

GVR PICKLEBALL CLUB BOARD MEETING

May 8, 2019 – East Center – Lounge

President, Jeff Harrell, called the meeting to order. Additional Board members present were: Vice President Gina Rowsam, Treasurer Donna Talarski, Secretary Pam Goodrich, Member at Large Paul Serra which constituted a quorum.

Minutes from the April 10, 2019 Board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report (given later in the meeting): Donna Talarski reported the club checking account balance is \$8,325.60. Our club savings reserve amount is \$80,800.37. A final tally of the funds raised as a result of the golf tournament are as follows: silent auction - \$3,262.00 and live auction - \$3,720.00 which total \$6,982.00. Additionally, the sale of bake goods netted \$910.00 (thanks to Karen Riley and crew) while the proceeds from the sale of \pm Dinktee shirts totaled \$786.75 (thanks to Cathy Ciferri). Donna indicated that we do not have a final tally for the amount raised for the pickleball center and forwarded to the designated account with the GVR Foundation. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Old Business:

Summer Court Schedules: Paul Serra and Donna Coon reported that Intercommunity Play begins at East Center the week of May 27th. We were reminded that this event is scheduled for every other week as we will alternate with Quail Creek. Discussion was held regarding the current court schedule and the long wait for those times the 3.0 and 3.5/4.0+ players share the eight courts at East Center. Suggestions were offered related to the use of reserved courts during the busiest times. The scheduling committee will meet to discuss these issues.

New Business:

Use of Courts by 4.0 Players: Mike Clemens stated that players are remaining on courts during Focus Play when other courts are available. He asked if this is according to Board policy. Jeff clarified that this is contrary to our Focus Play policies and offered to include policy wording in the next PickleBlast.

Focus Play Discussion (presented later in the meeting): Donna T. reported witnessing several incidents during Focus Play this past week including members not playing at their skill level and members playing multiple games at a time. She also described a specific incident which was a clear infraction of our policy on conduct expectations. A discussion ensued and we were all encouraged to document any infraction and to follow our policy that outlines a progressive discipline plan.

Policy Change for Challenge Courts: Donna C. introduced proposed changes in our current Board policy related to challenge courts. She explained that, if approved, challenge courts during Focus Play could be initiated when eight or more players wish to participate. She explained that this opportunity would be available starting June 1st when the number of players decreases. Court 7 would be designated at East Center for eight players and Court 8 could also be utilized when there are twelve players wishing to participate. During discussion it was clarified that, when counting, eight players includes the four who are on the court. This same principle applies when counting twelve players. It was reported that anyone, regardless of rating, can paddle upon Challenge Courts. The proposed policy changes were approved.

GVR Kiosks for Court Reservations: Marilyn Rambo proposed a summertime pilot of the concept that players review the reserved court schedule via the newly installed GVR kiosk at the East Center. It may be possible for GVR to add a SignUp Genius icon at the kiosk. It was noted that, if approved, this system would replace the daily paper reminders that are placed at East Center pickleball courts. It was also suggested that we can access this information through our phones. Following a lengthy discussion, a motion to pilot a program to check court reservations via the kiosk through the summer was passed with one dissenting vote.

Developing Skills Schedule Change: Deb McPartland (in Sandy Heintz's absence) brought forward a suggestion to move the Developing Skills class being held at Canoa Ranch to 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays at East Center. Deb will meet with the scheduling committee to discuss this further.

New Member Brochure: Carol Hammerle presented examples of two newly developed documents (a trifold brochure and a list of course outlines) which were designed by Donna Davis. Carol explained that the purpose of these documents is to introduce and educate new players regarding a bigger picture of the educational opportunities available to them. Descriptions of each class are accompanied by directions for how to access them. Following discussion, Carol suggested that all comments and suggestions for change be sent to Jeff.

White Elephant Parade: Gina Rowsam reported that the parade is scheduled for October 26th. Given the development of the pickleball complex by that date, our participation would be a way of expressing our thanks to GVR and the Green Valley community. Additionally, our involvement would be an opportunity increase visibility and to educate those who are not familiar with our club. Gina continues to gather ideas with a focus on giving back to Green Valley. It was noted that the Pickleball Olympics are scheduled for the next day, October 27th.

Conduct Expectations for Instructors: Gina suggested that the current policy related to conduct expectations could be expanded to include more detail related to instructors and could also include a link to the GVR incident forms. Pam G. and Gina will work on proposed changes to the existing policy.

Comments:

Mike Clemens commented on the Tuesday night court schedule that includes a specific 4.5/5.0 designation. He questioned the need for this due to the number of players at this level. It was noted that this opportunity is by invitation only and the Board approved this entry on the schedule.

Nina Campfield encouraged our club to revitalize the pledge campaign for the pickleball complex. She stressed the importance of showing the GVR Board that we are committed to the building of this complex.

Carol H. reported on her attendance at the most recent ambassador meeting. She specified the need for volunteers to work with youth who are being instructed in pickleball. Jeff will include this request in the next PickleBlast.

Carol announced that Tucson Area Pickleball (TAP) will be breaking ground at Fort Lowell in June for fourteen permanent and fourteen temporary pickleball courts.

Deb M. noted the absence of an adequate medical kit on the Canoa Ranch courts. Paul S. will check with GVR on the status of this as it is a safety issue. He noted that there is a large kit inside the building.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Goodrich, Secretary