

## **GVR PICKLEBALL CLUB BOARD MEETING**

**January 8, 2020 – East Center – Lounge**

Vice President, Gina Rowsam, called the meeting to order. Additional Board members present were: Treasurer Donna Talarski, Members at Large Paul Serra and Sandy Heintz; and Secretary Pam Goodrich which constituted a quorum.

Paul made a motion which was seconded by Sandy that the minutes from the December 11, 2019 Board meeting be approved. The motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Donna reported that the club checking account balance is \$12,297.78 while the club saving reserves are \$8,474.93 which total \$20,772.71. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

**Monthly Report – Ball Inventory and Usage:** Paul updated the ball counts: 89 yellow Onix at East Center and Canoa; 93 orange balls in the machine baskets plus 148 in storage with a total of 241. We were reminded of the need to increase the quantity due to the upcoming Senior Games and the opening of the new pickleball complex. Paul made a motion to order 200 balls at a cost of up to \$1.49 each. Pam seconded the motion. Discussion included projected quantity/costs and the pros and cons of switching from Onix to Franklin balls. Paul's initial motion was amended to ordering 400 balls at a price up to \$1.49 per ball not to exceed \$600.00. The motion passed.

For comparison purposes, Donna reported that in 2018: 1,381 balls were purchased for a total of \$3,519.46 while in 2019: 616 balls were ordered for a total of \$1,083.18.

**Update on New Courts:** Donna Coon reported that the grand opening is set for January 28, 2020 in conjunction with a Green Valley Recreation, Inc. (GVR) week of staff recognition. Car-pooling is suggested for the grand opening event. She indicated that the pavement and concrete will be completed within the next two weeks. The parking lot will be the last project to be completed. A new court schedule to include the twenty four (24) courts will begin in February; however, members will receive an informal notice to begin play prior to February when completion allows. The current nets at the complex will be replaced in the future. There is consideration of a naming contest for the new courts.

**Unanimous Consent:** Gina announced that the policy manual bylaw revisions discussed at the December 11, 2019 Board meeting related to our election process and changes in the election committee are now out to GVR for their review and approval.

### **Old Business:**

Nominating Committee: Brenda Russell announced that their process is underway and that a couple of nominations have been submitted.

Education Committee Update: Carol Hammerle outlined an extensive plan, effective February 1, 2020, to expand all educational opportunities available through the club and GVR. The club program offerings will impact classes for Developing Skills, Pickleball Orientation, and Improve Your Game by increasing the number of courts and available slots through Sign Up Genius. Additionally, classes offered through GVR (Pickleball 101, 201, 202, 301, and SNAP Pickleball) will increase in the number of courts available as well as the number of participants. The number of instructors will be increased by providing Coaching Core Training. International Teaching Professional Training Association (ITPTA) game sessions will continue to be provided.

Carol stressed that more coaches will be needed as these opportunities expand. She also reminded us of the upcoming Fit 'n' Fun Day at the Las Campanas Center (January 26, 2020; noon-3:00). She requested an approval for additional brochures/flyers to pass out on that day. Additional volunteers are needed to assist at the tables to welcome and pass out informational materials (including membership forms) to attendees. Pickleball demonstrations are scheduled; paddles and balls will be available. On a separate topic, Carol thanked John Dresbach for volunteering to be the new coordinator of the Tutor ball machine training program. She also introduced innovative ideas being utilized by other pickleball clubs and recommended that a position of coordinator be considered for activities such as scheduling professional players, inter-community (IC) play, and 'reciprocal team play'. Pam made a motion to approve additional printing of the education committee handouts; Donna seconded the motion; and, the motion passed.

Friends of GVR: Kris Servais addressed the topic of the upcoming GVR Board election by stating that this is a pivotal, crucial election. She stated statistics demonstrating that of approximately 13,500 GVR households, 9,500 did not vote in last year's election. Kris reiterated that a goal of Friends of GVR is to increase the number of voters in the 2020 election. She asked that Friends of GVR be allowed to get candidate information out via our club's PickleBlast. This topic was re-visited by Board members and participants with the result of the following motion made by Donna and seconded by Pam: with a goal of promoting information related to candidates running for GVR Board positions, individuals and/or groups will be allowed to share candidate profiles by utilizing the PickleBlast. The Pickleball Board will exercise editorial privilege, via unanimous consent, prior to profiles being published. This motion passed.

### **New Business:**

Ball Purchases for New Courts: Item addressed previously in meeting.

Referee Training for Southern Arizona Senior Games (SASG): In Charlotte Jorgenson's absence, Gina encouraged members to support this effort by attending classes and telling others about this opportunity. Marcia Raymond is seeking volunteers to be line judges for the metal matches. Additionally, Marcia and/or Connie Griffin should be contacted by those members who can offer housing for referees who will be coming from outside our area.

GVR Foundation Games: Gina reminded us of an agreement between the Pickleball Club, the GVR Foundation and the Green Valley Council to put on an additional tournament. In a meeting held last week, it was decided that the first tournament would be combined with the 2021 SASG tournament and would be called the Green Valley Foundation Games. This will be considered a non-sanctioned tournament.

Gina Rowsam Resignation: Gina officially resigned from her position of Vice President effective March 28, 2020 and announced she will be running for President of the Pickleball Club during the 2020 election.

**Urgent Business:** None

### **Comments:**

Paul May suggested that Bud Heller, 92-year-old past Pickleball Board President, be invited to participate in the new complex ribbon cutting ceremony.

Dianna Michels updated Social Committee plans by announcing they are seeking feedback for their committee and will be sending a survey soon. She also suggested that the committee is in the preliminary planning stage for scheduling a social event around the opening of our new

courts. Dianna reported that there are extra shirts that can be purchased and announced the dates/times/locations.

Pam announced that, to date, 473 persons have renewed and/or applied for 2020 club membership. She noted the importance of doing so prior to the March 1, 2020 deadline and the March 28, 2020 annual meeting. Jeff Harrell will be asked to place another reminder in the PickleBlast.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Goodrich, Secretary