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Green Valley Recreation Pickleball Club - Annual Meeting

Thursday, March 18, 2021 – 3 pm – VIA ZOOM

- 1) Roll Call/Quorum – Susan MacMillan, Secretary
- 2) 2020 Annual Meeting – did not occur due to COVID-19, the following communication was sent on March 22, 2020.

On March 25 at 3:00 pm our club was scheduled to hold our 2020 Annual Meeting. As part of this meeting, we were to vote on proposed Club Bylaw revisions and for the Member At Large position. All other Board positions are being filled by unopposed candidates, which will not require a vote.

Because GVR facilities are closed for the foreseeable future, the current GVRPC Board has voted unanimously to conduct these votes electronically and to not delay the seating of the 2020 GVRPC Board. Please prepare for this vote by reviewing the information about the candidates and the bylaw proposals here.

To be eligible to cast your vote, you must have been an active club member on March 1, 2020, in accordance with our Club Bylaws. Please vote either to either approve or disapprove the proposed Bylaw changes, and for one of the three candidates for the Member At Large position. Voting is open beginning March 22 and is scheduled to end on March 25. To vote, go to <https://gvpc.pickleball.plus>, and login using your club credentials using the green button at the upper right corner of the screen. You will then see a screen asking for your vote for the two questions. Complete this process and you're done!

If you have any questions or problems voting, just reply to this email and I'll help you through the process. If you're using your phone and having problems, you might want to try another device. Voting for these two questions will probably take you less time than you can say, "Zero, zero, two." A special thanks to Ray Kuehl, who has created and maintains the software to make all of this happen. Thanks for participating.

Jeff Harrell

GVR Pickleball Club President

Election results reported on March 26, 2020: President Gina Rowsam (two-year term), Vice-President Mike Clemens (one-year term), Secretary Susan MacMillan (two-year term), Treasurer Michael Harrington (one-year term), Member At Large Dianna Michels (two-year term), and Bylaws Revisions 2020 Approved.

- 3) GVR Staff – Scott Somers, GVR CEO
- 4) 2021-22 GVR Pickleball Club Board of Directors Election Results – Gina Rowsam, President
- 5) Member Comments
- 6) Adjourn

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Committee / Work Area Reports 03/18/2021 Annual Meeting

President, Gina Rowsam

Having reflected upon the very unusual 2020 year, I am humbled and filled with much gratitude to the membership for placing trust in me to offer service of leadership in the office of president. I am surrounded by such caring, talented, and engaged board members and volunteers; it has made this year a true pleasure and I am quite fortunate to be able to regularly engage and work with them. As we experienced many new and challenging circumstances, we creatively and effectively worked together to establish a safe path forward to offer wonderful pickleball opportunities to our members. Sometimes it felt as if the tail was wagging the dog, but that was what was needed to be responsive. Listed below are bulleted highlights of the different areas in the club. Details for each area are included in that person's report. Thank you to the following board members and key volunteers this past year for offering good counsel and rolling up their sleeves as many projects were accomplished and opportunities arranged for our members. This all made for a successful, fun and worthwhile experience. Jeff Harrell, Mike, Clemens, Patrick Furumoto, Susan MacMillan, Paul Serra, Dianna Michels, Joe Stutler, Mike Harrington, Sandy Heintz, Gary Heintz, Carol Hammerlee, Suzanne Nordhagen, Lee Nordhagen, Donna Davis, Deb McPartland, Dean Beilke, Ray Kuehl, Donna Coon, Dean Olson, Tim Stewart, Dean Barnes, Ellen Brancazio, Kathy Palese, Connie Griffin, Mark McIntosh, Mike McCarry, John Dresbach, Becky Lupo, Jim Maxwell, Rhonda Savoy, Arne Maki, Wally Towne, Ruth Neufeld, Greg Wright, Diane Liguori, Andy Velez, and Bob Seeman.

Finally, a hearty thanks to the **many** other members too numerous to mention who took the time to connect with us to offer great suggestions, feedback, and critique. Without engaged members things stagnate. We are far from a stagnant bunch!

