

MINUTES
PEBBLECREEK PICKLEBALL CLUB
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2021
3:00 PM MILAN ROOM

Call to Order – The Meeting was called to order by Nancy Popenhagen at 3:00 PM. Present were all board members: Nancy Popenhagen, President, Jeff Antrican, Vice President, Sharon Hadley, Treasurer, Tony Wells, Officer at Large and, via ZOOM, Kathryn Villeneuve, Secretary. Additionally, 11 Pickleball Members were present.

1. Member Participation

Nancy reminded attending members that the board is experimenting with member participation to give members an additional venue to express ideas to the Board. This is a time for the Board to listen and may or may not respond. In accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order minutes are a record of decisions made by the body. They are to include “what is done, and not “what is said”. A note of suggestions may be included after adjournment of the meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved via a motion from Sharon Hadley and a second from Jeff Antrican with the following changes:

Jeff Antrican to present the HOA meeting report out; Lynn Manns to present the Welcome Committee report out.

3. Approval of the May Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the May meeting were unanimously approved via a motion from Sharon Hadley and a second from Tony Wells

4. Unfinished Business:

New Courts fundraising policy: Sharon Hadley presented the new fundraising registration form along with the fundraising policy. The form and policy will be posted on the website, along with information showing who is raising money and by which format they are doing so.

Tony Wells moved the policy be approved and Jeff Antrican seconded the motion. The policy was unanimously approved. Motion carries.

Fencing: Jeff Antrican reviewed the current plan:

Work will begin on July 7th. The first courts to be done will be courts 9-12. Each group of courts is scheduled to take ~10 days. Jeff is gathering lessons learned from similar fencing work underway

at the softball fields. The interior posts are not scheduled to be looked at until the HOA resurfaces the courts, but if there are obvious issues, they will be reworked if possible. Pat Chernow brought forward a specific spot on the fencing between courts 13 and 20 that needs to be fixed due to an accident. Jeff will ensure action is taken.

New Courts: The update provided today during the HOA town hall, reminded the 70 attendees that the new pickleball courts are an RCI project, not an HOA project. The first of 3 plans, site plan, civil plan and building plan have been submitted to the city of Goodyear. RCI is a waiting redline changes and, when received, will edit, and resubmit.

Cynthia Schwartz asked about the comfort level of our club's commitment. Nancy Popenhagen explained current documentation underway with the HOA.

John Pihl asked what kind of lights will be installed. It is understood that they will not be like the ones on courts 9-12 nor on courts 1-8, but rather, somewhere in between. References have been made that the lighting is like the lighting on Anthem courts.

Hand sanitizers: Based on dialog at the May meeting, and the fact that fencing where they would be installed is being replaced, Nancy Popenhagen asked for a motion to table further updates for the near term. Jeff Antrican moved that further updates on hand sanitizers be tabled, and Kathryn Villeneuve seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved. Motion carries.

5. New Business

Approval of In-House Tournament – Final Four: Alex Potapof brought forward the following dates for this tournament: Mixed – November 10, 2021; Women – January 13, 2022; Men – January 14, 2022

Tony Wells moved to accept these dates for the In-House Tournament – Final Four; Jeff Antrican seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed. Motion carries.

July and August Board Meetings: Nancy Popenhagen advised that, based on board member travel, we will move the July meeting up one week to: July 14, and we will cancel the August board meeting.

Approval of new club rating system: John Pihl provided the highlights of the new system, reiterating the multiple path approach; the use of IPTPA skills assessment and demonstrated game play for 3.0-3.5 advancement; different paths for different levels; data driven approach when ladders is used; and the fact that those wishing to move up must fill out a request and provide rationale. The summer path using IPTPA approach received positive feedback. Information on the rating system is on the website.

Jeff Antrican moved that the new club rating system be adopted. Sharon Hadley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

During this discussion, Nancy Popenhagen did share a potential revision to Round Robin Play for fall. Separate from the round robins, an opportunity would be provided to participate in a Saturday 'Shoot-out' to earn a spot in this new level of play. This is purely optional and would

have players engage in round robin style GHOST DOUBLES and then depending on win/loss and points, players would be placed in a plus division. One very important aspect, participants would need to re-qualify each year to play in the plus division. This is just a concept and feedback to board members and round robin captains is appreciated. It was also noted, that qualifying for and playing in the plus group could be used as a step for those seeking to move to the next rating level to go through one of the board approved paths.

