

**Voyager Pickleball Club Board Meeting  
Santa Rita Room, Voyager Resort  
February 10, 2024**

**Board Member Attendees:**

Evelyn Bellotti-Busch, President	Karen Paurus, Player and Constituent Representative
Jerry Heintze, Vice-President	Dave McMullen, Social Coordinator
Beryl Schultze, Secretary	Karen Tratiak, Tournament Co-coordinator
Lori Schneider, Treasurer	

Absent: Mark Jordon, Court Maintenance Coordinator  
Catherine Brown, Structured Play/Player Improvement Coordinator  
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 4:05 p.m. Besides Board members only two Club members signed-in and attended the meeting.

**Changes to the Agenda:**

\*Evelyn Bellotti-Busch called for a motion to accept the agenda since no changes were offered. Beryl Schultze made a motion to accept the agenda as is and seconded by Jerry Heintze. The motion passed unanimously.

**General Comments from the President:**

Evelyn Bellotti-Busch announced that hopefully next season the executive and general Board meetings could be on Saturday mornings again. The meetings would need to be the first Saturday of each month since Market Daze would again be on the second Saturdays. The only exception might be for the November meeting since some Board members may not be back by the first Saturday. That meeting might be held the afternoon of the second Saturday in November. Hopefully, this change would result in more Club members attending the meetings since their input is desired on different issues.

There was some discussion on possibly holding meetings in the courtyard when the weather allowed, which might attract Club members to the meetings. A room would still need to be reserved in case of poor weather.

**Approval of Minutes:**

\*Beryl Schultze stated the minutes from the January meeting had been reviewed by Board members and were ready to be approved. Lori Schneider made a motion to approve the January minutes as presented, which was seconded by Karen Paurus. The motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business:**

Lobster Pickleball Machine

Evelyn Bellotti-Busch stated thus far 13 people had been trained on using the Lobster machine. Those individuals would be able to bring the Lobster machine to the courts for use. A trained person would need to stay on the court during its use. Evelyn also said she planned to offer more training sessions once dates and times are requested.

**New Business:**

There was no New Business.

**Board Member Reports:**

Vice President

Jerry Heinz provided an update on the Nominating Committee for the open positions. He stated that he and Diane McGee were still looking for one more person to be on the Nominating Committee. Nancy Pound, a Club member at the meeting, volunteered to be on the committee. Jerry later provided the names of the other two Club members on the Nominating Committee as Linda Talbot and Charlie Tarjan.

Jerry reminded the group that the open positions were Secretary, Treasurer, Player Rep and Structured Play Coordinator. Evelyn Bellotti-Busch explained it was previously decided at an Executive Board Meeting that next season the position of Player Improvement and Structured Play Coordinator would again be divided into two voting positions. Catherine Brown had chosen to maintain the role of Player Improvement Coordinator. Evelyn stated that the only application received thus far was for Treasurer. She encouraged all attendees to help recruit candidates for the open positions by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Treasurer**

Lori Schneider gave an update on the current financial status of the Club. The checking account balance as of February 4<sup>th</sup> was \$9,671.30 and the savings account balance remained \$50. It was the opinion of Lori, as Treasurer, that the Voyager Pickleball Club was currently in satisfactory financial operating condition. Lori also reported the two largest expenses the past month. One was \$2028.26 for the Lobster machine and 200 hundred pickleballs specifically for it and about \$1500 for the Welcome Back social in January. Fund raising continued with the sale of T-shirts and the Board receiving \$10 for each T-shirt sold. The Board made \$350 from the 50/50 raffle at the January social.

Lori also reviewed the annual income and expenditures for the past fiscal year. Income was \$11,614.96 and expenditures were \$10,791.11. One expense during the year was \$849.90 for the web site plus setting up a new email system. Another expense of \$1600.57 was for new pickleballs. Evelyn Bellotti-Busch asked if the website and email expense was a one-time charge. Lori responded that there would always be an annual fee for the website of about \$350-\$400 and an additional monthly email charge of about \$15 per month.

There were a couple questions on the pickleballs purchased for the Lobster machine and maintenance of it. Evelyn stated that Ming Diaz volunteered to do maintenance on the Lobster machine and will check it weekly.

### **Player Representative**

Karen Paurus stated she had very little to report. There had been a couple pickleball court issues, which Jerry Heintze resolved, and a security issue with visitors on the courts that was also addressed. Karen also said people are using the paddle holders correctly with no issues reported.

