

Jefferson City Pickleball Club
Executive Board Meeting
June 24, 2023 at 1:00
Lincoln University Tennis Courts - Corner of Lafayette & Dunklin Street

June Minutes

Meeting was called to Order at 1:30 p.m.

Attending:

Executive Committee:

President: Kevin Haslag:

- welcomed all attendees to the meeting. All in attendance were told there was free watermelon, snacks, and water to enjoy. Organized play was avoided due to the heat. All were encouraged to take a lot of breaks if they chose to play.

- thanked the outgoing Board and Committee members:

Outgoing Exec Staff: Secretary-Sara Gretlein

Outgoing Board Members: Tomkat Kirchner, Alice Bax, Matt Zeitz, Gale Bailey, and Wanda Mehrhoff

- announced the Executive Committee election results.

President - Kevin Haslag

Vice President - Mike Gerling

Treasurer - Jan McGeorge

Secretary - Bruce Scovill

- announced recruitment for the new Board and Committee members will start shortly.

- reviewed the status of 2022-23 goals as follows:

- New member directory was created.
- Club newsletter was created and distributed monthly.
- New membership cards and T-shirts were handed out. (2023-24 membership cards will be laminated)
- All tax and not for profit business documents were completed.
- Received our tax-exempt status.

- Increased number of members to 250
- Fell short of goal for the Permanent Court Fund of \$25,000 by \$2,000
- Donated to the Samaritan Center Christmas fund for our yearly charitable campaign.
- Created and staffed new committees.
- Surveyed members for information and suggestions
- Conducted several interviews with news sources.
- Talked with sources for possible court locations and we are starting to see some results.
- Provided leagues, tournaments, scrambles, and socials for club members.

Vice President: Mike Gerling

- discussed Jefferson City's plan to build permanent Pickleball courts:

At this time JC Parks and Rec are in the planning and design stages to put permanent courts in Washington Park at Duensing Field.

They have a design group out of Kansas City doing the design work that has done the design work for several Pickleball facilities.

The Parks are also working with USA pickleball to learn what other cities have done that they like and what they would do differently.

Parks and Rec has also met with Mike and me so we could see the layout and talk about anything we would like to add or change. The Parks & Rec hired a local contractor to do the work when everything is approved. The Pickleball facility will start out with 8 courts with room to expand for 8 more courts. They will look at expanding in a couple years if the sport keeps growing the way it has been and if we need more courts, they would look at it in a year. As of right now if the design gets completed then approved by the directors, they would like to start on them as soon as baseball ends sometime in July 2023 and would like to have it completed around October. As we all know, until they start on the construction anything can happen, but we really think it's getting close to happening. This is the first time Parks and Rec told us it was okay to talk about the new courts. The Parks and Rec has talked about the pickleball facility the last two Saturday mornings on the Coaches Show on KWOS radio station. Keep your fingers crossed.

A design drawing of the planned courts is attached.

Treasurer: Jan McGeorge

- As of today, we have \$5,500 in Checking and \$23,000 in the Permanent Court Fund.
- Apparel
We have yellow and gray t-shirts left over from previous years and are selling them for \$5.00 each.
- Store-Front
We will have a store-front available through The SmithShirt company to purchase club logo items. We will have screen print and embroidered items. The store will be open for 2 weeks for you to purchase items, hopefully starting around July 1.
- Membership Dues
We have 186 Members that have paid their 2023-24 dues so far. We had 250 Club Members in 2022-23.
- Membership Incentives
Members paying their dues by June 30th will receive in addition to the regular incentive items a personalized PadL Bandz.
The incentives after June 30th are a pickleball keychain and a club logo sticker. New members will also receive two pickleballs.
The incentive items and new membership cards will be handed out at the Membership Appreciation BBQ event.

Secretary: Sara Greitlen

Committee Reports:

- Facility committee: Chair
- Social committee: Chair
- Fundraising committee: Chair
- Membership committee: Chair
- Communication committee: Chair
- Player Development committee: Chair
- Competition committee: Chair

Old Business:

Social Events

- Talked about events that were planned and were successes. Hayride, Last Flight Brewery, and the Holiday Party. We are still planning a few other events, including our semiannual Columbia/Jeff City get together and the

member appreciation event. I also asked members if they had any ideas on what they would like us to do, to let us know.

Newbie Events

- Dennis Gragg restructured the way the training was conducted to just show the basics the first-time new players come to the event. It was a huge success. Dennis also created a next steps program which was offered to the new players to help them advance their game. It is now a very smooth and understandable process. A huge thank you to Dennis for setting this up.

New Business:

Leagues

- Just finished up the spring ladder league and are in the planning stages of another team league. Details to follow.

Tournaments

- Scramble - Plan to run a scramble when it cools off a little, or maybe have an indoor one.
- Boss of the Brine - Asked about the interest in one of these since we haven't had one in a while. Could have one at the member appreciation event.
- Pickle Dilly - Talked about possibly hosting another bigger Pickle Dilly Tournament but will need time to plan and get registration numbers up.

Social Events

- Everyone was reminded about the registration for the current social event at China Palace in Fulton on Saturday, July 22nd from 12-3. Registration was on the webpage jcpbc.org. There are limited spaces so register soon.

Announcements:

Winners of the Early Registration Members

Paddle - Don Boes

Club Gift Cards - Janet Bloemke, Tomkat Kirchner, and Dan Bernskoetter

League Balls - Carl Berndt, Julie Bryan, Rose Thoenen,
Paula Zeitz, and Mike Bloemke

Kevin Haslag thanked everyone again for attending and encouraged input.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.