

Voyager RV Resort Pickleball Club Board Meeting 3/20/'21

In attendance:

Bryan Rickman, President
Fran Groot, Secretary
Judy Cameron, Treasurer (via Zoom)
Donna Maxwell, Player Improvement
Peggy Douglas, Social Coordinator
Karen Tratiak, Tournament Director
Darwin Pugmire, Court Maintenance Coordinator

Absent: John Mosher
Diane McGee

also:

Jane Gilmore
Nancy Heebsh
Dave Hart
Dale Secord
John Phipps
Karen Paurus

Bryan called the meeting to order at 10am

Bryan's Opening Remarks: Bryan is pleased that with social distancing and mask wearing so we did not have to shut down the courts. And thanks to the Nominating Committee all Board positions are filled for the next season. Bryan also added "Public Comments" to the agenda so anyone can come speak before the Board.

Minutes: Darwin moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting and that was seconded by Karen followed by a unanimous vote of acceptance.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$8241.75 in the checking account and \$50 in the savings account. From Oct. 1, 2020 to Mar. 19, 2021 we had \$3725.42 in expenditures and, again, no income. Pricilla continues to assist Judy with some check writing and she was thanked for her help. Judy asked for approval to pay Dan Galvin \$100 for summer maintenance and this was approved by the Board. Darwin motioned to accept the minutes and Donna seconded it followed by a unanimous vote of acceptance.

Jane Gilmore noted that in the afternoon people are not wearing masks or distancing themselves off court. Some residents have mentioned this also. She said she had to go out of her way to avoid a group of younger males who were not wearing masks or distancing themselves. Bryan will ask Chuck to send out a "blast" e-mail to remind players to mask up and distance themselves off court. Karen also noted that there are many vulnerable residents here so we need to follow the guidelines.

Old Business: The Nominating Committee was able to fill the open Board positions. Jon Phipps will be the Structured Play Coordinator and Karen Paurus will be the Social Chairperson. In getting ahead of his duties Jon passed around a sign-up sheet to get volunteers for the next season. Darwin has agreed to continue as Court Maintenance Coordinator and line up some assistants. Judy agreed to another term as Treasurer.

APPL League Play for the 2021-2022 season: In Bryan's opinion we do not have court time for league matches. They consume 3 courts for 2 hours during the day. Most teams do not want to play at night. So the matches will continue to be played at the Kino courts and/or possibly the new Udall courts. We don't want to take away court time from the residents who pay to live here.

Reserved Courts: As of April 1 there will be no reserved courts on Sat. and Sun. (but as of this writing reserved courts will be available for the month of April due to requests).

New Business:

Paid Lessons - A long discussion was had with many opinions.

Dale Secord feels that anyone giving lessons should be certified and lessons should not conflict with residents' court usage. And the Board needs to set a policy regarding lessons. He also was concerned about whether the Club's liability insurance covered private lessons.

Nancy Heebsh said she talked with some ladies who were not aware that the Club offered lessons and clinics. She said we've had years of a spirit of players helping people improve their game on their own time and not charging a fee and she'd like this to continue. This is the first year we have had lessons for a fee. And that may lead to other players posting signs to offer lessons for a fee.

This year the beginner and beginner plus lessons were offered in March for free. In the past these lessons were offered for free but then we instituted a \$5 fee to have people commit to coming and the fee was given back to the Club. Last year she did not invite outside instructors like Craig or Mark Renneson to come give lessons or clinics so that court time was not used for them.

Jane Gilmore stressed that instructors are using the courts for free and lessons for a fee should not interfere with residents' court time. During the three weeks of free lessons in March she had 20 people sign up for the beginner lessons (17 showed up) and 20 signed up for the beginner plus lessons (only 7 showed up).

Judy Cameron suggested that all lessons-for-profit should be conducted at an outside venue like Kino Sports Complex so that court usage is not taken away from resident players.

Karen Tratiak suggested the Board should be "all in" or "out" of private lessons-for-profit. She made a motion that the Board be out of the private lessons business and Judy Cameron seconded the motion. A vote was taken and 4 members voted "nay" so a special committee was formed to discuss the issue and come up with a solution/policy.

Court Maintenance: Darwin reported that:

- It was decided not to provide cups at the water stations. This will encourage players to fill up their own bottles and reduce possible litter (especially since the recycle bin was taken away).
- There are 82 feet of cracks on the green surfaces that need attention.
- We use three times more Franklin balls than the G2 balls because they crack more easily.
- The nets on courts 7-12 will be stored for the summer.
- Management is supposed to maintain the buckets with the ball sanitizer.
- The hand sanitizer will be stored during the summer.

December Tournament: Karen reported that the Holiday Tournament dates have been set for Dec. 2-4.

Court Usage: to be discussed at Nov. meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08.