

Jefferson City Pickleball Club Executive Board Meeting
March 23, 2022, 5-7 p.m.
Missouri State Troopers Association-1729 E Elm, Jefferson City, MO 65101

Present: Kevin Haslag, Brian Douglas, Janet McGeorge, Shawn McCall, Jack Anderson, Mike Gerling, Dan Holt, Lendia Morris, Carol Otteing and Tom Kirchner.

March Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Officer Reports and New Business

President:

- **Winter Ladder League** has been finalized (medals handed out except to Tom Piteria and Jennie Seig), after league scramble, YMCA paid and expense report turned in. Winners of leagues and the scramble were posted to the website and on Facebook.
- **Scramble** Was on the last week of the Winter Ladder League and it went over well. Will try and do an outside scramble. The scramble at the Y was one-half of a normal scramble. Normally there are 16 total games. Play 8 games and then reseed and play another 8 games. Usually an hour break between to have lunch and allow time to re-bracket the participants.
- **Recruiting new Executive Staff** for the next year. Would like to hold the vote in May in order to have them participate in the June meeting, train and then be ready to take over in July.
 - Need to send an email to the club to encourage people to run. Kevin advised historically it is better to recruit people in person.
 - Kevin is trying to meet people at open play, but there are a lot of new people so he still doesn't know everyone.
- **Go Daddy** – There was an issue with GoDaddy because the old payment had been paid with the debit card that was deactivated. The GoDaddy account has been updated. The next payment is due in May and has been set up to auto withdraw from the account.
- **Pickleball Central** rewards are around \$287.00. The board decided to wait for a sale before spending the rewards.
 - Estimated expense of 3 balls for all members new and renewals would be an estimated cost of \$1,000.00.
- **YMCA** – Luke who has been working with the club is resigning and taking a new job effective April 11, 2022 at Special Olympics.
 - Discussed asking Luke once he is settled in about using indoor courts at Special Olympics.
 - When they were asked in December of 2021 they advised the issue was having to have staff to work the desk if people are using the building.
 - Kevin advised that Court 3, which is one of two marked with two courts for pickleball is reserved for the next few weeks for youth tennis. Courts 1 and 2 are open.
 - There were 8 people on court 1 playing pickleball, which is not marked for two pickleball courts, they asked to switch courts and the person teaching would not.

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Vice President:

- **St. Martin's** – Brian advised that pickleball has started again at St. Martin's Catholic Church on Mondays at 5:00 p.m. The Knights of Columbus are still discussing resurfacing the playing surface. He is hopeful it will get accomplished since Father Doe is playing pickleball on Mondays.
- **St. Stan's** – Brian advised there have been talks about redoing the playing surface at St. Stan's. Jefferson City Asphalt at one time estimated it would cost approximately \$18,000.00. They are working on a new proposal for the cost of leveling and resurfacing along with adding lights. There are a couple of church members who may help pay for the costs.
- **St. Francis in Taos** – Brian advised that pickleball lines have been painted at St. Francis on the playground. People are playing there on Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. Brian advised that the courts are square but it looks off. Three of the courts there have lights. He and Karen are going to do an introduction night.
- **Loose Creek** - Kevin advised that there are 1-2 courts in Loose Creek.
- **Countryside Park Taos** – Taos is putting in a pickleball court and sand volleyball.
- **California** – Kevin and Carol reminded everyone that California, MO has some nice courts in their park.
- **New Players** – The question was asked where to send the new players who don't feel advanced enough to go to open play at the Y or at Lincoln. The suggestion was to send them to St. Martin's or St. Stan's.

Treasurer:

- **501(c)3** – Janet advised that the club has received the letter for the 501(c)3. Donors can deduct contributions to the club on their taxes.
- **Missouri Sales Tax** - Janet advised that the club is still waiting for the tax exempt letter in the mail from the state.
 - The question was asked if we could now do a tournament to raise money and allow non-members to play. Janet and Kevin will check with Randy Snodgrass.
- **Taxes** – Janet advised that club taxes are due in August. There is a 990N post card and state taxes that will have to be filed.
- **T-Shirts** - Janet had samples for the board to review. Discussion about the various items available.
 - Quarter zip with a regular logo (\$25.82-\$26.61) – can get embroidered but would cost more; fleece full (\$27.62/\$28.44); minimum order number for a price break is 300.
 - Discussed having the Silver/light grey for next year's shirt. The board was in agreement.

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- Women's fitted color to be bright pink.
- Discussed ordering some sling bags with the club's log embroidered for prizes. Cost \$11.73.
- Discussed cups \$28-\$30 and having people order them instead of using as a prize due to the cost.
- Kevin is going to look into the cost of getting club stickers for the car. He will ask Casey where she originally got the stickers. He will also check with Vista print where the business cards for the club were ordered.
- **Member Benefits for 2022-2023** – Discussed having new members for the 2022-2023 year continue to receive a club t-shirt, 2 balls and club sticker/decal. Member renewals would receive the t-shirt and sticker.
 - Discussed that if the club is to continue to give everyone 3 pickleballs then we would have no choice but to raise the cost of membership. This is due to the increase in the number of members and the increase cost of purchasing pickleballs. The board discussed the price of other clubs membership dues. The general consensus is to keep membership dues low in order to encourage club growth. The board discussed reviewing the incentives for members on a yearly basis.
 - Shawn made the motion to give new members a t-shirt; 2 balls and a sticker for the 2022-2023 year; renewing members would receive the t-shirt and sticker and to review the incentives yearly. Mike seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to adopt the motion.

