

GVR PICKLEBALL CLUB BOARD MEETING

October 10, 2018 – East Center Lounge – 6:00 p.m.

President, Jeff Harrell, called the meeting to order. Board members present were: VP Mark Robertson, Secretary Pam Goodrich, Members at Large: Marsha Olson, Paul Serra, and Mark McIntosh which constituted a quorum.

Minutes from the September 12, 2018 board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: In Donna Talarski's absence, Pam reported the club checking account balance is \$8,303.99. The reserve savings account balance is \$55,400.07.

Old Business:

Conduct Expectations Policy: At the September Board meeting, Mark M. and Pam offered to develop a draft conduct expectations policy. This draft was submitted to the Board which, after some discussion, voted to adopt. Further discussion centered around ideas for distribution. A copy of this policy will be attached to 2019 membership applications. Additionally, subsequent new members will receive the policy electronically and the policy will be placed on our website.

Pickleball Olympics: Mark M. reported that the games have been established. Food will possibly be via box suppers. Sign Up Genius should be utilized for all who are interested. This event will take place on October 28th at the East Center.

New Business:

Temporary Courts for East Center: Donna C. shared that work on our East Center pickleball courts should begin in late October/early November with a goal of completion by the end of 2018. She further explained that tennis courts at East Center will be available for pickleball use while construction is underway. GVR will be moving bleachers and equipment to the designated tennis courts. Details will continue to be discussed/resolved as we move forward.

Rating Process: Jeff introduced a draft of policy changes focused on the categories of 1) focus play, 2) round robins/shootouts, and 3) club skill ratings. A lengthy discussion of options, clarifications, and suggestions ensued. Ratings committee members defined their annual active season to be mid-October through April. Kathy Palese summarized the International Pickleball Teaching Professional Association (IPTPA) rating system. Mark Robertson volunteered to coordinate an IPTPA presentation in early December which would be open to all members. Lee Nordhagen suggested a Gold/Silver system of play to be used during Focus Play. This system will be implemented at the 3.5/4.0 level and could be utilized at all levels of play. It was further suggested that summertime round robins start on September 1st and continue through April. During that summer season, those members who sign up will be given priority over walk-ons. It was decided to table discussion regarding self-rating until our November Board meeting. Additionally, Jeff will continue to work on the draft policy changes.

GVRPC/GVR/GVRF Agreement: Guidelines for our new pickleball center were discussed. Connie Griffin and Donna C. are participants on behalf of GVR and GVRF to work on guidelines. Mark M. volunteered to chair a similar committee that emphasizes club-generated guidelines. He will secure volunteers for this committee.

Ball Fees: Paul May introduced the cost of balls and the desire to increase pickleball club membership to cover the increasing cost pickleballs. The Fuse ball will be used soon. Paul proposed changing the term membership fees to ball fees which would include membership and all club communications. Further, non-club members would pay \$2.00 per day which would help to cover the cost of balls. This amount would be paid on the honor system. During discussion, several members felt this system would be difficult to monitor. We were reminded that our current membership fee is \$10.00 with the additional \$15.00 going to fundraising. This proposal failed with the understanding that we will continue to review this issue.

Round Robin Club Members Only September-April: Since this agenda item had been previously addressed, no further discussion was necessary.

Removal of Fundraising Percentage of GVR Class Fees: Kathy Palese produced an exhibit that provided the current compensation for pickleball instructors which includes a split of 30% to GVR, 28% to the pickleball club (for fundraising), and 42% to the instructors. Following discussion, it was moved and seconded that we rescind the current agreement and go back to the previous instructor split of 30% to GVR and 70% to instructors. This motion passed.

Dura Balls During Tournament Season: Discussion ensued regarding the use of Dura balls for tournament play. Mark R. proposed that 12 Dura balls be available to competitive players during tournament season (October-April). These balls would be stored under the old sign in box. This motion was seconded and passed.

Organized Play: Mark R. suggested the initiation of a ladies round robin to be held in an afternoon in which players would be separated into levels. This round robin would take place during the high season of play. He would also like to start a similar organized play for mixed doubles; also to be held during the afternoons. Each group would play once per week. Sign up would be through Sign Up Genius. Mark R. offered to coordinate the ladies group and will find a coordinator for mixed play. Days/times are to be determined and will be scheduled according to court availability.

Order Club Shirts This Year? Most members felt that it is beneficial to order/purchase club shirts. Jeff will seek additional volunteers to help with this project.

Member Comments:

Connie Griffin discussed submitting new pickleball club winners (possibly pictures) to the Green Valley News and GVR Now. It was felt to be a good marketing/education tool. Jeff will see if there are volunteers to assist with this.

Pickleball Paddle Name Tags: There were questions regarding the future of name tags. Jeff will check with Dean Barnes to see if he is interested in continuing this service and/or whether he would like some assistance.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Goodrich, Secretary