6. Committee Reports

CAC – Theresa Carter: Due to the upcoming fencing activity, the last Club event scheduled until the fencing is complete, will be the July 4th social. All organized events, as well as court reservations, be will suspended, with the exception of the Novice Classes and the 2.0 w/coaching (occur on Sat/Sun mornings and Tuesday nights). This is a result of the 2.0 players not having drop-in opportunity. A schedule of court usage will be posted on the announcement's page of court reserve.

Maintenance- Jeff Antrican: The ice machine in the ramada continues to be an issue. Jeff advised that he pulled the machine away from the wall to allow it to vent a bit better – please do not push it back. Thank you to all who have been pulling ice throughout the day, it does help. This ice machine is problematic, and six work orders have been submitted in the recent timeframe. The HOA is aware and monitoring.

Thank you to Bill Cagle, who has been going through all balls discarded into the buckets (which are **not** garbage cans!). Bill has discovered that 45% of the balls are 'playable' and can go back in the tube. A question was asked around whether we get discounted pricing, based on volume buying, from Franklin – the answer is yes. A question was also asked if Franklin reimburses our club for cracked balls-No. Jeff is working with Franklin to try and receive credit, likely based on the age of the ball at failure.

Thank you to John Brumback, along with Jim Jimenez, for donating the time and materials to fix stripped fan and light switches. They now operate with push buttons.

Thank you to Pat Murphy for volunteering to build the ball sleeves for the new courts, as well building a few back ups for the current courts.

The parking lot between the art building and court 9 will be 'ripped up and replaced'. This is scheduled to occur in July, and the area will be clearly cordoned off.

Furniture – Jeff Antrican: Jeff advised that the Cagle's will also provide nightly court cleaning for the month of July. They encourage players to return balls to the tubes and move the furniture back to where it belongs once they have finished their play. **A volunteer(s) is still needed for the month of August.**

Jeff is also working with the HOA on garbage can location and pick up as it is noted that the can by golf cart parking is always full.

Safety – Pat Chernow: Pat provided history on both the development of the accident reports (created by Pat/Dennis Carter/Sheryl Mercer), and the historical accident/injury data. Pat advised

that it is difficult to get people to fill the forms out. They are in the ice room in the ramada. Once filled out, they can be put in a sleeve, also in the ice room. Pat created a checklist for the novice class, as well as reminders for all players. There will be a safety article in the July newsletter as well as information posted on the website.

Pat requested a volunteer to ensure the first aid kits located at the courts are stocked. Please contact Pat or Jeff if you are able to do this.

Cynthia Schwartz asked if anyone had heard that individuals may be responsible to pay if emergency vehicles are deployed. She will follow up and advise.

Technology – Jeff Antrican: Nancy started this report out with a HUGE thank you to Felechia Justice who has spent countless hours creating the new website. She changed the platform to ensure our club can continue to grow the site. To date, the response has been fantastic – there has been a 1,600% increase in hits, as well as 430 unique visitors. A new tournament tab has been added which includes PC Pickleball players in external tournaments (thanks to Kevin Hillstrom and Tori Benz-Hillstrom).

The ability to renew/sign up is now completely online, and we had our first new member follow this process on Tuesday.

Player development – Sharon Hadley: The focused Skills & Drills has been a success. Signing up with a partner has helped ensure players have parity to do the drills.

Several members thanked the coaches who have been giving their time to this; also, appreciation for the videos posted on the website was expressed.

A question was asked about sessions for both men and women focused on tournament readiness. Sharon advised these are planned for fall.

Social – Tony Wells: The sign up is open for the July 4th social focused on school supplies is open. There is a flyer on the website, as well as other places, to provide additional information. Coming in the fall will be the Kickoff dinner/dance on October 17th and the December 4th Toys for Kids campaign. Socials scheduled into 2022 are reflected on the website.

