

AGENDA & REPORTS

Green Valley Recreation Pickleball Club Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, January 14, 2021 – 3 pm

GVR Desert Hills Auditorium - 2980 S Camino Del Sol, Green Valley, AZ

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1. Roll Call – MacMillan
2. Approve [12/09/2020 Meeting Minutes](#) – MacMillan
3. Financial Report – Furumoto
 - a. PROPOSED MOTION:
Accept financial report showing checking account balance of \$17,439 and reserve account balance of \$6,241 for a total of \$23,680. Net income for 2020 = \$2,422.
4. Consent Agenda Committee / Work Area Reports (see below) – Rowsam
 - a. Terminate the Rated Organized Play (ROC) procedure during focus play at all skill levels (see VP Clemens report below for supporting detail).
 - b. Donate \$200 to Green Valley Food Bank Drive.
 - c. Nominating Committee: Club Members - Becky Lupo and Jim Maxwell and President's Designee - Dianna Michels
 - d. Election Committee: Club Members - Rhonda Savoy and Arne Maki and President - Gina Rowsam
5. Old Business
6. New Business
 - a. PROPOSED MOTION - Rowsam:
Establish a Ratings Workgroup to review the existing program and analyze other options which would better align and be integrated with our educational offerings.
 - b. DISCUSSION - Serra
Hitting walls at CR and PBC
 - c. DISCUSSION - Serra
Scheduling - 4.0 (RR during daytime FP at PBC), 3.5 (Wed/Sat FP at EC), 3.0 (RR increase # of courts), 2.5 (RR evaluation), afternoon usage
 - d. DISCUSSION - Rowsam
Policy Manual Update
7. Member Comments
8. Closing Comments
9. Adjourn

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Committee / Work Area Reports 01/14/2021 Board Meeting

President, Gina Rowsam

As our seasonal residents have returned, it has been great to see the courts buzzing with activity and players experiencing play that make the best sense for them as we continue to operate in a COVID-19 restricted environment; drop in play, focus play, round robins, reserved courts, arranged play with a “group bubble” for COVID reasons, desire to play with certain folks for a variety of reasons, drilling, TAPPL practice (thank you to Carol Hammerle for being the lead on this program and for addressing concerns about the schedule), and using the ball tutor. With the increased usage and variety of needs comes expected changing variables for court and schedule management. We are growing as a club as we have broken for the first time in the club’s history the 900 member mark. This is a good time to acknowledge our new online system for renewal. We experienced some glitches, but for the most part we are hearing that members like the new way to renew (if you still want to do the paper application or just send a check in you can do that). Patrick Furumoto has been a great help to me as we have worked with our Pickleball.Plus software developer and club member, Ray Kuehl, to troubleshoot and refine the program the results of which will ultimately reduce and mitigate many of the workflow issues for our Secretary, Susan MacMillan. The new members represent a variety of skill levels with many brand new pickleball players. The GVR Pickleball classes (PB101, PB201, PB202 and SNAP) have been full and the club’s Developing Skills programs are attracting more interest weekly. With this growth comes the need to examine our current scheduling and play options and update our Policy Manual to better reflect our current resources versus the time when we had scarcity of courts.

We have also seen many members attempt, with several being successful, to rate up to their next level; with a notable increase in the number of players advancing to 4.0. Based on the increased numbers and pattern of play we have seen in this group and with the advent of an informal round robin taking place during focus play and outcomes from this, the board surveyed this group to gather information on how to best move forward with court allocation and scheduling. We also asked this group about their path toward making 4.0 and how they perceive playing with 3.5 players as some members have expressed concern about “favoritism” and/or an “elitist culture.” Here is a brief summary of the responses.

1. Round robins are definitely preferred.
2. There is a general willingness to mentor, but not all day, every day.
3. Mentorship starts with the player wanting to move up. They should ask for the opportunity, rather than the 4.0 group being forced to provide it.

After much consideration, Suzanne and Lee Nordhagen, have decided it’s time to turn over the reins of the Ratings Committee. They have served for over six years and they believe it is time for some changes and a good opportunity for new members to take over. Their experience spans a couple of iterations of the ratings process; our current 21-points in three games approach and its precedent program where the process included a skills assessment coupled with games to demonstrate the skills. Please join me in extending sincere thanks to both of them for the role they have played in helping our

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club grow and serving its members. They will serve until the end of January 2021. With this change, I believe now is a good time to review this program and entertain some ideas that other club members have regarding ratings systems and how we can better align our educational offerings with whatever system we use. Toward that end, I will request the board approve a Ratings Work Group.

