

**Voyager Pickleball Club Board Meeting:
Arizona Room, Voyager Resort
December 10, 2022**

Board Member Attendees:

Esther Franco, President	Evelyn Bellotti-Busch, Maintenance Coordinator
Bethel Edens, Vice President	Karen Paurus, Player and Constituents Representative
Beryl Schultze, Secretary	

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 10:00 a.m. In addition to the Board members there were initially 7 Club members in attendance. (See attached.)

Esther Franco reported that the directive given by ELS/Voyager management to reorganize the Board in order to add a player representative as a voting member has been completed.¹ There are now 7 voting members and 2 non-voting members on the Board. The new Player and Constituent Representative is Karen Paurus. Karen was voted into the new position during the Executive Board meeting held just before the current meeting. (See Addendum #1)

Changes to the Agenda:

*Evelyn Bellotti-Busch made a motion to move Public Comment from the end of the agenda to the next topic, seconded by Beryl Schultze. The Board approved the motion.

Public Comment:

Jane Gilmore, Club member and instructor for Beginner and Beginner Plus training classes, thanked the Board for all their work, especially during this past year. Esther Franco invited Jane to join her to an already scheduled meeting with Geoffrey Campbell, Voyager Manager, and she agreed to attend.

Evelyn Bellotti-Busch requested Club members listen to the rationale for approving Karen Paurus for the new Player Representative position after being unanimously recommended by the Nominating Committee and unanimously approved by the Board vote. The rationale behind the Board's vote also will be sent out by email to the Voyager community and/or posted on Voyager's Pickleball Facebook page.

Esther Franco asked Karen Paurus to explain the job description and share her background, including her experience in conflict resolution. Karen also wrote the Conflict Resolution Procedure document for Voyager pickleball along with input from Evelyn Bellotti-Busch Edens. It was presented to Geoffrey Campbell, who approved it.

Old Business:

Beryl Schultze asked about the 'Sunflower' sign, which was brought to the Board's attention by Club member Dale Secord last spring and discussed at the March meeting. The Board had approved obtaining and hanging the signs. While Geoffrey Campbell originally approved the proposal, he has since referred the matter to Shannon Kemlo, Activities Director, who reversed that decision.

New Business:

Esther Franco stated that New Business topics had already been discussed during the Public Comment time and the Board agreed.

Board Member Reports:

Vice President

Bethel Edens reported that court usage for the upcoming season has been finalized and will be published soon. The paddle holders and signs for their use have been put up. The Board purchased a newly designed paddle holder from Bob Lutz, who was recommended by Esther Franco. It was delivered December 9 and will be installed by Bethel and Evelyn Bellotti-Busch. It will have a trial run with results announced to the Voyager community.

Secretary

*Beryl Schultze requested approval of the minutes from the November 19, 2022 general Board meeting. Beryl pointed out that the minutes include an addendum that describes an email motion and vote to authorize the purchase of two new laptops for the December pickleball tournament. Bethel Edens made a motion to approve the November 19 meeting minutes, seconded by Karen Paurus, and approved unanimously by the Board.

Treasurer

Jo Lamson, Treasurer, was absent and requested Beryl Schultze read the Treasurer's Report. The checking account balance as of December 10, 2022 was \$5053.60 and the savings account balance was \$50.00. The projected net income from the Holiday Tournament was \$5,417. The report also noted that the current balances, as well as the projected Holiday Tournament income, are tracking with averages from past years. It was the opinion of Jo, as Treasurer, that "the Voyager Pickleball Club is in satisfactory financial operating condition at this time."

Structured Play/Player Improvement

Jim Bach, Structured Play/Player Improvement Coordinator, was absent and had requested Karen Paurus give the report. Copies of the Structured Play offerings for the upcoming season were distributed. Bethel Edens pointed out that the schedule had just been approved by the Board during the Executive Board meeting held just before this meeting. (See Addendum #2) Karen reviewed all aspects of the Structured Play sessions and answered questions.

Karen Paurus then reviewed the Player Improvement classes and clinics, plus introduced a new potential opportunity, bringing in outside professional instruction. Costs and availability will determine whether these sessions are held.

Bethel Edens reviewed the Competitive Play offering, including how it differs from last year. Club members Diane McGee and Pam Sharafinski will manage it and will report directly to the Board.

Karen Paurus concluded by pointing out that the Structured Play and Player Improvement offerings reviewed are for January. February offerings could be modified if necessary.

Court Maintenance

Evelyn Bellotti-Busch overviewed the current status of court and balls:

- Repair of court cracks by Darwin Pugmire and Dale Secord , Club members
- About 200 new Franklin balls available and 200 Core balls ordered
- Wind barriers removed and will not be put up again
- Sound barriers repaired
- Return of some ball tubes for courts 13-16 to previous location
- Swinging gate between two courts stays

Some questions and discussion followed. Evelyn concluded saying that if something needs attention it will receive it.

Tournament Director

There was no report since Hugh Graham, Director, was not present at the meeting.

Social Director

Pat Steen, Social Director, was absent and Karen Paurus, former Social Director gave the report. She and Pat have agreed on the welcome-back hamburger feed in January for the pickleball community and another social activity in March, probably a chili cook-off. They will meet to discuss this and other activities

Closing Comments:

Evelyn Bellotti-Busch stated she had a second set of keys for the shed from Club member Sandy Black. She was giving them to Esther Franco.

*Esther Franco stated Diane McGee needs to purchase Excel[®] for the computers being used for Competitive Play. Bethel Edens made a motion for Diane to purchase Excel. Evelyn Bellotti-Busch seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

*Esther Franco called for a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was made by Beryl Schultze and seconded by Evelyn Bellotti-Busch. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beryl Schultze
Secretary

Note:

¹*At the Executive Board meeting on December 1, 2022 initial discussions were followed by a call for a vote to add a new position, as a voting member, to the Board with the proposed job description.. Evelyn Bellotti-Busch moved to add the new position. Hugh Graham seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously by the Board.

Addendum #1:

*During the Executive Board meeting on December 10, 2022 held just prior to the general open Board meeting, a vote was taken to approve an applicant for the new Board position, 'Player and Constituent Representative.' Before calling for the vote Evelyn Bellotti-Busch, nominating committee member, provided information on the nominating committee, including the members and their process resulting in recommending Karen Paurus to the Board. A motion was made by Evelyn to accept the nominating committee's recommendation and seconded by Bethel Eden. Karen was unanimously voted to be the new Player and Constituent Representative with each voting Board member voicing their reason for voting as they did.

Addendum #2:

*During the Executive Board meeting on December 10, 2022 held just prior to the general open Board meeting, a vote was taken to approve the Structured Play schedule for 2023 as written. Before a motion was made the Board reviewed the schedule as presented by Jim Bach, Director of Structured Play/Player improvement. Bethel Edens made a motion to accept the 2023 Structured Play schedule as presented, recognizing future changes may be necessary. It was seconded by Karen Paurus and approved unanimously.