Budget - proposed and saw approved the establishment of an annual budget; the process through which it was determined an annual dues reduction was in order (\$25 to \$15).

Communications - established a regular reporting timeline for board members and key volunteers resulting in informative and timely information available to members.

Court Management & Scheduling - a task force analyzed and made recommendations about the club's growing pains; many different schedules were created and revised to meet ever-changing needs of members desiring round robins, ladder leagues, community leagues, drills, etc., ball machine training.

Donor Recognition - we hope circumstances will be such that we can have our recognition event in Fall 2021.

Education - this turned out to be a great year for classes and other learning opportunities at all levels.

Existing Member Engagement - despite our inability to interact in social event settings, member cohesiveness through play groups appears strong with relationships being established and continued.

GVR Relations - continued interaction for budgeting, facility management and repair, scheduling and member use management, COVID-19 compliance.

Insurance - proposed and saw approved board insurance coverage which is recommended by GVR.

Intercommunity Play / Arizona Pickleball Players League (APPL) - proposed and saw implemented inaugural year for TAPPL (Tucson Area Pickleball Players League).

Member Systems Enhancements - proposed and saw transition in the club's computer operating system to achieve a streamlined option.

New Member Initiative - because of COVID-19 the club did not actively promote new membership as had been envisioned before the pandemic; rather our growth in new members was a result of class participation and influence of existing members. We have great people in our club who want to share this great experience!

Professional Clinics - as indicated in the report below we hope to provide more of these opportunities next year.

Ratings Program - resignation of longtime, key volunteers triggered a review and recommendations for the next iteration of our club ratings process.

Tournaments - in waiting mode, hoping the 2021 Foundation Games happen!

Website Reorganization - continued work in progress with a great plan moving forward.

Past-President, Jeff Harrell

2020 was a memorable year, as we worked through COVID, court closures and reopenings, final details of the KJB Pickleball Center, and the annual surge of players during high season. Now that we have 36 courts, our current challenge is to

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schedule their use fairly and equitably. The GVRPC Board and the Scheduling Committee have provided several schedule revisions as we continue to find better ways to manage the courts.

Our Growing Pains Task Force took a look at how we utilize our courts and how our club skill levels impact our schedules. That has evolved into a review of our club ratings process and how we can improve that function. Details on a new program should be available shortly.

Much of what I have contributed in the past year has been as an advisor to the President and the Club Board. I have also been able to provide historical context for our policies and practices. Each time I play at the "Kent", I still reflect on how we came together as a pickleball community to make GVR history and help to build this great facility. I'm grateful to have been a part and to enjoy the results now.

Vice President, Mike Clemens

Activities over the last year:

1. Researched and recommended D&O insurance to club.
2. Revised club reservation policies.
3. Researched and recommended windscreens and shade structure at the KFB pickleball complex.
4. Assisted in building the new sign in cabinet at the KFB pickleball complex.
5. Assisted in having the large screen monitor mounted over the sign in cabinet at the KFB pickleball complex.
6. Board liaison to the ratings group.
7. Attended the ratings committee meetings.
8. Inventoried equipment at the KFB pickleball complex.

Treasurer, Patrick Furumoto

Treasurer's report as of 2/11/2021

Checking Account Balance \$14,699.27

Reserve Account Balance \$11,719.97

Total \$26,419.24 (Jan Total vs Feb Total \$1707.69)

Primary Income 1/14/2021 – 2/11/2021

Dues \$2,730

Primary Expenditures 1/14/2021 – 2/11/2021

Pickleballs \$424

Court Supplies – Canoa shed \$307

89 new members from Dec, 2021 through Feb, 2021

Secretary, Susan MacMillan

Individually assisted new and existing members with navigating Pickleball Plus to update/edit profile and renew status.

Worked with GVR reservation coordinator to set up and reserve rooms in a manner conducive to club meetings while adhering to covid restrictions.

Processed ratings changes. Confirmed and tracked new and renewing members via online system.

