

WRPBC Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 7, 2023
2:00pm, Virtual

Call To Order :

- a. Roll Call: Greg Marugg, President -Present
- b. Tim McCann, Vice President -Present
- c. Mike Gallenberger, Treasurer-Present
- d. Patricia Ellison, Secretary -Present
- e. Julie Pon, Director at Large - Present

Approval Of Minutes:

1. **Adjustments to the Agenda** - None

2. **Reports**

A. ***Greg Marugg, President*** – *Proposing on the CD's, pertaining to Wells Fargo, we can do a 7-month CD for 4.75, or an 11 month for 5.0, I am pretty confident with a little more research, the 3-month CD's are paying off at about 5%. Proposing that we get with Nancy Miller, make sure that we can be in a 501-C3, and be able to receive interest. The budget is in two parts, it is an operating budget and a reserve. I am offering a possible plan for the Board to consider that the reserve money can be placed into CD's, therefore as of next year when it expires, the present Board can keep re-newing this CD, so that our money is not just sitting stagnant in the account. Encourage the Board to review our binder, and make sure that we are current on our "to-do" lists for this month. Also, for next month, we will need to place on our October Agenda, the 2024 Operating Budget, making an adjustment and allotting more money on fun events and activities for our club. I would also like to suggest that the Board consider purchasing two new nets for our Tournament, and place that in the new budget also. These nets are currently running in price, from \$2,300.00 to \$3,200.00, depending on which nets we decide to purchase. We are also proposing that we have our Tournament on March 28, 29th and 30th of 2024, and also consider Eric Bendfeldt , and Greg Marugg will assist Eric. Corby also reached out to me last week, as we have been playing phone tag, I will be speaking to Corby about the net's, Stadium Courts that need to be finished. The number one complaint that we had, was shade and coolness for the courts, when they are planning on re-finishing our courts. I will be having a meeting with Corby on Monday, 9/11/23, if you should have anything else prior to the meeting, please let me know and I will address with Corby, I will also report back to the Board, what was discussed.*

- B. Mike Gallenberger, Treasurer** –Our current bank status, we have a total of \$41,239.65. Will be reviewing Budget's for next year, next month, October. Also, the temporary net's, I have met with Robert, we decided not to do any welding, but he donated Velcro, which will make our fix easy, should be complete within the next two weeks.
- C. Tim McCann, Vice President** – We will be changing to Chase bank, and utilizing their higher interest rate for our reserve money. Mike Gallenberger and I will be setting up a meeting with a representative of Chase Bank, very soon, and advise them, as of January 1st, we would like to make the transition to Chase, from UMB. Pertaining to the ball machine, Mike Gallenberger and I sat down and the cost of a ball machine is \$995.00 for the least expense, to over \$2,600.00 for an elite ball machine. I have obtained a quote for a Pickleball Tudor Spin, battery powered oscillating wireless remote with an external AC power supply for around \$1,500.00, used only (3) times, I have inspected this ball machine, it is in its original box, looks great, has the cart that will also come with the machine, and we may be able to get this for \$900.00. It is the second from the top-of-the-line Tudor Spin. We should decide to make a decision, and designate a coordinator/gatekeeper of this machine and be responsible for the storage. We will provide the PB machine if we decide to do so. The Second Annual Meeting is going to be held December 15, 2023 we have meals and a DJ, budget approved, we placed \$617.50 as a deposit on meals, and will communicate with Greg, coordinating on our discussions. Candidates for 2024; pertaining to the Pickleball Bylaws, BOD for a (1) year term, motioning for a vote from this Board to look at the abilities of bringing on (2) additional Directors on to the 2024 Board, (Director of Media and the Director of Maintenance). Both have submitted the job descriptions, I would then like to take this Board from 5 to 7, which would consist of; President, Vice President Treasurer, Secretary, Director at Large, Director of Maintenance, and Director of Media. Motion was Second by Julie, and unanimously voted by the Board. Candidates list, I have met with Kelly Falkenburg, past President, conversed with her and the only opening that we have is the Secretary position. The other candidates have been placed with Kelly as nominees. I will still be recruiting for the Secretary position. I have communicated with (8) candidates for that position, and still awaiting results.

D. *Julie Pon, Director at Large* – We should have received invitations to three events, for the Club Championship's, which will be held December 1st through the 3rd. So far we have 7 teams signed up for women's, 8/9 for men's on Saturday, and 18 mixed for Sunday. I would also like to propose to the Board to support \$600-\$700.00 for a pizza party and awards ceremony on Sunday, to end the Club Championships. Hat and Button designs, if we get both of them, it should only be \$165.00, with custom design hats and buttons, which is very reasonable. Per Mike Gallenberger, he will be able to take this project over, with a local vendor, with custom design, therefore, we will be supporting a local Wickenburg vendor. Julie will be sending Mike the designs. Julie motioned to have an award ceremony and social item's, \$600-\$700.00 for the pizza party and the prizes, on 12/3/23; after Championship play, second by Mike Gallenberger, all in favor, unanimously voted by the Board. The Second Annual Meeting, we have seating for 130 people, and this comes to approximately \$25.50 per person for the dinner, cash bar, DJ.