New Members: We had two PayPal memberships that were not mention last month meeting, they were Daniel St Armand and Bill Anderson. We received a new membership application this month from Wanda Mehrhoff bringing our total club memberships to **209**.

Checks Written/ Debit Transactions

- Transferred **\$3,000.00** to Permanent Court Fund per board approval
- Payment to GoDaddy of **\$21.17** for Website
- Payment USPS of **\$166.00** for P.O. Box a \$32 increase over last year and \$60 over 2 years.
- Payment to Secretary of State of **\$15.50** for our Non-Profit Registration, which was due in October. A penalty of \$5.00 was added to the \$10.50 fee. Not sure where the reminder was mailed. The address has been updated to Janet McGeorge's address. Secretary of State's rules will not allow the use of a P.O. Box.
- Payment to Staples of **\$45.13** for Ink for Winter Ladder League Printing

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- Payment to the YMCA for the Winter Ladder League court rental
- Checking Account balance - **\$4,084.88**
- Permanent Court Fund/Saving balance - **\$9,219.80**
- Kevin suggested transferring the money from the ladder league to the permanent court fund. Janet moved that the amount be rounded up. Brian moved to approve transferring the money, Mike Gerling seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- **February** Income: \$134.67; Expenses: \$1.36
- **Year to Date** Income: \$11,038.99; Expenses: \$6,351.03 for Net Gain of \$4,687.96
- **March** Income to date: \$29.67; Expenses: \$947.80 for Net Loss of \$918.13
- **Year to Date** Income: \$11,068.66; Expenses: \$7,298.83 for Net Gain of \$3,769.83.
- **Upcoming expenses** – In May the club will have approximately \$2,000.00 in expenses: insurance; outdoor ladder league court rental and website.
- **Insurance** – Dan has been checking into insurance for the club. He advised that the insurance last year with Philadelphia Insurance cost \$356.00 and the insurance with Lubbering cost \$500.00. He advised that these costs were based on the club having a membership of 70-80 members last year and since the price of the insurances are based on the number of members in the club. As the club grows the cost of the insurance will continue to increase.
 - Dan advised that for the insurance this year the cost would be \$800.00 for 210 members. He will look at the contract.
 - Minimum limits would be \$300,000.00
 - \$1,175.00-\$1,190.00 for all. He will look for creditors.
 - Discussion about the different types of insurance the club may want.
 - He will send the renewal questionnaire to Luebbering Insurance. They will contact the club and put together the different types of insurances.
 - Insurance payment will be due in May.

Secretary:

- Annual membership goal: 200 total members.

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New Business

- **General Membership Meeting** - Discussed that at the general membership meeting we would need to bring up increasing the cost of membership.
- **Clinics** - Kevin discussed the proposal from members to teach 3.0 players to be 3.5 players. Kevin discussed the proposal with Casey Parnell who is a certified instructor, and she believed the information contained in their proposal would be too much for the time period suggested. Casey made a proposal or handout to help the teachers teach.
 - Casey offered to let members come out and watch and learn how to teach newer players.
 - Casey also offered to teach some clinics.
 - Brian moved to get dates from Casey for her to teach clinics here in Jefferson City. Janet seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Future Events** - The board discussed future events that they would like to see.
 - Boss of the Brine events on a more regular basis. Kevin advised those are fairly easy to run and that Mike Gerling has offered to-run the next one.
 - Discussed the possibility of doing two Boss of the Brine events in one day at the Lincoln Courts.
 - Brian suggested that we could have one every other week or 1 per week.
 - Ladder league.
 - Scramble need to wait for it to warm up. Discussed going ahead and doing a full blown scramble with 16 games. Then if it's too much we can cut it back to 8.
- **Tournament**. Kevin discussed trying to hosting a small tournament. Discussed looking at the mission statement to decide who we could do the benefit for. Kevin will talk to the activity committee. Discussion about what the club would charge, such as \$25 per person or \$50 for a team to register and then \$10 per event.
- **League** –Kevin advised that Saturday leagues caused problems with people being no shows and late calls for subs.
 - **Type of League**. Discussion about the type of league to have next.
 - Next league in May. Skill levels and mixed with men and women or skills and sexes separate - women can play in the men's bracket. Kevin will take a survey and figure out what most people want. It was decided the cost will be \$30.00.
 - Team League. Discussed using a major league pickleball format with a 10 team league. Big question not answered is how to put people on a team? Is it fair to let people select own team or should we mix in varying skill levels?
 - **Rule Enforcement**. Due to the issues with the last ladder league there will be strict enforcement of league rules. People are required to be members of the

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club to play and must pay club membership and league fee or they will not be allowed to play.

- **Awards/Prizes.** Discussed options for prizes/awards. We're running low on medals and the cost of medals is about \$75 for \$150. The club logo is printed and placed on the medals. Kevin will look into getting more.
- **Fundraisers.**
 - **BBQ.** Tom will ask Schulte's about dates for another BBQ. Mike suggested contacting Orschelin about using their parking lot.
 - **Scramble.** Discussed renting the Fieldhouse in Columbia also
- **Lincoln Courts** - The back courts at Lincoln (without pickleball lines) were originally paid for with a grant from the USTA, which restricted what could be placed on those courts. We believe that grant has expired which could allow them to have pickleball lines added. We will need to contact the person that took Missy place at Parks & Rec. to see if they will paint lines on the back courts.
- **Discount** - Need to send another email on the discounts available to club members.

Meeting was adjourned and will reconvene on April 20, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Shawn R. McCall

Shawn R. McCall
Secretary