

GVR PICKLEBALL CLUB BOARD MEETING

February 12, 2020 – East Center – Lounge

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

Jeff made a motion which was seconded by Mark that the minutes from the January 9, 2020 Board meeting be approved. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Donna reported that the club checking account balance is \$13,106.33 while the club saving reserves are \$13,820.00 which total \$26,926.33. Paul made a motion which was seconded by Pam that the Treasurer's report be approved. This motion passed. Dianna Michels added to the Treasurer's report by stating that the shirt sales netted \$1,329.00. This amount will be added to the saving reserve account.

Monthly Report – Ball Inventory and Usage: Paul reminded us that we are now using Franklin X balls on all courts. The current ball count is approximately 500 for all three locations. He further reported that Mark Robertson would like to sell sixty Franklin X balls to the club for \$1.50 each. Jeff moved that we pay \$90.00 for sixty balls, payable to Mark R. Paul seconded the motion which passed with two members abstaining.

Ratings Year-Round: Mark M. introduced the concept that club ratings be offered year-round. Following discussion, Mark made a motion to have year-round ratings starting May 1 through September which would follow current procedures and add visibility of the 4.0 evaluation opportunities on SignUpGenius. Jeff seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Update on New Courts: Donna Coon provided a short update and stated that the bleachers were moved today. The new schedule is in effect which affords expanded opportunities. Next steps include the installation of wind screens South and West and rail coverings. Sun shades have been ordered for the East/West walkways. Sandy reported that Pickleball Orientation and Developing Skills classes are utilizing the new courts. Pickleball Orientation, Developing Skills and Pickleball 101 classes are well attended. More coaches are needed.

Unanimous Consent: Jeff stated that the Board agreed to authorize expenditures not to exceed \$500.00 for items needed for the Senior Games. Discussion ensued related to the donation of large screen television monitors and how those will be used during the Senior Games as well as in the future.

Old Business:

Donna recognized Brenda Russell and Becky Lupo as representatives of the nominating committee. Brenda noted that they have received nominations for all the Board positions which will be vacant. She urged more members to submit their names before March 1, 2020.

New Business:

Gina reported the results of the survey of pickleball members regarding our support of the Santa Cruz Valley Bicycle Advocate Committee (SCVBAC). Gina made a motion, which was seconded by Paul, that she be authorized to put a letter of support together to be presented to the SCVBAC. Discussion was held related to a proposed trail system and bike lane on Camino de la Canoa. The motion passed unanimously.

Dianna M. introduced a proposal to purchase hats/visors with the pickleball logo to be sold at the Senior Games for \$15.00 each. Jeff made a motion, seconded by Pam, to pre-approve the purchase of up to 96 caps/visors not to exceed \$1,100.00. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Gina introduced information related to the Arizona Pickleball Players League (APPL) which self-describes their goal of bringing competitive team based pickleball throughout Arizona. This concept is primarily enticing to those who are avoiding tournaments and their associated expenses. A motion was made to pursue and explore this opportunity to see if it is viable for our club members. Donna seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Details regarding this organization can be found on their website: arizonapickleballplayersleague.org and will be posted on our club website as well.

Jeff brought up a request from the education committee for additional hoppers. He made a motion, seconded by Sandy, that additional hoppers be purchased/installed, not to exceed \$200.00 for an additional eight hoppers. This motion passed.

Donna C. re-introduced a member concern that all eight courts are scheduled on Monday evenings for a round robin. This does not allow working members to access them during that time. She inquired about the possibility of leaving two courts available. There was discussion surrounding the popularity of this particular round robin which is full to capacity each week. Jeff made a motion to revisit this topic at the end of the high season. Court availability on that seventh night will be left to the discretion of the scheduling committee. Paul seconded the motion and it passed by a unanimous vote.

Urgent Business: None

Comments:

Donna C. mentioned that there is good focus play participation at the new courts. Some confusion exists regarding the need to paddle up and she is seeking ideas. Several suggestions were presented. The scheduling committee will meet to further discuss this topic. Paul offered to lead a group who could educate, organize and monitor focus play at the center. Jeff will include an article in the next PickleBlast related to focus play and he will mention that the schedule is a work in progress as we learn how to most effectively utilize the new courts.

Dean Barnes offered name tag proceeds to help with the cost of items for the Senior Games.

Jeff mentioned that the club should start to look at a system for labeling equipment and inventory items.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Goodrich, Secretary