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Message from newly elected club President Casey Parnell:

Greetings to all Jeff City area pickleball enthusiasts,

The club is kicking off year two in the midst of some turbulent world events, but I am confident that we will find ways to continue to promote pickleball safely. Kurt Dudenhoeffer and the rest of the Executive Board and committee members deserve many thanks and credit for laying the groundwork for a strong club and continued growth of pickleball in the area. We also appreciate all of the club members who, through their participation in the club, have helped share their love of pickleball and support the club's mission:

"The Jefferson City Pickleball Club (JCPC) is organized to facilitate the growth of Pickleball in Jefferson City, Missouri and surrounding areas. The JCPC will work to cultivate a welcoming and comfortable atmosphere for the enjoyment, health and social engagement of players at all skill levels. To this end, all players are offered opportunities for recreational and competitive play, instruction and education, special events, league play and tournament play. The JCPC will work to coordinate, communicate and promote community Pickleball programs and to expand play opportunities and facilities as needed. In addition, the JCPC may offer support to community organizations who work with children or adults in the greater Jefferson City, Missouri area."

I also want to acknowledge the addition of five new at-large Executive Board members. These volunteers will attend meetings and vote on issues before the board. Please welcome and thank Janet Bloemke, Cindy Greene, Karen Douglas, for their service on the board.

The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday, July 22, 5pm outside at Sue's pool house. To help guide our planning process we are asking everyone to share their feedback with the club via a survey: <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/X73VN9P</u>. The agenda is not finalized but much of the meeting will be spent discussing survey results, and the establishment of goals and committees for the year ahead. It is an open meeting, and everyone is welcome to attend and comment, though voting is limited to Executive Board members. Please contact Sue via the club email jcpickleballclub@gmail.com if you plan to attend and she will send you directions.

The reality is that the club cannot host events, activities, and promote pickleball without an active membership. We have created an online membership registration and renewal form and payment process on our website <u>www.jcpbc.org</u> or you can print the form and mail a check to the club PO box. We maintained the same membership fee of \$30 and have added a new



member benefit of three free balls per club member and we will be working on getting these distributed to members soon. I hope you will show your support for the growth of pickleball in our community by becoming a member of the Jefferson City Pickleball Club.

I am excited about the opportunity that pickleball presents to generate positive change in our community, and I feel privileged to lead us through the next year. Thank you for your continued support.

Pickle on!

Casey Parnell