Ball distribution has been expanded to include more individuals beyond board members who have access to the balls. We've heard some confusion from folks as they interpreted "play with your own ball" as meaning they had to purchase them. While that is fine, it is not necessary. Just as the club supplied balls in the ball holders for all players (including non-club members - we encourage them to join the club or make a donation) we continue to provide balls but are issuing them to individuals and they are responsible for marking them with their name and playing with them. Watch for a separate email and printed notifications that will indicate who can issue balls at each of our locations - Canoa Ranch, East Center, and Kent J Blumenthal Pickleball Complex. Consensus is to use a consistent ball (mixing other types, especially the Onix balls or those rated for indoor play perform differently and this creates play issues). The club is using the Franklin X40.

The Green Valley Food Bank fund raising drive was an amazing success with just under \$5,000 being collected. THANK YOU everyone who donated and Carol Hammerle for keeping this on the club's radar!!! Since this effort, we have learned that they are accepting food donations again. The following was recently shared in my HOA and might be helpful if you haven't heard it before. Let's be mindful of how we can best help those in need.

- Everyone donates Kraft Mac and Cheese in the box. They can rarely use it because it needs milk and butter which is hard to get from regular food banks.
- Boxed milk is a treasure, as kids need it for cereal which they also get a lot of.
- Everyone donates pasta sauce and spaghetti noodles.
- They cannot eat all the awesome canned veggies and soup unless you put a can opener in too or buy pop tops.
- Oil is a luxury but needed for rice a roni which they also get a lot of.
- Spices or salt and pepper would be a real Christmas gift.
- Tea bags and coffee make them feel like you care.
- Sugar and flour are treats.
- They fawn over fresh produce donated by farmers and grocery stores.
- Seeds are cool in spring and summer because growing can be easy for some.
- They rarely get fresh meat.
- Tuna and crackers make a good lunch.
- Hamburger Helper goes nowhere without ground beef.
- They get lots of peanut butter and jelly but usually not sandwich bread.
- Butter or margarine is nice too.
- Eggs are a commodity.
- Cake mix and frosting makes it possible to make a child's birthday cake.
- Dish washing detergent is very expensive and is always appreciated.
- Feminine hygiene products are a luxury and women will cry over that.

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- Everyone loves Stove Top Stuffing.

The Nominating (Becky Lupo, Jim Maxwell, Dianna Michels) and Election (Rhonda Savoy, and Arne Maki, Gina Rowsam) Committees have been formed. Nominations opened Friday, January 1st and will close Monday, March 1st. Below is the list of officers to be voted on at our Annual Meeting on Thursday March 18, 2021 at 3PM Desert Hills auditorium.

The 2021 vote will be for a two (2) year term for the following offices (April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2023).

Vice President

Treasurer

Member at Large

Member at Large

You may nominate more than one person to serve on the board, but you **MUST BE SPECIFIC** to which office you are nominating each person for, or it will **NOT** be a valid nomination. Please contact the person you want to nominate, to be sure they will accept a nomination. You may also self nominate. However, it must be for a **SPECIFIC** position or it will **NOT** be valid. All valid nominations will be acknowledged by email. There will not be any nominations accepted from the floor during the annual meeting in March.

Please submit your nominations by email to one of the following Nomination Committee members:

Becky Lupo: blupomx@gmail.com

Jim Maxwell: jjlmaxwell@aol.com

Dianna Michels: dimichels272@gmail.com

Nominations close Monday, March 1, 2021. The list will be submitted to the Board no later than March 3rd in order to prepare the ballots.

Our new CEO, Scott Sommers, and I have connected. I invited him to attend our January 14 meeting, but he has other meeting conflicts. He hopes to be able to join us in February.

Past-President, Jeff Harrell

No Report

Vice President, Mike Clemens

I made a unanimous consent motion to the GVR pickleball club board members to terminate the Rated Organized Play (ROC) procedure during focus play at all skill levels. Unanimous motion passed by board members. Supporting information follows:

1. The growing pains task force only discussed the ROC concept focused on the 4.0 group per Mike McCarry insistence.
2. The ROC concept was not proposed to be a club policy but just a trial run with the new schedule in Oct.
3. The ROC concept was not discussed in the Oct club meeting which is why it never made it to the minutes of the meeting.

