

**Voyager Pickleball Club Board Meeting**  
**Santa Rita Room, Voyager Resort**  
**March 9, 2024**

**Board Member Attendees:**

Evelyn Bellotti-Busch, President	Catherine Brown, Structured Play/Player Improvement Coordinator
Beryl Schultze, Secretary	Dave McMullen, Social Coordinator
Lori Schneider, Treasurer	Diane McGee, Tournament Co-coordinator
Mark Jordon, Court Maintenance Coordinator	Karen Tratiak, Tournament Co-coordinator (See Addendum #1)

Absent: Jerry Heintze, Vice-President  
Karen Paurus, Player and Constituent Representative

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 4:03 p.m. Besides Board members five 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 presented and was seconded by Lori Schneider. The motion passed unanimously.

**General Comments from the President:**

Evelyn Bellotti-Busch announced that there was now a full Board for next season. She reported that Lori Schneider would continue as Treasurer for a second term and Beryl Schultze as Secretary for a second term. Evelyn also stated that Catherine Brown's position as Structured Play/Player Improvement Coordinator would be staying as a single position, reversing the Board's previous plan to split it into two positions. Instead Catherine would continue as coordinator for both areas but have a committee of three who would report to her and assist with Structured Play. Three Club members had already volunteered to be on the committee: Kathy Dalloto, Patty Smith and Karen Paurus. Evelyn also announced the final position that was open, Player and Constituent Representative, had been filled by Dave Sharafinski. (See Addendum #1)

Evelyn gave special thanks to Lori for her dedication in welcoming players and keeping everything moving so "beautifully" on the courtyard courts. Evelyn went on to thank the entire Board for their work over the season and that she looked forward to working with the new Board in the next season.

**Approval of Minutes:**

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

**Old Business:**

There was no Old Business.

**New Business:**

There was no additional New Business.

**Board Member Reports:**

**Vice President**

In Jerry Heintze's absence Evelyn Bellotti-Busch gave Jerry's report. She stated that Jerry and other Board members would begin working in April and throughout the summer on next season's court usage. Evelyn added that Jerry had requested if any Club member had input on court usage for the 2024-2025 season they should email him, obtaining his email address from the Voyager Pickleball website. Evelyn reminded the attendees that it would take a lot of work and time to gather all the input and develop a court usage strategy for next season.

### **Treasurer**

Lori Schneider provided an update on the current financial status of the Club. The checking account balance as of March 8<sup>th</sup> was \$9,820.25 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 on the fund raising projects by the Board. She first thanked Catherine Brown for continuing to make and sell T-shirts, with the Board receiving \$10 for each T-shirt sold. Thus far \$1050 had been earned from their sale. Lori also thanked Club member Tamara Graham for providing designs for the T-shirts. Lori reported that \$363 had been raised through the 50/50 raffle at the February social. In addition, Lori thanked Therese and Scott McCallon who donated their share of the raffle winnings back to the Board.

Being this was the last meeting of this season Lori thanked all the volunteers who had contributed to the success of the Club this season. Specifically for the Board's fund raising, Lori thanked Priscilla Scott who ran the Holiday Tournament in December along with the help of the Board's Tournament Directors, Diane McGee and Karen Tratiak. Lori also stated that Diane and Karen were preparing for the in-house tournament being held in the upcoming week. Lori stated some funds would be raised at that tournament also.

Lori was asked if T-shirt sales were included in the reported bank balance. She said the balance included most of the money from those sales but not yet any of the money collected from the in-house tournament registration fees. Lori said she was likely to receive more registration fees money in the upcoming week. She estimated that she had about another \$1000 to deposit.

### **Player Representative**

With Karen Paurus not present Evelyn Bellotti-Busch reported on her behalf. Evelyn stated that things have been running smoothly. Karen had one issue she would address once she returned.

### **Court Maintenance**

Mark Jordon stated he had little to report. He was working on fixing the propane tanks and making sure that Voyager "keeps up their end." Mark was asked about sand that had accumulated in courts 13-16 from the wind storms. Mark indicated he had blown out sand but it blew right back in almost immediately. He added that there are brooms on the courts for that very reason. Mark was also asked if he knew which courts would have their nets removed for the summer. He stated it would be courts 7-12. He added that when resurfacing of courts begins nets would have to be switched around so some courts would still be available for play. A point was made to make sure none of the removed nets during resurfacing would be lost or destroyed.

