcomed him and know he will help move the club forward into the near future.
- B. Post Tournament summary.  
The tournament was a success and enough money was made from this to have a profit but we did not have as many players as last year so final results are not known yet. Overall, we had very high reviews. Some of the improvements we could work on were some of the women were not happy with the restrooms. We heard some complaints were made because of the lack of referees. Only one was present at any one time. Other complaints from participants were that there were no courts available for them to warm up on. These will be addressed at another time.
- C. Member complaint discussion. The club received a correspondence from 3 members affected by a round robin situation and they detailed a problem with a specific individual. All Board Members read the letters and it was determined to send a letter to the member in question to tell his side of the story. Further discussion will continue after this is received.
- D. Primetime Discussion. Currently, Prime time is 8 am to 1 pm and 5pm to 7pm. There is a Round Robin In the evening and that we had discussed in the past

- that this will continue. The board discussed this, and it is decided to leave the round robins alone since there have not been any problems or complaints. There is less court usage in the evening as in the past. IT was decided that if someone asks to run a Round Robin, Chuck will send it to the board for an email approval from all members. Claire makes a motion to leave the Round Robins alone. Steve seconds this motion. **Motion passes unanimously.**
- E. Associate membership. Chuck proposes that we allow an associate membership plan. This plan is meant so that this class of members would be able to play on off hours to be determined and a cost to be determined. Steve brought up that the season is almost over and these same people that might be interested would be able to be on the Waitlist soon considering the busy season is over and considering the load on the courts in the summer and through fall. The club being financially secure didn't need the hassle of balancing two sets of memberships with limited resources was also discussed. Chuck motions to approve the Associate Membership. Bob seconds this motion. **Motion fails 5 to 2.**
- F. Waitlist discussion. So far, 84 people on the Waitlist. Steve asked to table this discussion.
- G. Bob brought up using cards for the Guest Passes the next time this is done. This discussion will also be tabled until it is brought up in the New year.

6. Next meetings April 26 at 5pm and April 27 at 3pm when board candidates will be interviewed.

Bob motions to adjourn. Claire seconds that motion at 6:26pm. **Motion passes Unanimously.**