

AGENDA & REPORTS

Green Valley Recreation Pickleball Club Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, September 9, 2021 – 3 pm – East Center Auditorium

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1. Roll Call – MacMillan
2. Approve [05/13/2021 Meeting Minutes](#) – MacMillan
3. Treasurer’s Report – Furumoto
 - a. PROPOSED MOTION:
Accept financial and income and expense reports as of 08/12/2021:
Checking Account Balance \$31,442.24
Reserve Account Balance \$11,720.16
Total \$43,162.68
Net Change from May 13, 2021: \$17,791.84
- Highlights
Income \$17,324.73 GVR Shade Structure Reimbursement
4. Consent Agenda Committee / Work Area Reports (see below) – Furumoto
5. Old Business
 - a. PROPOSED MOTION:
Authorize up to \$1,000 for a total of three (3) Ambient Weather WS-2000 Smart Weather Stations with WiFi Remote Monitoring and Alerts and required accessories for installation by GVR Facilities and IT Departments at East Center, Canoa Ranch, and Kent J. Blumenthal Pickleball Complex - May
6. New Business
 - a. PROPOSED DISCUSSION:
Ways to motivate 2.0 players to be more involved in playing pickleball - MacMillan
7. Member Comments
8. Closing Comments
9. Adjourn

Committee / Work Area Reports 09/09/2021 Board Meeting

President, Gina Rowsam

GVR UPDATE

The following is an email that was sent to the club membership on May 28, 2021, but I wanted to reference it in this report as you will see that our available funds have increased markedly since the last Treasurer's Report.

Please join me in thanking CEO Scott Somers for putting on yesterday's GVR Board meeting agenda a motion to consider reimbursement to the GVR Pickleball Club in the amount of \$17,324.73 for the shade structure (adjacent to the building) the club had installed at the Kent J. Blumenthal Pickleball Complex in the summer of 2020. Members may recall at that time the GVR Board approved the structure but voted not to use GVR funds to pay for it, hence the decision by the club to do so as the shade was sorely needed especially during COVID where social distancing was the order of the day. To our knowledge, it was the first time a club has had to pay for shade, which GVR deems a health and safety issue and we asked that the request for reimbursement be up for consideration in 2021. Yesterday's board meeting was videotaped and if you are interested in watching/hearing the discussion, please click on this link and then advance to 1:57:45 where you will hear the motion, discussion and vote. The motion passed seven in favor and five against. Breakdown of the vote is as follows.

YES - Ted Boyett, Nina Campfield, Christine Gallegos, Randy Howard, Bev Lawless, Mark McIntosh, Mike Zelenak

NO - Kathi Bachelor, Donna Coon, Carol Crothers, Bart Hillyer, Don Weaver

RATINGS

Information was processed from the final pilot phase for the revised ratings process and the club will keep its schedule for ratings testing from mid-October through April. Mike (club board director member at large) and Margaret McCarry have agreed to serve as coordinators for the Player Development Ratings Program. Their role will be to organize and oversee the skill level coordinators, feeders, evaluators, game play testers, and administrative volunteers. The intervening months, May through September, will include opportunities for skills development and play practice. Other options for obtaining a rating include USA Pickleball sanctioned tournament play and testing through IPTPA (International Pickleball Teaching and Professional Association).

WEBSITE

The June 2021 survey regarding the club's website received responses from 134 members and yielded helpful observations, suggestions, and new volunteers willing to work in this area. As mentioned in past communications, Dean Beilke has been serving as the webmaster for the last several years and also took on this past year the management of our member database and scheduling system - Pickleball.Plus. The goal was to identify new people who can assist with the website. A new website workgroup was formed to review the survey results and we have been working on a new one which we anticipate rolling out late August or early September. I would like to thank the following members for assisting me with this important project: Dean Beilke, Patrick Furumoto, Sam Schaen, Angela Elgee, and Jeff Ashburn. We have a great mix of interest, talent and ability and I am glad we have been able to build on the successes of the prior website. In addition to the website work, updating of existing documents located there, e.g. Policy Manual, is occurring this summer. In addition to this, we have been working on developing more video content that will feature our club members and describing various things relating to our resources and

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offerings. Maria Acevedo has been working on a video that will help people who want to train to be users of the Tutor ball machine. Mike Andrews has helped to capture content that will demonstrate aspects of our Ratings program. We appreciate your patience as we transition to the new website and begin using and promoting our YouTube channel.