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4. Paddle queuing was a method to control large numbers of players with limited numbers of courts.
5. A lot of the items in the club policy manual were due to a shortage of available courts.
6. Some pickleball clubs separate a high skill group into two sub-groups, i.e. a competitive group and a recreational group. With this concept, the competitive group could limit players who are only 4.0 level and the recreational could allow 3.5 players who want to play up. Both groups would share the allocated courts for 4.0 but with conditions such as the competitive group would limit the number of players to the first 16 or 19 and use a maximum of four courts. If more competitive players showed up, they would play with the recreational group with paddle queueing.
7. The pickleball club has scheduling responsibility for the GVR courts but any GVR member can use an available pickleball court at any time.
8. Focus play could be extended past 12:00 pm in the winter months because of later starts in the cooler mornings.
9. The evening round robins at East Center were a way to make more courts available for the club when fewer courts were available at GVR. Evening play also allowed working club members to have playing time during weekdays.
10. Other clubs such as Quail Creek and Saddlebrooke Ranch would invite other 4.0+ players to play at their facilities for more competition. This is how the intercommunity play got started during summer months a couple of years ago.

Treasurer, Patrick Furumoto - New Member Initiative

Completed accounting for Community Food Bank donations. Donations totaled \$4,715 from 140 members and the Club.

Completed reconciliation of the 2020 Income/Expense Report. The club ended the year with \$17,439 in checking & \$6,241 in savings for a total of \$23,680.

Completed GVR Club Annual Report for 2020, which showed a net income of \$2,422.

Identified 86 members who paid \$25 dues after October 1st to the present and processed either a \$10 refund or donation per their instructions.

As of Jan 2, recorded 296 online and 75 paper renewals or new member applications.

In process, work order for GVR to install a drop box at the PBC for dues.

Working with Gina and Ray Kuehl:

Completed revised member application & benefits form.

Completed online member renewal process, which went live 12/23.

Secretary, Susan MacMillan

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

Member at Large, Paul Serra - Court Scheduling & Management

The scheduling committee just came out with an updated schedule to accommodate TAPPL play at canoa and move 2.0/2.5 RR to EC to give them more courts kudos to Patrick for coordinating it, who knew their RR would fill up. Also the ladies requested their own RR which we were able to accommodate and Dean and I are working on getting more reserve times at the PBC that will include doubles which is a group being able to reserve 2 courts together and singles as usual everything should

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be completed in time for the board to vote on. We are also expanding the 3.0 R/R to 8 courts because it is filling up now. And, will be analyzing the 4.0 survey as we consider adjustments to their play schedule. We purchased 300 Franklin X40 pickleballs in December, We also had Mike Clemens switch the numbers on courts 1 and 2 around at the PBC. Finally, we have had several people request that we install additional hitting walls and we are exploring options at PBC and CR. We have pitched an idea to GVR to locate two hitting walls at a 90 degree angle in order to practice forehand and backhand shots on the basketball court at Canoa Ranch. We are awaiting their response.

Member at Large, Dianna Michels - Social Committee

Throughout 2020, 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). We lost 2 club members in 2020: Carolina Sherrill, November 2020 and Roger Johnson, December 2020.

Member at Large, Joe Stutler - Education

No Report

Education Committee - Carol Hammerle, Chair

No Report

Webmaster - Dean Beilke, Chair

Processed scheduling and website updates.

Tournaments - Donna Davis, Chair

No Report

New Ratings (December 2020)

2.0 to 2.5: Britt Berntsson

2.5 to 3.0: Ginny Muller, Jim Albert, Susan Wilson, Karen Rainford, Julie Howard, Neil May, Mark Houghton

3.0 to 3.5: Daniel Kutella

3.5 to 4.0: Paul Serra, Dianna Michels, Bonnie Beilke, Janet Nein, Mike Gustin, Dave Henrikson, Roger Beaulé, Bob Seeman, Cameron Crawford

New & Renewing Members (December 2020)

Carrie Bashaw, Cathy Baker, Thomas Britton, Deborah Segal, Randy and Rita George, Joan McMullen, Steve and Janet Reynolds, Alice Adams, Angela Elgee, Blaine Nisson, Mary Keil, Les Schalla, Liedl Stutler, Muller Johnson, Robert Kuryvial, Phil & Christina Vorwerk, Anna Herbes, Jay White all joined. Jean Liedl renewed along with Joe and Terri Stutler, Jane Harris, Barb Dentzman, Doug Bennett

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