Mark was asked what happens to old nets when permanently removed. He stated that the past season had been a big year for replacing nets and that the Board had donated the old nets to Vail High School, which had started a pickleball program. Mark added that an old pickleball machine and some old paddles were also donated to the high school.

### **Secretary**

Beryl Schultze had nothing further to report.

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

Catherine Brown reported that Player Improvement and Structured Play had been running pretty smoothly. There had been especially good turnouts for the partner play sessions where players kept the same partner during the entire session. She believed it was because players were preparing for the upcoming tournament with their partners during this session. Catherine noted that only one session didn't have big turnouts and it was the men-play-men sessions. There was some discussion on why there was a smaller turnout for the men's sessions. No concrete answer was found.

Catherine said she would be looking at the stats for every session to help in planning next season's Structured Play sessions and lessons. Evelyn Bellotti-Busch added that that data provided would be given to Voyager Management and ELS to help demonstrate the need for maintenance of the pickleball courts and more courts. Catherine reminded the group that lessons and Structured Play for the season would end on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Tournament Coordinators**

Diane McGee reported that registration had been going well for next week's in-house tournament. The current number of participants stood at 92. Diane added that final details would be in place on Monday with the tournament starting on Wednesday.

Priscilla Scott asked if she could bring up a related topic at this time. She pointed out that Tucson Area Pickleball (TAP) was selling paddle bands, which could include a name, phone number, or whatever is desired. Priscilla said the Board could sell them in the future as a fund-raiser but asked if she could set up a table at the pickleball tournament next week to sell them on behalf of TAP. Priscilla was asked if she, as a TAP member, could explain what TAP was and its history in promoting pickleball throughout the Tucson area.

\*After Priscilla's explanation Evelyn Bellotti-Busch asked for a motion to allow Priscilla to set up a table to sell paddle bands on behalf of and to the profit of TAP at next week's in-house tournament. Catherine made the motion, which was seconded by Beryl Schultze. The motion passed unanimously. There was some follow-up discussion on the Board selling paddle bands in the future as a fund-raising project for Voyager Pickleball.

### **Social**

Dave McMullen reminded the group that the last social of the season open to all Voyager pickleball players would be the upcoming Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Dave reported that the social would have free food consisting of a high-quality baked-potato bar, a disc jockey for music and dancing, and a raffle with higher-quality prizes. The awards from the completed in-house tournament would also be announced with medals handed out.

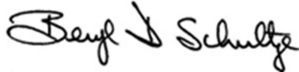
### **Public Comment:**

Priscilla Scott made a request that the Board consider having reserved courts again for next season. There was a short discussion on this request, as well as on general play on the different courts. Evelyn Bellotti-Busch said she would pass the request and comments to Jerry Heintze since he would be working on court usage for next season.

### **Adjourn:**

\*Evelyn Bellotti-Busch called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark Jordon made the motion and. Evelyn adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beryl Schultze  
Secretary

Addendum #1: During the Executive Board meeting prior to the general meeting, Lori Schneider and Beryl Schultze agreed to continue in their current positions as Treasurer and Secretary respectively since there were no applicants. A vote was taken by the remainder of the Board members in attendance and both were approved to continue in their current positions. During that same meeting Dave Sharafinski, who was the only applicant for the position of Player and Constituent Representative, was voted in for that position after having been interviewed and endorsed by the Nominating Committee.

Addendum #2: In May, and after the last Board meeting of the season, emails were exchanged among Board members regarding a request by Voyager pickleball player Donna Maxwell to Catherine Brown that would allow a newly formed APPL (Arizona Pickleball Players League) team to periodically use a few Voyager courts for the newly formed team's practice and games. Catherine and Donna and other players from Voyager are members of the new team. There was significant email 'discussion' between Board members on the proposal. Catherine spoke to Shannon Kemlo, Voyager Activities Director, to obtain approval from Voyager, which was given. A motion was made by Catherine via email to allow Donna's APPL team to be treated as a pilot program for the Board and use three lighted courts, 7-10 or 13-16, from 4:00-6:30 p.m. periodically during the season. The motion was seconded by email by Mark Jordon. Approval emails were sent and the motion was approved.