PICKLEBALL.PLUS

Key board members and volunteers continue to work with the software developer to address member database issues and to add new functionality. Members are encouraged to log into their accounts to make sure the information is correct, especially birth dates. We have an increasing number of members who would like to see play opportunities segmented by age divisions. Having correct birth dates will allow us to pursue those options.

TAPPL

Please join me in recognizing the great job Carol Hammerle performed serving as coordinator for the inaugural year for the Tucson Area Pickleball Players League (TAPPL) which is part of Arizona Pickleball Players League (APPL). In her area listed below is the report she compiled with the input of the team captains. She has agreed to continue in this role as the club will participate again for the 2022 season beginning in January.

We received notice from APPL on 08/20/21 announcing the following dates and deadlines. They announced a 2.5 flight Men's and Women's and options for Mixed play for levels 3.0 and above.

Winter League Team Registration Opens: 9/1/21

Player registration opens: 9/15/21*

Winter League Team Registration Closes: 11/15/21

Schedules Published: 12/5/21

Matches Start: First week in January 2022

Matches End: 3/26/22

State Championships: 4/4/22-4/6/22

*Note (new this season): Captains may add players to their roster through the player registration process until their team has played their fifth match.

In order for the Club to allocate court space for scheduling practice and league match play we need to know how many members will participate ASAP with a response deadline of Saturday, August 28, 2021.

If you have interest or are committed to play on a team, [click on this link](#) to take a short survey that will yield the information we need to move forward. Thank you!

- Already committed to playing on a team
- Want to create a team and willing to serve as a captain
- Interested in joining a team
- Want more information

COURT SCHEDULING

Member requests for court scheduling suggestions and potential changes will require a minimum of two weeks to implement.

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COURT EQUIPMENT & MAINTENANCE

Mike Clemens requested that his court maintenance duties be reassigned and Paul May, Member at Large, has agreed to cover. Moving forward, if members notice something that needs attention at the courts, the procedure is to let Paul know and he will initiate the process for it to be handled either by the Club or GVR. Many thanks to the attention and time Mike has given this during his tenure this year and what he will continue to do in his capacity as Vice President. We wish him well as he shifts his focus on other things.

The club continues to receive suggestions to add skill and drilling equipment. Paul May has been tasked with looking into the hitting wall and ball machine issues as they relate to the East Center and Kent J. Blumenthal Pickleball Complex with the goal of having vetted proposals to maximize existing equipment and space and including costs for recommended new acquisitions at the October 14, 2021 board meeting.

SOCIAL & OUTREACH

Mary Wright has been assisted by a wonderful crew - Mike & Pat Andrews, Julie & Randy Howard, Patrick & Mary Furumoto, Murf Murphy, Franci Kinkade, Greg Wright, and Brenda Zenan - as they planned three and were able to execute on two Dink & Dines this summer. Because our prayers for rain have been answered in abundance during this monsoon season, we had to cancel the July 24 event. Then, on August 14 we still met for the ice cream social but were not able to play shuffleboard due to the rain. We all look forward to welcoming back our fall/winter residents to enjoy our gatherings later this year.

Past-President, Jeff Harrell

No Report

Vice President, Mike Clemens

No Report

Treasurer, Patrick Furumoto

In addition to Treasurer duties, working with the website redevelopment work group.

Secretary, Susan MacMillan - 2.0/2.5 Rep

New Members: Kevin O'Connell, Jerry Ferguson, Laurie Chambers, Bernadine Murphy, Leigh Haubach and Steve Fernandez, Jean Nistico, James Culver

Member at Large, Paul May - 3.5 Rep, Policy Manual & Court Maintenance

Nets checked at all three locations, checked storage areas, balls: KJB - 126, EC - 100, CR - 51

Member at Large, Mike McCarry - 4.0+ Rep, Player Development

Player Development Skills Classes will resume in October (date to be determined). Margaret McCarry and myself will be directing and participating in the program which has shown a great response from the club. As a reminder, the purpose of the classes is to provide an overview of the skills that will be used in testing individuals desiring to move up in rating. Once completed, persons should practice the skills until they are ready to test. The classes will be limited to 4 members per class. There will be 2 classes per skill level (2.5, 3.0, 3.5). There will be 2 classes for each skill level per month. New classes will begin the 1st Monday of each month for 3 weeks (meeting Monday & Wednesday).

