

## **GVR PICKLEBALL CLUB BOARD MEETING**

**February 13, 2018 6:30 PM Desert Hills Auditorium**

President Jeff Harrell called the meeting to order. We met following an informative meeting regarding the proposed new pickleball courts on Esperanza. Attending were Pres. Jeff Harrell, VP Mark Robertson, Treasurer Donna Talarski, Secretary Virginia Smith, Members at Large Carol Hammerle and Marsha Olson, and non-voting member Donna Coon. Paul Serra, member at large was absent. Several club members also stayed after attending the informative meeting.

Minutes of the January Board meeting were approved as posted.

Donna Talarski reported the Club checking account balance is \$26,825.43 and the Reserve account balance is \$27,543.68. The Winter Social had a \$270 profit, the raffle made \$180, and the Shirt Sale has a \$150 profit with some shirts still to be sold. Donna will transfer the raffle and shirt sale profits to Reserve and retain the social profits in the checking account for seed money for the next social event.

**OLD BUSINESS** Marsha Olson moved that during Focus Play no one be asked to leave simply because they are not playing in their skill level and we include this in our policy manual. Discussion included having competitive play, safety issues, overcrowding, and being a friendly, inclusive club. Motion passed 4 to 2.

Carol Hammerle moved the Club commit to the concept of hosting both a member tournament and a sanctioned tournament in 2019. Senior Games were sanctioned up until 2014-2015. At that time, USAPA introduced the requirement that sanctioned tournaments were open to USAPA members only. So, the Senior Games were no longer sanctioned as GVR felt that this would be too restrictive. We would need to see if GVR would support having this tournament be sanctioned. If not, the Club could hold a sanctioned tournament which would be a fund-raising event. Motion passed.

The new ball machine is here and works well. Training will be scheduled soon.

Donna Coon reports there are 362 participants signed up for the Senior Games and still have a few openings, especially in the 2.0/2.5 competition. Volunteers are still needed.

Connie Griffin requested the Board write a letter supporting the purchase of the Esperanza land and construction of a 24 court pickleball center. Jerry Hooley read a letter supporting this project that he will send to GVR and GV News.

**NEW BUSINESS** Jeff made a motion to ask GVR to move our hitting wall to the Basketball Court at Canoa Ranch which has been proposed by Jim Simmons. Basketball would have priority—reflected by signage—if there was a conflict. The courts are so busy there is limited opportunity to use it now. Concern of not being as available at new location was expressed. Motion passed 3 for, 2 against, 1 abstain.

Kris Servais proposed we contract for an evaluation of the Senior Games (SASG). This survey would give us valuable information and costs \$250. Motion passed 4 to 2.

We have a new social committee chaired by Deb McPartland. They will have a Spring Picnic at Canoa Hills on April 15<sup>th</sup>. And an Ice Cream Social with a R/R on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at East Center. They also plan to

hold a Pickleball Olympics in November, and a Mardi Gras Winter Dance in March. They will be coordinating a table at the Sr. Games for a Bake Sale and Gift Basket Auction. The proceeds will go towards the new courts. Donations for the Gift Baskets are needed.

Nominations for Board members will close March 5<sup>th</sup>. Offices open are President, Secretary and Member at Large. Currently there are no candidates for Secretary, 1 for President, and 3 for Member at Large.

**MEMBER COMMENTS** Dean Barnes asked how we learn more about the candidates running for the GVR Board, especially their support for more pickleball courts, and if the Pickleball Board supported any candidates. Jeff explained the Board did not endorse candidates. Everyone should attend the public forums that gives an opportunity to visit with the candidates.

Tom Oliver requested at least 25 to 30 members be moved to play at the 4.0+ Focus Play time as the wait times at 3.5 are long. Marsha Olson will head up a committee to study this proposal.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Smith, Secretary