

Mission Royale Pickleball Club Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes November 9, 2023

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm on court 5 of the pickleball courts.

Board Members Present:

Ron Olson, Bruce Kautzman, and Alice Scroggins

Other Members Present:

Gary and Beth Schneider, Jerry and Shelia Gunthorp, Randy and Judy Schmidt, Tracey and Mark Sweeney, Ken and Nancy McMahan, Debbie Hemingway, Cheryl Ninneman, Jan Himmelman, Norman Ninneman, Jan and Jim Santarius, Kathy Seaman, Gail Sander, Greg Scroggins, Ron Zolin, Derek Wilson, Glenn Berger, Franz Granacher, Dan Temple, Gary Gilligan, Roger and Kathy Ertz, Trish Dundass, Betty Whitney, Walt Boyd, Donna Chimino, Julie Goff, Jim Hamann, Roy Dornsife, Carmen Piquette, Yvonne Stelzer, Gerry Bertrand, Ken Sander, Shelly Glass, and Bill Fleming.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda as presented. Bruce/Alice. Approved.

Approval of Minutes:

October 12, 2023 minutes. Motion to approve the minutes as presented. Bruce/Alice. Approved.

Old Business:

Bruce Kautzman stated that the 3.5 group needs to have another playing time due to the large number of the group currently at 83. The 4:00-6:00 time slot is available or the schedule could go to 1.5 hours play time instead of 2-hour slot. A 3.5 special committee will be appointed by Ron Olson to bring back 3 ideas to the board on how to split the group on the largest playing days. Ron added we want to work with everyone for good playing time.

Board Member and Chair Reports:

- a) **Treasurer's Report** - Alice's treasurer's report was for the period of October 13-November 9, 2023. Our 2023 membership total is currently 271 members. Revenue during this period was \$10 and expenditures were \$0, which brings our current balance to \$33,871.10. Motion to accept treasurer's report as presented. Bruce/Ron Approved.
- b) **Vice President's Report** – Bruce reported that he requested a new wind screen two months ago and new nets to replace the damaged ones. The HOA has just ordered the wind screens and will replace them when they can. Bruce also reported that we have ordered and received new Oso pickleballs and will put them out once the older balls have all been used.
- c) **At Large Board Member Report** - Greg was out of town so no report was given. It was mentioned that the Halloween pickleball activity was great fun and well attended. Hopefully next year even more members can join in the fun.
- d) **Ratings Report** – Virginia was out of town so her report was given by Alice Scroggins. For the November 4 testing – 6 candidates tested with 4 passing to the round robin part. The next testing will be December 2. Check the bulletin board for dates to request testing and date and time of practice session.
- e) **Training Report** – Dan Reiman reported he would like to do lessons on Saturday evenings. He needs volunteers to help so please let him know if you are available. He is finishing his instructor certification.

New Business:

- a) **Meeting schedule** – Ron stated he would like to hold the Pickleball Board meetings the second Thursday of each month at 4:00 pm. If a small number of people attend, it will be held inside.
- b) **Moving Players Up in Rating** – Alice stated that several years ago two members were moved up a level not following the approved board policy for moving to a higher level. The president discovered the mistake and did the right thing by asking the players to go back and go through the approved process. Another mistake happened last spring when a player was moved up a level by not following the approved process. Alice read the

minutes from the December 5, 2023 board meeting which were as follows - There was extensive discussion by the board on how to rate our 4.5, 5.0 players and it was decided that our rating system is just not set up for that level of play. The only choice at this stage is for the member to play in USAPA tournaments or to take the IPTPA rating test which is like our rating system but can rate 4.5 and 5.0 levels. Alice also stated that no further discussion happened by the board in January, February or March concerning this issue. A player was moved up a level in later March by a non-approved process. Alice made a motion for this player to be moved back to his previous level until a process could be established and approved by the board. That process would allow any 4.0 or 4.5 to do the same. Motion was seconded by Bruce and motion passed.

- c) **Weekend Use of Courts** - During Saturday and Sunday open play Bruce requests that common sense and common courtesy be used. If you have your own group that you want to play with that's great. If you see that there are other people standing and waiting to play, we ask that you alternate on and off the courts as you do with paddles up. Let others take a turn and go back again after others have done the same thing. We want to make sure everyone gets an equal chance to play.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 4:40 pm. Bruce/ Ron

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Approved: