

## **GVR PICKLEBALL CLUB BOARD MEETING**

**January 10, 2018 6 PM East Center Lounge**

President Jeff Harrell called the meeting to order. Attending were Pres. Jeff Harrell, VP Mark Robertson, Treasurer Donna Talarski, Secretary Virginia Smith, Members at Large Carol Hammerle, Marsha Olson & Paul Serra, and non-voting member Donna Coon. 19 other club members also attended.

Minutes from the December 2017 Board meeting were approved as posted.

Donna Talarski reported the Club Checking account balance is \$31,085.28 and the Reserve account balance is \$20,016.38.

**OLD BUSINESS** Providing used paddles for purchase by other members was discussed. It was decided we would encourage them to post paddles for sale on the Green Valley Pickleball Club Facebook page with the option to donate proceeds to the Club.

**GVR Fit & Fun Day** is January 28<sup>th</sup>. Carol Hammerle and members of the Coaching Core will set up a demo court and info table. They welcome additional volunteers.

Donna Talarski reported we recently learned the donations made to the Club for the new Pickleball Center do not qualify to be tax-deductible unless the checks are made payable to GVR Foundation. GVR suggested the money be returned to the members allowing them to make a check payable to GVR Foundation. It was decided we would send an email to those members who had included a donation along with their dues, offering to return the donation amount to them and they could make the donation to the GVR Foundation which is a 503c entity. If received by January 31<sup>st</sup> and it replaced the donation made in 2017, GVR Foundation will consider it a 2017 donation.

**NEW BUSINESS** Discussion of relocating the hitting wall was tabled as the person proposing it did not attend.

Paul Serra reports there are still issues from people playing in Focus Play with a different rating. It was decided if the courts are not busy, it is OK, but once there is a waiting line, they should not play. We will post a sign with this request. Also, during Focus Play stacking of 2 paddles is OK, but stacking of more than 2 paddles should be saved for open play time. We have requests to GVR to adjust the gate on Court 5 at East as it is bent, reverse the gate on Court 3 at East, provide hand sanitizers at courts, and improve First-Aid kits.

Carol Hammerle reported the 1<sup>st</sup> Coaching Core class had 13 attendees with a goal of providing instructional consistency. She plans to hold an additional class this spring. A couple ideas for using this expertise in the future included posting their names on our website so members could ask questions or for help and "Rent-a-Coach" with proceeds going to the Club. She requested and the board approved adding pilot classes for Playing Smart Pickleball and Pickleball Exercise. Providing Pickleball Orientation and additional AP classes during peak season to meet the needs of those unable to get in PB101 or AP will be held at the County Courts as needed.

The current AP classes do not allow all those needing the instruction to participate. It was decided during peak season, members will be limited to 1 day per week of AP. Paul May will also monitor the number of times people have been attending and during peak season may place limits.

Marsha Olson reported the Winter Social will be a Dinner and Dance on Saturday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> at Canoa Hills Social Center. As the Firemen chose this date for their tournament, she suggested the main dishes be catered instead of doing a potluck with members providing appetizers and dessert. She needs volunteers for the Social Committee as well as to assist with the event. She is planning a Mardi Gras theme. She will get prices for catering and will decide on the format.

Carol Hammerle moved and the Board approved adding DuraFast balls in both Neon Green and Yellow at the Courts with tubes to hold them.

She also suggested by 2019 we hold both a Member Tournament and a USAPA Sanctioned Tournament. Since USAPA started requiring all participants in a sanctioned tournament be USAPA members, we have not had the Senior Games sanctioned. We will form a committee to develop this project.

**URGENT BUSINESS** Simon (ball machine) is not working again. As we have had it repaired several times and it has never worked well, we opted to not spend the money to repair it again. We approved purchasing a different brand ball machine at a price not to exceed \$1500. Several ideas for ways to use the ball machine were discussed.

Donna Coon reported 269 participants have signed up for the Senior Games. There have been a few issues using Pay-Pal which are being dealt with. Sign Up Genius will be used for referees and volunteers. Participants will play at their Club Skill Rating even though their USAPA rating may be different.

Dean Olson reported the Texas Hold'Em Tournament will be held Wednesday January 17<sup>th</sup> and encourages everyone to come out to support the fund-raising event. The Fund-Raising Committee also plans a Golf Tournament on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, as well as exploring several other ideas to raise money for the Pickleball Center.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Smith, club secretary