

Voyager Pickleball Club Board Meeting
Arizona Room, Voyager Resort
January 14, 2023

Board Member Attendees:

*Esther Franco, President	Evelyn Bellotti-Busch, Court Maintenance Coordinator
Bethel Edens, Vice President	Karen Paurus, Player and Constituents Representative
Beryl Schultze, Secretary	*Jim Bach, Structured Play/Player Improvement Coordinator
Lori Schneider, Treasurer	*Nancy Pound, Tournament Coordinator

Note: Any paragraph/statement marked with an asterisk (*) denotes a motion and/or vote.

Call to Order:

Esther Franco called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. Besides the Board member attendees there were 19+ Club members in attendance. (See attached)

Esther welcomed the attendees. She introduced the Board's work on creating a Voyager Pickleball Membership that will enable members to vote for applicants for Board positions. The first vote is planned for March. Esther explained the criteria for becoming a member and other relevant information. All information will be distributed to all pickleball players. A table will be set up at the upcoming social where players can sign up and pay the \$5.00 membership fee. Other discussion on the membership project continued throughout the meeting with many questions from the attendees.

Esther introduced the two new Board members: Lori Schneider, Treasurer, and Nancy Pound, Tournament Coordinator. (See Addendum)

Changes to the Agenda:

There were no changes to the agenda.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Esther called for approval of the December minutes. Beryl Schultze explained that the latest copy of the December minutes were edited in length to better follow Robert's Rule of Order as to what should be included in meeting minutes and what should not. Jim Bach made a motion to approve the December minutes as printed and was seconded by Karen Paurus. The Board unanimously approved the minutes. Bethel Edens reminded Club members that while they do receive the minutes by email, they are delayed since they must first be approved by the Board at the next monthly general Board meeting.

Old Business:

Beryl Schultze requested approval of the governing documents after being postponed at the last two meetings. The final copies with edits were sent out and reviewed by the Board members. Esther Franco advised the vote on the documents be postponed again since there will be additional changes to the Player Representative's job description.

New Business:

No further New Business.

Board Member Reports:

Treasurer

Lori Schneider provided an update on the current financial status of the Club. The checking account balance as of January 12, 2023 was \$12,376.64 and the savings account balance was \$50.00. It was the opinion of Lori, as Treasurer, that the Voyager Pickleball Club is in satisfactory financial operating condition at this time. Several questions arose regarding Club collection of money and uses.

With a new Voyager Pickleball Board President and a new Treasurer the following are authorized to sign for Voyager Pickleball Club accounts at Hughes Federal Credit Union: President Esther Franco, Vice-President Bethel Edens, and Treasurer Lori Schneider. Removed from authorization are Jo Lamson and Bryan Rickman.

Vice President

Bethel Edens gave an update on court usage, paddle holders and signs at the courts two weeks into the season. Everything is going relatively well thus far. There may be some changes to the court usage schedule, which will be shared.

Structured Play/Player Improvement

Jim Bach gave an update on structured play two weeks into the season. Extrapolating the number of players thus far would mean over 2700 players through the season. A couple types of sessions may need to be replaced with others due to little or no participation. One general concern is how to better meet the demand of new players wanting lessons.

Jim then shared with the Club members that he and Esther Franco had recently met with Voyager management regarding complaints that have come to them about pickleball play. Management is mandating a change in court usage and to add court time for private, paid lessons. There was an intense and lengthy discussion among the Club members and the Board on this subject with no clear opposition or support for the mandate.

Player Representative

Karen Paurus explained how her position has changed back to the original description. A mandate from Voyager management now requires all complaints and conflicts be directed to Karen, who will work to resolve them. If necessary, she will pass them on to the Board President and/or Shannon Kemlo, Voyager Activities Director. Karen will also prepare a report and meet with Shannon at least once a month to share the information.

Court Maintenance

Evelyn Bellotti-Busch began by sharing that the bench purchased in the memory of John Mosher is tentatively scheduled to be dedicated on February 6, 2023 at the site where it will be permanently located. It was privately funded, including an approved donation from the Pickleball Board on behalf of the Voyager Pickleball Club.

Evelyn identified for the attendees the several courts and areas that need repair, replacement and/or other attention, which she and Darwin Pugmire had pointed out to Shannon Kemlo during a walk-through. These issues will be written up, including estimates, and given to Voyager management prior to the time they plan next year's budget. There were some additional discussions with Evelyn and Club members on other court-related matters.

Tournament Coordinator

Nancy Pound shared her thoughts and plans for the in-house tournament in March. She asked that all instructors, mentors and other court volunteers encourage and promote playing in the tournaments. Nancy also said she will be asking for volunteers to assist with the tournament.

Social Coordinator

Pat Steen, Social Coordinator, was absent but had asked Club member Dawna Diaz, who is working with him, to provide an overview and update on the Welcome Back Burger Social being held Saturday, January 14. Over 250 tickets have been given out. Dawna asked for volunteers to assist with serving and clean-up. Bethel Edens and Karen Paurus reminded the current Board that at last year's social the Board members served since it is a welcome by the Board.

Public Comments:

Karen Paurus would like to have the ad hoc committee, which was previously established to review all questions surrounding paid pickleball lessons, to come together again since there was a lot of discussion earlier on the Voyager Management mandate of paid lessons. Nancy Pound volunteered to be the Board member on the committee and to call the previous committee members together.

Adjourn:

Esther Franco called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Beryl Schultze and seconded by Evelyn Elliott-Busch. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beryl Schultze
Secretary

*Addendum: During an Executive Board meeting called by the Board President on January 7, 2023 Lori Schneider was voted in as Treasurer of the Voyager Pickleball Board by a majority of Board members. During that same meeting Nancy Pound was voted in as Tournament Coordinator of the Voyager Pickleball Board by a unanimous Board vote.

†Esther Franco, Jim Bach, Nancy Pound and Pat Steen resigned from their Board positions after the date of this meeting, January 14, 2023.