Member at Large, Paul Serra - Court Scheduling & Management

the scheduling committee has had an interesting year having to adjust the schedule on the fly for three centers not only to accommodate the virus but also the return of hundreds of part timers, in the process we have implemented more r/rs for each level and mixed levels ,maintained more morning reservations than we would normally have at this time of year and thanks to Brad and Dean they brought back the men's ladder league . As the schedule remains a moving target the committee stands ready to meet any and all challenges.

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the court management has replaced the sign-in desk at Canoa Ranch, kept the members supplied with pickleballs and coming in the near future we will start cleaning the courts at each of the three centers

Member at Large, Dianna Michels - Social Committee

What can we say about Social Events and 2020 – COVID -19

We had quite the year planned from the continuation of the monthly Dink and Dines to Pickleball Olympics. Sadly, after the February Dink and Dine, our social events were cancelled.

Throughout 2020 and 2021, we have worked to highlight the availability of our Outreach and Wellness committee.

We sent out a total 33 cards

- 20 Get Well Cards
- 8 Sympathy Cards
- 4 Engagement Cards
- 1 Thinking of You Card

Remembering those we lost

Carollina Sherrill November 2020

Roger Johnson December 2020

Jimmie Secrist February 2021

Ben Miller February 2021

We are looking forward to the careful startup of our events perhaps later this year.

Watch the PickleBlast for future event information,

The GVR PB Social Committee

Club Apparel

Due to Covid green valley Pickleball club was not able to host the 2020 and 2021 tournament. We had purchased hats and visors to sell at the games however, if we are able to host the Foundation Pickleball tournament in October 2021 we will have them available! Again, watch the Pickleball blast for more information regarding hats/ visors and apparel!

We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding!

Member at Large, Joe Stutler

Filled vacancy created by Patrick Furumoto's moving to Treasurer position as a result of Mike Harrington's resignation in December 2020 of that position.

Education Committee - Carol Hammerle, Chair

2020-21 Educational Committee Summary

The expansion of GVR Pickleball 101 from 6 classes to 11 classes has made the most significant impact for the growth of the GVR Pickleball Club. When GVR offered classes in October and November for free, every pickleball class was at maximum in spite of CoVid. With the additional section of PB 101 the extensive wait list was eliminated meeting the needs of members. PB 201 and 202 went back to 3 class sessions from 2 because we no longer have court use restrictions. Also, class sizes were a maximum of 24 utilizing 6 courts at the new PBC with the exception of PB 301 which maintained a 16 person enrollment at this time.

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Because of CoVid, there was no summer program for Developing Skills which was scheduled to start May 5, 2020 in the morning from 7:30-9:00 AM on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Developing Skills actually started this January 2021 combining 2.0/2.5 skill levels as a part of their curriculum . Also, one court was designated for Pickleball Orientation for any newcomers wanting to learn the game. This eliminated the need to offer Pickleball Orientation classes as in the past, while meeting the needs of the members.

Improve Your Game Drills for different skills levels was not offered this year because of CoVid. Additional advance programs which were planned to assist 3.5 players to move up to 4.0 were not provided as well.

Helle Sparre clinic was provided to the membership in October 2020 which was quite successful. Plans are being made to bring Helle back for another clinic on April 23-25, 2021.

TAPPL (Tucson Arizona Pickleball Players League) was introduced to the club this summer with 8 teams joining the league from 3.0 -4.0 skill levels for both men and women. The intent was to try the league as a pilot program and evaluate its success at the end of April. Captains will be asked to provide feedback and recommendations for next year once this season is completed. Though it appears that many of the teams have not been successful with wins/losses , captains have commented about the overall improvement of players.

An area of focus for next year will be to offer more opportunities for intermediate players through classes such as PB 301, providing a variety of professional clinicians and mentoring programs where 4.0 players work with 3.5 players.

Want to acknowledge and thank the following people for their endless time and support as instructors for GVR Pickleball Club.

