

GVR PICKLEBALL CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

March 21, 2018 East Center Auditorium 3:00 PM

President Jeff Harrell called the meeting to order. Board members present were President Jeff Harrell, VP Mark Robertson, Treasurer Donna Talarski, Secretary Virginia Smith, Members at Large Carol Hammerle, Marsha Olson and Paul Serra and non-voting member Donna Coon. The club currently has 653 members and 120 attended which constituted a quorum.

Minutes from the 2017 Annual meeting were approved as posted.

Jeff read the proposed bylaw revisions. First revision clarified the out-going President would serve as a non-voting general member for one year to be used as a transition period for the new President. The second revision clarified rules for electing the members at large and in the event of a tie the Board will break the tie. The revisions were approved unanimously.

Mark Robertson introduced the candidates for office and each spoke to the members of their qualifications, goals, and vision for the club. Candidates were Jeff Harrell and Ron Metz for President, Pam Goodrich and Sam Schaeen for Secretary, Mike McCarry, Mike McIntosh, and Dennis Tarr (not in attendance) for Member at Large. Ballots were marked and collected.

PRESIDENTS REPORT Jeff recognized Carol Hammerle and Virginia Smith who will be leaving the Board due to term limits. He asked new members to stand. He asked everyone who volunteered as an instructor or coach to stand. He recognized Dean Olson for leading fund raising. He also asked everyone to continue attending meetings and advocating for the Pickleball Complex.

TREASURERS REPORT Donna Talarski reported the Club Checking account balance is \$9059.25 and the Reserve account balance for the new courts is \$52,690.23. Fund Raisers included \$1,167 from Poker, \$2,610 from Garage Sale, \$1,822 from Raffle, \$775 from Bake Sale, \$2,873 in Donations and \$672 for Instructors Fees totaling \$9,919. \$4,340 was raised since November from the \$10 dues increase. Ball purchases since December 13 were \$1,527.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SOUTHERN ARIZONA SENIOR GAMES Donna Coon reported there were 340 entries at Quail Creek with over 700 games played over 3 days. The 2.0/2.5 Round Robin Tournament held at East Center had 45 entries and 150 games played in 2 DAYS. 176 medals were awarded. There were 234 volunteer slots and 180 referee slots. Special thanks to all volunteers but especially Dean & Marsha Olson, Paul May, Wayne Odin, Cathy Ciferri and Joanie Davis. The Tournament took in almost \$14,000 for GVR and the GVR Foundation but some was used to pay expenses incurred. "Thank You" to Quail Creek for the use of their courts. Donna Davis thanked GVR for their support, Jan Johnson, past Tournament Director, and said as Donna Coon is stepping down she has recruited 3 people to replace her. Results of a survey of the 371 participants with 141 (38%) responding were 95% positive on operation and 98.5% positive on volunteers. Some suggestions were for more Porti-Potties, more referees and more line judges. She called on the members to volunteer as many stayed after their scheduled shift to fill slots.

EDUCATION Carol Hammerle reported all classes have been moved to Canoa Ranch which has better utilized court space and there is less distraction. We currently have GVR classes 101, 201, and 202. The

club offers Assisted Play (name change to developing skills) Orientation, additional Assisted Play and Improve Your Game classes to club members only. They will also be offering Play Smart Pickleball in the future. She is developing a Coaching Core Program and has held a training session for many of the coaches who assist with classes. She is holding a 2nd session on April 5th for additional coaches to insure best practices and consistency. She thanks all the coaches with special recognition to Paul May for PB 101 and Developing Skills classes.

RATINGS Suzanne and Lee Nordhagen report since implementing the new rating system of a 3-game round robin they have advanced 19 players to 3.0, 14 players to 3.5, and 1 to 4.0. There is no longer a waiting list and is less subjective. They thank Bev Cote and Howard Schroeder for their help as well as those players who have volunteered to play in the round robins for rating.

SOCIAL Dianna Michels reported a picnic will be held at Canoa Ranch on April 15th. They are planning several social events to encourage more interaction among club members. They will have an ice cream social in August, PB Olympics in November and a spring dance (date to be announced later).

CLUB APRIL GOLF TOURNAMENT Carol Hammerle asks for support and/or participation as this is a fund-raising event. Part of the green fees and all of sponsorship fees are tax-deductible. Anyone can attend the dinner, auction, silent auction and raffle.

GVR STAFF Dr. Kent Blumenthal introduced Karen Rans, Recreation Leisure Services/clubs, and George Rushing II, the new Recreation Services Director. He believes pickleball is a transition recreation activity and is here to stay—not a trend-- and is an economic driver for a vibrant community. The status of the PB center is in a good place, but there is work still to be done and it is important for members to continue to show up at meetings. The meeting on April 11th with the County Supervisors is for a conditional use permit so we need to include everything we want in the request as we can always go down, but once granted we can't add to it. The GVR Board has approved lighting courts 2 & 3 at East and will hold off on Court 1 to look at changing it to 2 courts and lighting both. This will in no way diminish the 24 court complex plans. He left us with the thought "People who live only in the past or present miss the future". Q & A Location of the courts is in Green Valley and is in the GVR boundaries. And we do expect opposition. The Ramada will have bathrooms and water fountains and possibly a meeting room.

GVR Foundation Board President Blaine Nisson reported on fund raising. There is currently \$6,000 in the dedicated account. Fund Raising opportunities including naming the complex, court sponsors, vendors in pickleball business, sportswear companies, and the Gates Foundation as well as club member donations.

ELECTION RESULTS Jeff Harrell is re-elected as President, Pam Goodrich as Secretary and there is a tie between Mike McCarry and Mark McIntosh for member at large. The Board will vote to break a tie, but as 2 board members had left, we will vote later.

3/23/2018 The Board met in closed session to vote for Member at Large and elected Mark McIntosh.

Meeting adjourned,

Respectfully submitted, Virginia Smith, Secretary