

**Voyager Pickleball Club Board Meeting
Santa Rita Room, Voyager Resort
December, 16, 2023**

Board Member Attendees:

Evelyn Bellotti-Busch, President	Karen Paurus, Player and Constituent Representative
Jerry Heintze, Vice-President	Catherine Brown, Structured Play/Player Improvement Coordinator
Lori Schneider, Treasurer	Karen Tratiak, Tournament Co-coordinator
Mark Jordon, Court, Maintenance Coordinator	Beryl Schultze, Secretary (via phone)
Dave McMullen, Social Coordinator	

Absent: Diane McGee, Tournament Co-coordinator

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

Call to Order:

Evelyn Bellotti-Busch called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Besides the Board attendees three Club members signed in and attended the meeting and an additional five members attended but did not sign in.

Changes to the Agenda:

There were no changes or additions to the agenda and it stood as presented.

General Comments from the President:

Evelyn Bellotti-Busch welcomed the attendees and wished them all happy holidays. Evelyn commented that she felt things on the pickleball courts had been going smoothly and she was looking forward to sharing information about upcoming things in January during the meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

*Since Beryl Schultze was not present in person Evelyn Bellotti-Busch called for a motion to approve the December meeting minutes since no changes were offered. Jerry Heintze made the motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Mark Jordon. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Paddle Holders

Jerry Heintze announced that the Board planned to create a video that would explain how to properly use the paddle holders. Besides basic use it would cover the situation where there were less than 4 paddles in slots for the next group to play when a court opened. A question from the audience asked for that explanation. Jerry proceeded to explain the proper way to handle the situation and he answered a few additional questions.

New Business:

T-shirts Sale Fund Raiser

Catherine Brown reported that so far 29 t-shirts had been sold. The Pickleball Club earned \$10 per shirt sold which brought the current profit to \$290. She reminded the group that t-shirts were still available for purchase and ordering information was on the Pickleball Facebook page. She noted there was also a link to the information on the Pickleball website. A suggestion was made to add the information onto the bulletin boards. It was decided that a picture of a t-shirt with a QR code would be added to the bulletin boards and when the code was scanned it would show a link to the ordering information. A question was asked whether other colors, sizes and sleeve length t-shirts were available. Catherine said they were not but added that if anyone purchased a plain t-shirt she could print on it as long as it was polyester and a light color. The Board would still get \$10.

Karen Paurus acknowledged and thanked Catherine for all her work in making the t-shirts available, especially so quickly.

Board Member Reports:

Vice President

Jerry Heinz reminded the group that Structured Play would begin January. Court usage would remain as is with the addition of the structured play courts in the afternoon. Evelyn Bellotti-Busch acknowledged and thanked Jerry for all the work he did to refurbish the bulletin boards and thanked Mark for helping Jerry.

Treasurer

Lori Schneider provided an update on the current financial status of the Club. The checking account balance as of December 2, 2023 was \$4569.39 and the savings account balance was \$50. It was the opinion of Lori, as Treasurer, that the Voyager Pickleball Club was currently in satisfactory financial operating condition.

Lori previously had recommended some fund-raising, which started with the t-shirt sales. She also acknowledged Priscilla Scott for a great job running the Holiday Tournament and that the Club cleared approximately \$6786. Lori stated that as of two days prior to the meeting, the checking account balance was about \$13,000 with these additional funds.

*A motion was made by Mark Jordon to accept the Treasurer's report, which was seconded by Karen Tratiak and passed unanimously.

Player Representative

Karen Paurus explained that there was a new method for submitting a suggestion, concern, etc. The Suggestion Box at the bulletin boards would no longer be used. Instead the submissions would be online. A QR code would be posted on the bulletin boards that when scanned would link to an online submission form. The Board would be able to view the form and a copy would be emailed to Shannon Kemlo, Voyager Activities Director. Karen explained that when a submission was received the Board member who was responsible for the subject addressed in the comment would be notified. That member would then follow up with the person who submitted it, as long as their contact information was provided.

Court Maintenance

Mark Jordon had nothing to report.

Secretary

Beryl Schultze reported that at the Board executive meeting it was discussed what step, if any, the Board might want to take regarding a formal Club membership. Beryl said the thought was to first consider sending out a survey to those pickleball players who have registered their email addresses through the Pickleball website. The short survey would ask the players their opinion on the need for a formal Club membership. Any additional steps would depend on the survey results. There would be more discussion at the Board's next executive meeting.

Structured Play/Player Improvement

Catherine Brown reported that all the information for Structured Play sessions and Player Improvement lessons have been posted on the bulletin boards, along with a calendar. Each document on the bulletin board has a QR code that when scanned links to more detailed information. Catherine also stated that there already had been active registrations online at TeamReach for lessons. There were some questions from the group on lessons and signing up for them. Discussion followed and Catherine answered questions and offered assistance to anyone who needed help. She also announced to the group that she needed volunteers to cover Structured Play sessions and anyone who was interested should contact her.

Tournament Coordinators

Karen Tratiak stated that the Holiday Tournament was a big success. Karen T. thanked all the volunteers, including the Board, who helped Priscilla Scott and herself at the tournament.

Evelyn Bellotti-Busch asked Priscilla if items used at the tournament, which Priscilla had recently identified, were purchased or might need to be purchased in the future. Priscilla stated that the two laptops currently used were the only ones with serial ports, which was what the existing monitors used. She stated the Board may want to consider purchasing at least one larger monitor that would be compatible with the current laptops and any new laptops that might be purchased in the future. Some longer cables would also be needed to reach all the areas where loud speakers would be placed. A lengthy discussion followed on what tournament equipment might be best and by when.

Priscilla also pointed out that Chuck Gilmore, who was in charge of all the electrical hook-ups at tournaments for the past several years, needed a team to assist him. Karen T. added that Chuck had commented he did not know how long he would continue to support the tournaments. Jerry Heintze volunteered to take the lead on a team to assist Chuck.

Evelyn reminded the group that the Dink Tournament was being held January 20th. Karen T. stated Diane McGee was managing that tournament and she would take care of advertising and sign-ups. Karen T. also reminded the group that the Geezer Tournament was scheduled for December 30th. Sign-up for that tournament was on the bulletin boards.

Social

Evelyn Bellotti-Busch introduced Dave McMullen as the new Social Director, voted in after the November meeting. Dave announced that there would be a welcome back social on January 19th in the ballroom probably from 5:00-7:00. Food would be served and a 50/50 raffle held.

Public Comment:

Jane Gilmore stated that she had a large sparkled ball at her house that says 'Thank you volunteers'. She was willing to keep it there but wanted the Board know about it in case the Board would ever want to use it.

Adjourn:

*Evelyn called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lori Schneider made the motion, which was seconded by Jerry Heintz. It was approved. Evelyn adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beryl Schultze
Secretary