

Voyager RV Resort Club Pickleball Board Meeting 1/16/2021

These minutes include discussions from the 9am meeting and the official Board Meeting.

In attendance:

Bryan Rickman, President
John Mosher, Vice President
Fran Groot, Secretary
Judy Cameron, Treasurer (via Zoom)
Diane McGee, Player Improvement Coordinator
Donna Maxwell, Player Improvement Coordinator
Peggy Douglas, Social Coordinator
Karen Tratiak, Tournament Coordinator
Darwin Pugmire, Court Maintenance Coordinator
Judy & Walt Tormohlen, Rating Committee
Pricilla Scott
Jane Gilmore

Bryan called the meeting to order at 10:00

Bryan's Opening Remarks: Things are running well. Play is down because so many people haven't come back this year. The Pod system is working well and he hasn't had any complaints. Pricilla is writing checks and Bryan now has authority to sign them. Receipts should go to Pricilla so she can write the checks.

Minutes: John Mosher moved to accept the minutes of Dec. 22 and Darwin seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$9003.21 in the checking account and \$50 in the savings account. From Oct. 1, 2020 to Jan. 15, 2021 we had \$2,755.16 in expenses (supplies and insurance) and no income because of the cancelled Holiday Tournament. Pricilla reported that at the end of Sept. 30, 2020 we had a net profit of \$105.87 and a bank balance of \$11,758.37. We normally raise \$5000-7000 from the Holiday Tournament, 50/50s at socials, thru donations and allowing groups to use of our liquor license but no gatherings are allowed. It was mentioned that we have no membership fees so we can't generate funds without the events and socials. We had a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Karen and seconded by Darwin. All were in favor of accepting the report (Motion was passed in the 9am meeting).

Board Member Reports:

John Mosher, Court Usage - Court usage hasn't reached capacity and we are socially distancing well. Structured play was suspended. The Board will not sanction structured play, John hasn't heard complaints about the pickleballers but that may change if structured play resumes and we may risk having the courts close again. And there aren't enough volunteers to run it (need 8) but the book will be in the box (by the 5th St. courts) so players can organize their own structured play if they wish on the courts by 5th St. Bryan added that anything the Board sanctions may open up the club to issues involving play and we don't want to create a situation where people will start congregating. Private lesson sessions also seem to be working well. John recommends we continue doing what we are doing and people can set up informal play on their own. He also added that he has noticed people coming in for short periods of time and we have done well in being welcoming and inclusive.

Darwin Pugmire, Court Maintenance Coordinator:

Pickle Balls: Darwin purchased a heated bag in which to put the balls overnight during the winter. It is near the tunnel going to the bathrooms. We can use the G2 balls up to 45degrees and then bring out the Franklin balls. We have 30 Franklin balls and about 100 G2 balls in our inventory. Darwin is asking players to put the balls in the heated bag at the end of the day but he often comes to do this because the players forget.

Hand Sanitizer: Hand sanitizers seem to turn watery after a week so Darwin is trying out different brands. He hasn't determined whether the sun or the low temperatures is doing this.

Wind Screens: There was a request that wind screens be installed on courts 3 & 4. But some objected because it would ruin the aesthetics and would hinder viewing play on those courts. Wind screens were installed on the middle courts instead. It was suggested to put windscreens on court 9 & 10 but should be cleared by management. New screening costs \$400-500 if we install it ourselves. Darwin says we have enough to screen one court. Pricilla mentioned that the screening on the tennis courts is super expensive.

Water Leak: Water leaks onto court 12 by the hot tub so Darwin brought it up to Geoffrey. Chad apparently tried to solve the problem by lowering the water level of the hot tub.

We commended Darwin for the great job he is doing.

Karen Tratiak, Tournament Coordinator: Nothing to report

Peggy Douglas, Social Coordinator: Peggy has restocked the first aid supplies in the boxes and will buy more bandaids to add to them.

Diane McGee and Donna Maxwell, Player Improvement Coordinators: nothing to report

Rating Committee: Judy Tormohlen & Dave Sharafinski reviewed Voyager tournament data from 2016 through 2020 to produce a list of the Gold medal winners who won in a higher category than the rating they held at the time. This was the start of a look-back process for the purpose of (possibly) awarding "Grandfather" ratings (thanks for further clarification, Dave)

Old Business: "Grandfather" ratings for players who won Gold medals in past Voyager tournaments. Going forward, players who play in a Voyager tournament (Holiday Tournament or Club Tournament) at a higher rating than they hold and win a gold medal will be awarded the higher rating. The partners must have a lower rating than the category in which they won the Gold medal. This is so a partner having the same rating as the category of the Gold medal can't "carry" a lower-rated (or non-rated) player to a higher rating. These issues have not been presented in written form so this issue was shelved until it is presented by the Rating Committee at the Feb. meeting.

Thirteen people were rated to date with 3 not attaining their desired rating. Two people cancelled their rating.

It has been brought to my attention by Dave that Nancy Carlson has agreed to be the new Rating Committee Coordinator after Judy stepped down.

New Business:

Nominating Committee: A nominating committee will be appointed at the Feb. meeting. We need to recruit new people for the 3 positions that will need to be filled for Treasurer, Court Maintenance and Social Coordinator plus fill the open Structured Play Coordinator position. People can serve two 2-year terms and on a year-by-year basis after that. Five Board members are on the first year of their term and 3 on the second year of their term. Judy agreed to continue to serve another term as Treasurer. Darwin may continue for another term and John recommended that he find someone to shadow him to take his place or find people to whom to delegate jobs.

Nets: Darwin is asking players who live here year round which nets to take down during the summer. It was recommended to keep the nets up by the lighted courts. Karen mentioned that we use courts 13-16 in the summer. We may keep nets up on courts 9 & 10 too. Management would like to install the lights on courts 3 & 4 so nets on those courts might stay up also. We will canvas the summer players for their opinion.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 10:35 & accepted by Darwin and seconded by Diane. All were in favor.

The next meeting will be on Feb. 20 in the Courtyard at 10am. There will be a 9:00 meeting ahead of the Board Meeting.