

GVR PICKLEBALL CLUB BOARD MEETING

April 11, 2018 – East Center Lounge - 6:00 p.m.

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

Minutes from the March 21, 2018 annual meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Donna Talarski reported the club checking account balance is \$8,993.16. The reserve savings account for our new courts is \$53,680.23. Fundraisers have netted the following: nametags - \$500; necklace sales - \$30; Pickleball Rocks tee - \$210; member donation - \$100.

Old Business:

Conference phone – Grandstream GAC2500 - \$307: Jeff reported that he has not heard back from GVR

Ball machine reservation process: Paul Serra, board members, and those in attendance agreed that scheduling is going well and that it is being used fairly frequently. Court #1 is recommended for its use and there was discussion of the importance of charging it after each use. A question arose regarding obtaining a code when reserving. Paul shared that the code is emailed once the machine is reserved.

Member comments: Simon has been fixed at a cost of \$132 (includes shipping/handling) and is ready to sell. Discussion ensued regarding possible ways to post its availability for purchase. Jeff will check the possibility of having it listed in the GVR club newsletter. Simon will be housed with Mark Robertson in the interim.

New Business:

Discussion was held about reducing the length of time related to past president transition from 1 year to 3-6 months. Due to the loss of the amount of transition time during the summer months, the decision was made to continue with the 1-year transition period.

There was consensus that future board meetings will continue to be held on the second Wednesday of each month, at the same time (6:00 p.m.), and in the same room. Pam will send this request to GVR. It was noted that the board does not hold regularly scheduled meetings in June, July, or August.

Mark Robertson spoke of this summer's intercommunity (IC) play opportunities. He announced that we will alternate hosting with Quail Creek, every other week. The specific start date will be announced soon. Sign Up Genius will be utilized each week and will incorporate levels 4.5+, 4.0+ 3.5+, 3.0 and 2.5 (Monday through Friday). 16 slots will be available in each level each week. Mark mentioned that he needs volunteers to assist with the coordination of these events.

Mark R. also reported the initiation of a pickleball academy program that will begin at 1:30 p.m. on May 1st at Canoa Ranch which will incorporate a consistent group of 8 players, high 3.5s and 4.0s. This program is designed for those who are tournament-focused and competitive.

Mark McIntosh spoke of the increasing need for training for those who play at the 3.5 level. He was encouraged to visit with Carol Hammerle re: that potential.

The summer court schedule was discussed. Marsha Olson volunteered to work on a schedule similar to that of last summer. As part of the summer court schedule discussion, Paul May requested that the time for Developing Skills (previously known as Assisted Play) be changed from 3:00-5:00 to 4:00-6:00.

Deb McPartland gave a social committee update and announced that, to date, 98 members plan to attend the picnic set for April 15th. Additionally, the following are being planned: Ice Cream Social and Round Robin (August); Pickleball Olympics (possibly in November) – coordinators are needed; Winter Dance with a Mardi Gras theme (February 28th).

Discussion/update related to the upcoming golf tournament revealed that more participants are needed in all categories of this event. All are encouraged to support this fundraiser. We were reminded of the tax-deductible status of portions of this event.

Comments:

Donna Talarski and Kathy Palese stressed the importance of pickleball members attending GVR meetings; especially when pickleball is mentioned on the agenda. There was a consensus among board members that Sign Up Genius be utilized as a vehicle to ensure the coordination of those planning to attend each meeting. Donna T. volunteered to work with Dean Beilke to add the meetings to Sign Up Genius.

Gina Rowsam introduced the concept of implementing a 'communication app' for the purpose of sharing club-related ideas, suggestions, and observations. This site would be separate from our club website and would be available to all interested members. Gina volunteered to pursue this opportunity as a pilot program.

Closing comments centered on the perceptions of those who attended the public hearing with the Pima County Development Services and Zoning Department to discuss GVR's request for a Type 1 conditional use permit for the Canoa pickleball property. Generally, it was felt that the meeting was professionally managed, and it was agreed that this was a 'first step' in a long process.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Goodrich, Secretary