

Mission Royale Pickleball Club Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes October 12, 2023

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am in Meeting Room B at the Recreation Center.

Board Members Present:

Ron Olson, Bruce Kautzman, Alice Scroggins and Greg Williams.

Other Members Present: Tony Calandrillo, Donna Chimino, Jim Ertz, Julie Ertz, Kathy Ertz, Laurie Gigstead, Sel Sanchez, Virginia Sanchez, and Greg Scroggins.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to Approve the Agenda as presented. Greg/Alice. Approved.

Approval of Minutes:

- a) March 13, 2023 minutes. Motion to approve the minutes as presented. Bruce/Alice. Approved.

Old Business:

- a) **Accept Resignation of Secretary.** Motion to accept the resignation of Debby Hemingway. Bruce/Greg. Approved.
- b) **Nomination of New Secretary.** Ron presented the nomination of Laurie Gigstead as secretary. Laurie introduced herself and summarized her experience. Motion to appoint Laurie Gigstead as secretary. Ron/Bruce. Approved.
- c) **Court Blowing.** Bruce reported that the HOA landscaping company is scheduled to blow off the courts on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Over the summer months the landscaping crew was not timely and usually conflicted with scheduled play. Ron and Bruce will schedule a meeting with HOA liaison to discuss concerns and stress the importance of the club's scheduled play times.
- d) **Court Washing.** Bruce reported that the HOA wants to be responsible for the court washing and does not want the club using the equipment or golf course water to complete the task. This topic will be addressed in the meeting with HOA liaison.
- e) **Trees.** The two trees to the west of the pickleball courts have been removed.
- f) **Bird Barriers.** The pigeon spikes were installed on the court lights.
- g) **Extra Pickleball Courts.** Ron reported that he and Bruce attended the May 2023 HOA Board meeting and presented information regarding the need for additional pickleball courts. Whitey has agreed to help design the courts, adding four courts toward the north. Ron noted that by extending an additional half court further north and turning the orientation of existing courts 5 and 6 we could potentially have 12 courts total. Ron talked with the City Planner

regarding parking requirements. Ron estimated a construction cost of \$200,000-\$250,000 for four additional courts.

- h) **Rating for 4.5 new players.** Ron reported he gave permission for two 4.0 rated players to be rated at 4.5. He charged the players with developing and proposing a rating system.

Board Member and Chair Reports:

- a) **Treasurer's Report.** Alice's treasurer's report was for the period of March 8 – October 12, 2023. Our 2023 membership total is at 270 members. Revenue during this period was \$1,516.51 and expenditures totaled \$2,679.68, which brings our total bank balance to \$33,861.10. Motion to accept treasurer's report as presented. Bruce/Greg. Approved.
- b) **Vice President's Report.** Bruce reported the winter schedule will start October 16, 2023. Training may occur in the evening rather than Saturday morning. There was discussion about having "mentors" attend round robins to provide some on court instruction/pointers.
- c) **At Large Board Member Report.** Greg reported that the end of summer event went well. There is a Spooktacular event scheduled for October 30, 2023 at 6:00 pm. He plans to start up Friday Night Lights in a few weeks.
- d) **Ratings Report.** Virginia reported 6 members tested on October 7th. Three of the six passed the skills test. Jerry and Sheila Gunthrop will continue to volunteer and assist on testing day. They plan to run a practice session each month prior to testing. The next testing will occur on November 4, 2023 with a request period from October 25-31, 2023. She asked that the request form include name, phone number and email.
- e) **Training Report.** Dan Reiman will coordinate member training but was unable to attend this meeting.

New Business:

- a) **3.0 and 3.5 Schedule.** Bruce reported that the schedule for the upcoming season will start at 8:00 am rather than 8:30 am. This could potentially allow for an additional play period each afternoon since membership is increasing and levels are growing beyond court capacity.

The 3.5 level is currently the largest at 83 members. The 3.5 level does play paddles up when the numbers dictate. It was proposed that the 3.5 group could potentially split into two groups – competitive and social. A survey will be sent to all 3.5 members requesting them to choose the type of play that best describes their current level (competitive or social). There were other comments regarding dividing the group into two groups and schedule revisions, such as names drawn out of a hat, a win/loss playoff format, eliminating the mixed level play, or adding scheduled play on Saturdays.

The schedule beginning October 16, 2023 will run through December and it will be noted that a new schedule could be posted for January/February.

Other Discussion:

A sign and list will be posted at the courts requesting members to update their email address if they are not receiving the club emails.

It was noted the HOA should be maintaining the ball machine. This topic will be included in the meeting with the HOA liaison. The club will be conducting a training for members on using the ball machine.

Members have volunteered as court coordinators for the upcoming season and this information will be distributed and posted at the courts.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

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Approved: 11/09/2023