Dale Secord, a Club attendee, complimented the video made by Jerry for correct use of the paddle holders. Lori Schneider indicated she had posted the video on Facebook and Catherine Brown had posted it on TeamReach. Jerry said he was waiting to have it posted on the website until all the Board members had a chance to review it.

### **Court Maintenance**

Due to Mark Jordon's absence Evelyn Bellotti-Busch reported that Voyager had fixed the leak in the roof of the shed. Voyager also had ordered new number signs for the pickleball courts but they have not yet been put up. Evelyn also pointed out that the black acoustic wall in the 'cage' courts along 5<sup>th</sup> St. had more pieces of it falling apart. Voyager had previously said they would not repair it or purchase a new one because they didn't need it anymore. Evelyn said there was some wire previously purchased by the Board that could be used to try to wire some of the wall pieces back together. She would recruit some people to help. There was some discussion on whether slats on the fencing might be an option but Evelyn pointed out that they would restrict viewing, especially important during tournaments.

Evelyn reminded the group that Voyager would be resurfacing and painting blue 10 of the 16 pickleball courts, but which courts was still unknown. Voyager definitely would not work on courts 11 and 12 until the leak is found and resolved. The work should be done this coming off-season. There were some discussion on the different court surfaces and how that would affect the courts to be resurfaced and painted.

Evelyn also pointed out at this time that members of the Board would be going to the next Monday morning coffee and donuts meeting in the ballroom to present pickleball to attendees at that meeting. Shannon Kemlo, Voyager Activities Director, had suggested the Board attend the meeting to review the pickleball activity and to show the fun in pickleball. The Board had recruited Club member Noreen Stafford to speak to the group since Noreen was an active player and the meeting attendees might relate to her.

### **Secretary**

Beryl Schultze had nothing further to report.

### **Player Improvement/ Structured Play**

In Catherine Brown's absence Evelyn Bellotti-Busch reminded the group that the Board had previously made some small changes to the structured play sessions. Anyone not familiar with the changes could go on-line to see the changes.

### **Tournament Coordinators**

In Diane McGee's absence Karen Tratiak reminded the group that the Pickleball Rodeo was scheduled for February 17<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up sheets have been removed since 80 players had already registered. Karen also stated that they had started working on the in-house tournament on March 13, 14, and 15. More information would be forthcoming.

### **Social**

Dave McMullen reported that the next social was February 23<sup>rd</sup> and being held in the ballroom from 6:00-8:00 p.m. It would be mostly a series of different games with attendees bringing finger food (food that won't require utensils). Dave said everything was on track and he had good people helping him. Evelyn Bellotti-Busch reminded the group that Catherine Brown printed up the tickets and Jo Lamson designed the poster advertising the social. She would also be sending it out on email and posting it on the website and Facebook.

### **Public Comment:**

Dale Secord asked if the Board would loan out the Jenga game that it owns for a Bay party. There was general agreement from the Board that the game could be loaned out. Lori Schneider, who lives in the Bay, said she would take responsibility for it.

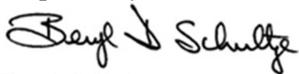
Dale Secord also provided to the Board members copies of original information that stated the tennis courts across from the golf course belonged to the Voyager and not the Cove. Dale thought this might be useful if the Board would ever want to pursue converting those tennis courts to pickleball courts. There was discussion on whether it might be better to convert the tennis courts on 5<sup>th</sup> St. to pickleball courts and have the tennis players use the tennis courts by the golf course. Evelyn Bellotti-Busch also reminded the group that the Board was documenting the numbers of players at lessons, structured play sessions, and open court play to be able to report to Shannon Kemlo when lessons, structure play and open courts are full and people have to wait a long time to play.

Nancy Pound asked if the Board could make or purchase some pickleball 'picker-uppers' to make it easier at lessons to collect the pickleballs as they have been used, as well as for when the Lobster machine might be used. The Board agreed and discussed options for making or securing them. There was also some discussion on obtaining hoppers for holding the pickleballs as they are picked up.

### **Adjourn:**

\*Evelyn Bellotti-Busch called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jerry Heintze made the motion, which was seconded by Karen Paurus. Evelyn adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beryl Schultze  
Secretary