- Bob Seeman, Steve & Trish Hoge, Jan Hunt and Sam Schaen for all the work they do with Developing Skills. They are truly the backbone of this club. Also, volunteer instructors Dan Fennerty, Brenda Carlson, Susan Anderson, Ruth Neufeld, Mary Drey, Bonnie Beilke, and Gina Rowsam. A special “Thank you” to PB 101 instructors Al Willette, Jim Logan, and volunteer PB 101 coaches, Donna Davis, Nancy Steffy, Sandy Heintz, and Laura Fisher. And more special thanks to Kathy Palese and her SNAP volunteer coaches Ellen Brancazio, Ken Zimmerman, Paulette Patterson, Scott Rowsam, Gina Rowsam, Susan Anderson, Tim Liddle, Trish Hoge, Connie Griffin, and Mark McIntosh. This club would not be where we are today without your dedication, time, support and endless efforts. My sincere appreciation.
- Special “thank you” to the Educational Committee: Bob Seeman, Al Willette, Kathy Palese, Suzanne Nordhagen, Donna Davis, Dean Olson and Gary Heintz.

Webmaster - Dean Beilke, Chair

Pickleball Club Operations Systems 2020 Report
(Web site, Court Scheduling, Event Signups)

The club uses a variety of applications that work together to provide information, control and management of the courts, membership database, event signups and competitive play events such as ladders and tournaments.

- Web site (2020)
 - o There were numerous changes to provide information regarding the opening, and operations of the new Pickleball Center.
 - o During 2020 the web site was updated frequently with links to COVID relevant information from the county, state and GVR’s operations.
 - o A planned overhaul of the site was deferred until a time (hopefully fall of 2021) when the web site group can meet interactively to effectively address changes and updates.
- Court Management
 - o Numerous court schedules were completed to integrate them into a useful and effective play environment fully utilizing the recently opened PB Center.
 - o With COVID most all outside (professional) classes were suspended, we did have a Helle Sparre class in October. Those will undoubtedly increase by this fall.
 - o This spring with the clubs participation in TAPPL, those events were scheduled to be held in the afternoons at Canoa Ranch.

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- o Court schedules change frequently to reflect usage by our ever increasing membership but also to accommodate seasonal weather conditions.
 - Event Signups
 - o During the summer of 2020 a decision was made to discontinue use of SUG (sign up genius) and integrate the Pickleball Plus suite of Pickleball club management applications.
 - o Pickleball Plus fully integrates event signups with the club member database as well with the GVR member database. This allows events to be scheduled that can be limited to club members only or to all GVR members. In the past there were situations where courts were reserved by non GRV members.
 - o Additionally with the Pickleball Plus applications the club can request application changes to meet the club's needs.
 - o Pickleball Plus includes a set of Tournament applications. Currently it is being used to manage and run a ladder league.
 - Tournaments
 - o Unfortunately the courts were closed March of 2020 just as we were within days of holding the first ever SASG (Southern Arizona Senior Games) at the new Pickleball Center. Previously they had been held at Quail Creek.
 - o While this year's SASG tournament was also canceled, we are hoping to hold the GVR Foundation Games this fall in October.
 - o The shade structure next to the building will be very useful for the tournament management team.
 - o The building lobby has a large flat screen that is currently displaying the daily PBC court schedule as well as court schedules for EC and CR. This display will be used as an integral part of a tournament information display.
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Tournaments - Donna Davis, Chair

For the second year in a row the Southern Arizona Senior Games pickleball tournament has been canceled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. My team and I are looking forward to next year. Put it on your calendar, March 26-28, 2022.

The GVR Foundation and the Green Valley Community Foundation are sponsoring The Foundation Games pickleball tournament on October 22, 23, & 24, 2021 The format is double elimination, skill levels 3.0-5.0.

Age groups within these skill levels will be 19+, 50+, 60+, 70+, and 80+. This tournament is sanctioned by USA Pickleball. For those of you who have not played in a sanctioned tournament please watch emails this summer as we educate you on the way these tournaments are run and most notably, the difference between tournament ratings (UTPR) and club ratings.

I would love to see as many GVPB Club members (both first-time and seasoned tournament players) as possible take advantage of this opportunity to experience affordable tournament play on our home courts. For "snowbirds" who usually return in November, we are hoping that you come a week early to participate.

Not a tournament player? Many volunteers are needed to make this a spectacular event. This is a great opportunity to give back to the club and to the Foundations that do so much for the residents of Green Valley. Again, watch for emails outlining our volunteer positions.