Fundraising – Tony Wells: A fundraising thermometer is now available on the website. A 'pie' chart will be added soon, which will reflect who in our club has done fundraising and how it contributes the new courts fund.

Lynn Manns is 'hosting' two dances – the first one is August 28th and the second will be November 14th.

In addition to the golf tournament schedule in 2022, a new fundraiser, also for 2022, was announced – a Poker Tournament.

Tony advised that a link to Medicileaf, maker of CBD products and a sponsor of pro pickleball events, has signed an agreement to provide our club 20% of any sales generated. The link will be on the website.

Theresa asked a question about whether Pickleball Central donates 10% to our club. No one was aware of an arrangement, but it will be followed up on. Nancy did note that Pickleball Central gives our club members a 5% discount when members use the discount code listed under merchandise on the website.

By-laws- Nancy Popenhagen: This committee met on May 24 and have a follow meeting scheduled for June 22nd. Bill Cetti has created a very detailed template with robust tracking mechanisms. The goal is to have a by-law proposal out to members prior to the Annual Member Board Meeting in November. Discussion will then commence at the meeting, and a vote on by-laws by membership will take place following the discussion and meeting.

Welcome Committee – Lynn Manns: Lynn explained the process used to engage at the Novice Training and beyond. Lynn noted that Kathy Aalto contacts all new members the same week to welcome them to the club. Club buddy assignments were started on June 6th with 6 buddy matches so far. In the month of May, there were 15 new club members and so far in June, there are 13 new members. Due to court closures and high temperatures, the Welcome Committee anticipates light engagement in the near term.

HOA meeting - Jeff Antrican: Nancy advised that this report would rotate between board members as each have committed to covering the monthly meetings. Jeff covered the report out during: Unfinished Business – New Courts and his Maintenance Report out.

6. Board Reports:

Officer at Large – Tony Wells: Tony had nothing to add to his report outs denoted above.

Treasurer – Sharon Hadley: Sharon reviewed the Treasurer report posted on the website.

Operating Fund balance \$130,517.38 New Court Fund balance \$292,935.16

Additionally, Sharon shared that the New Courts Fund increased by \$8,527.41 with \$5,800 coming from Marty and Kathy Aalto's T-shirt sales. We offer our sincere thanks for working so diligently to raise funds for the new courts.

We also sold three more lifetime memberships, three bricks, received \$75 in cash donations and \$425 in coaching for courts. Thank you everyone.

After many hours of work, Sharon created a spreadsheet with all the detail she could find on the time and source of contributions to the New Courts Fund. Again, we would like to thank Melody Boyer and Robin Weaver for the system they employed to capture cash receipts. Unfortunately, in years past there were several months where the details of each cash receipt were not retained. Lifetime memberships were captured in Court Reserve, new brick sales are documented with a form, but the other smaller fundraiser details were not retained. The aggregate cash receipts by category were recorded in QuickBooks and the balance in the New Courts Fund in QuickBooks and in the bank exceeded the detailed records by \$6,532.50. Going forward we will keep a detailed record of all contributions to the new courts fund and reconcile that amount with QuickBooks and the bank balance.

Gordon Cooper has joined the finance committee and we are still looking for one more member to join the committee. The New Court Fundraising Form and Policy were approved by the Board during Unfinished Business.

Secretary – Kathryn Villeneuve: Kathryn acknowledged and thanked Kathy Aalto, Lynn Manns, Jackie Cameron and the club buddies who have stepped up to make a huge difference in how new members experience joining our club.

Kathryn thanked members for the Monthly Newsletter feedback, and our Board desire to ensure the Newsletter is both informative and interesting. The Board's self-imposed deadline for the July Newsletter is June 25th.

Vice President – Jeff Antrican: Jeff brought forward a fundraising event: Super Treats from a Super Hero.

President – Nancy Popenhagen: Nancy continues to be grateful for the tremendous support we are receiving from our members. There are positives to how the DROP-IN and POD system of Open Play are working – due to the flexibility and adaptability of our member. An expanded version of Nancy's comments will be released as "ATP (Around The Post) Board Briefs.

7. Future Agenda Items: None requested/noted.

8. Meeting Adjourn: The Board meeting adjourned at 4:47 PM.