Member at Large, Mary Wright - 3.0 Rep, Social Committee

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06/21/2021 - Dink & Dine at East Center 70 members and guests attended
07/24/2021 - Dink & Dine CANCELLED DUE TO MONSOON
08/14/2021 - Dink & Dine at South Abrego, Shuffleboard Cancelled, 50 members and guest attended

Player Development Committee - Carol Hammerle, Chair

TAPPL Captains/Participant Evaluation Meeting

Thursday, April 15, 2021

Participants: Jim Maxwell, Nina Campfield, Sam Schaen , Deb McPartland, Scott Rowsam, Ruth Neufeld

I. What went well?

1. A great time had by all.
2. Improved friendships and relationships.
3. Everyone on this team played in competitions.
4. Enjoyed different venues, such as Tubac.
5. Players enjoyed meeting the other teams, even though we were out-classed most times.
6. Practice and playing was fun.
7. Greg did a great job communicating and following up.
8. Well structured.
9. Enjoyed seeing and comparing our Club level of skills compared to other teams.
10. Camaraderie.
11. Some teams have continued to play.
12. This team really appreciated that they had a coach. And it was amazing to watch their improvement, especially those who had not played prior.
13. Learning lessons were welcome and came quickly.

II. What would you change?

Participants rated suggested improvements as 1, 2 or 3 priority.

Top #1 Choices (Top priority action improvements)

1. Change recruiting and selection process. Use competition to select teams. Consider the selection of an A and B team. Possibly include standby players in addition to a core of 6. Match players to play together rather than rotating players. Recruit more players. A shortage of players sometimes resulted in no sub. Note: Allow individuals the option to create their own team.
2. Identify objectives of TAPPL as competition/be the best as a top priority. Social play is offered to players in other venues, such as Focus Play. Select teams based on talent, willing to drill and practice, willing to be on a team where the best players are selected to compete against other teams.
3. Make available coaching, coaches, and best practices to captains and teams. Include inter-club play.

#2 Choices (Improvements to consider)

4. Have a more consistent and accurate rating process to identify player level. Self-evaluation is often not accurate. The Club is developing a new rating system that over time may be more accurate.
5. Consider age brackets or a handicap method. *Propose a "senior division" to TAPPL/APPL
6. Include more social activities after competition.

#3 Choices (Low Priority Improvements and/or Unable to Make this Happen)

7. Investigate court availability for both practice and competition. Play in the mornings rather than

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afternoon if possible due to wind and heat. Possible 11-12:00 start. Show-case Complex to other Clubs. Consider court time for Club Focus Play first. Remember to consider travel time for opponents.

8. Reduce travel as much as possible.

9. Six of our players did not ever play competitively which made the competitive environment more difficult. The captain tried to determine appropriate drills. It would have been beneficial to mix and practice with 3.5 and 4.0 level player so the lack of experience would not have been such an eye opener.

III. What would you eliminate?

Would like Tucson racket club and Oro Valley to improve cracks on courts for safety .

Player self-assessment ratings are not considered accurate or fair.

IV. Are you interested in mixed competition?

YES! All captains were in favor. Most players surveyed welcome the option of mixed teams.

Webmaster & Scheduling - Dean Beilke, Chair

Considerable effort has been completed by the web site remodel committee. A working prototype has been completed and is being used to evolve it into a replacement for the current web site. Web site members are: Sam Schaen, Angela Elgee, Jeffery Ashburn, Gina Rowsam, Patrick Furomoto.

Court scheduling has been fairly stable all summer with only minor changes. An updated schedule was implemented 8/29 that removed the summer Inter-community round robins.

Tournaments - Donna Davis, Chair

No Report