E. Discussion Items:

- 1. Pickleball Palooza 9/16-17th; Pickleball Palooza/Becki Wheeler Coordinator, September 16 & 17th at the club, courts reserved, Tennis Club has been notified of these dates, "Wheel's greased and we are rolling" per Becki! Tim took over the Microphone, stands, the amplifier and our new 8' flags, cones, Becki is doing very well with it. Nothing is running through our club, but we have loaned out some of Club's equipment to assist. Becki is asking for a couple of volunteers to set up and take down.**
- 2. Club Championships - which will be held December 1st through the 3rd**
- 3. Plans for Second Annual Meeting - . The Second Annual Meeting is going to be held December 15, 2023 we have meals and a DJ, budget approved, we placed \$617.50 as a deposit on meals, and will communicate with Greg, coordinating on our discussions**
- 4. Candidates List for 2024; other Board Positions -Candidates for 2024; pertaining to the Pickleball Bylaws, BOD for a (1) year term, motioning for a vote from this Board to look at the abilities of bringing on (2) additional Directors on to the 2024 Board, (Director of Media and the Director of Maintenance). Both have submitted the job descriptions, I would then like to take this Board from 5 to 7, which would consist of, President, Vice President Treasurer, Secretary, Director at Large, Director of Maintenance, and Director of Media. Motion was Second by Julie, and unanimously voted by the Board.**

5. *Candidates list, Tim, has met with Kelly Falkenburg, past President, conversed with her and the only opening that we have is the Secretary position. The other candidates have been placed with Kelly as nominees. I will still be recruiting for the Secretary position. I have communicated with (8) candidates for that position, and still awaiting results.*
6. *Status of Temporary Nets – Mike Gallenberger; the temporary net's, I have the met with Robert, we decided not to do any welding, but he donated Velcro, which will make our fix easy, should be complete within the next two weeks.*
7. *Interest Bearing Accounts - We will be changing to Chase bank and utilizing their higher interest rate for our reserve money, and we are dissatisfied with the operations of UMB. Mike Gallenberger and I will be setting up a meeting with a representative of Chase Bank, very soon, and advise them, as of January 1st, we would like to make the transition to Chase, from UMB.*
8. *Lifestyle Fundraising Event –_Dink for Pink! October 11, 2023, at 5:00pm; Mike will be at the Watering hole, Saturday 9/9/23, at a table for membership from 2-5:00pm, and they have a dunk tank. Registration is open now, you can purchase shirts, hats, and all proceeds will be donated to Breast Cancer Awareness! The Portal opened on 9/7/23 for donations!! Silent donations will also be a part of this great Fundraiser. The food will be served by Jake's, and a non-competative Round Robin. FUN!!!*
9. *General Membership/Public Comment: This time is reserved for any person to address the Board about any listed discussion item or provide input to be considered prior to the Board voting on listed action items.*
- A. ***Lesli Link – 2:00-2:15pm Ball Machine Presentation:** I propose to set up the usage of the ball machine as a “club within the club”. Each member that wanted to participate in the Ball Machine Club, would then pay a fee, which could be \$25.00-\$30.00; the membership would be for a year, and would re-new on a yearly basis. The fee from the ball machine, were used to cover maintenance, and ball replacement for the machine. It would also be mandatory, for anyone that wanted to use the ball machine, had to be checked out from someone on staff, (Lesli); or one of the Board Member's, this would entail a ball machine training, on how to set up the ball machine, how to program it to your needs. If member's have not used the ball machine within two months, after their initial training, they would need to be re-trained, prior to checking the ball machine out. We would not have to worry about a member, not taking care of the ball machine appropriately, as the checkout and training would take care of those concerns.*

We may also consider the storage of this machine, in the fitness center, etc., as we do not want the component's damaged, or store it in it's own separate coded lock box, for member's of the ball machine only. We should have a good ball machine for lesson purposes, and it is a great way to teach lessons as you are getting a consistent feed on a ball when trying to teach and/or learn a certain stroke, shot's etc. I believe the ball machine to be a great addition to our club.

B. Carrie Lane-2:15pm-2:35pm, Beginner Clinics/Instructional Use of Courts

I will pose my questions first:

What would the Board like in regard to PB instruction?

What defines an instructor to you?

How do we divide courts 9&10 for instruction, when we could have up to (5) certified instructors within our club?

Are skills and drill's considered instruction?

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, are they open all day for instruction, or can Member's check us off of these courts?

Then, I wanted to talk about APPL play, Round Robin's, Evening's, Pickle Doll's, and Pickle Dude's, coming from the prospective of people who are not Pickle Ball member's as of yet. Also, if clinics are wanted, Bob and I put together a couple of dates for beginner clinic's for the next couple of months, that I would like to share with you as well.

Tim: *When we bring in a new member to our club that is a beginner and they do not know anything about playing Pickle ball, we would want someone that is certified to instruct them and teach them and making them a good member of the club, having fun! We value your Teaching!!*

Carrie: *I just wanted to make sure the difference of someone who is Certified and not Certified, just from a protection standpoint, is that a Certified Instructor has gone through instruction and how to teach, but we also have to pay Liability insurance. If you get people who are instructing that do not have Liability insurance and their calling themselves instructor's, I just wanted you to know that this is one of the differences, and I am not sure how that fit's in with Liability, with the club, but I just wanted the Board to be aware.*

Carrie: *What would the Board like from a member's standpoint, what would you like us to look into providing for the club?*

Julie: *We truly appreciate what you have done, bringing on the beginner's on board, teaching them the rules, and making them feel more comfortable with playing, before they step on in Member morning play. Also, I would make the clinics adjustable for skill levels; provide clinic's for Intermediate and Advanced player's.*

Mike G: *I look for consistency among trainers. I believe more play time/instruction is more critical to everyone's game.*

Tim: *Carrie, you are in very good standing with our Board and Members of the club, you are a needed resource as a Certified Instructor. We do want to talk about court designation.*

Carrie: *Court designation, if we have courts reserved for Instructional use, is that what we should be doing?*

Tim: *I think out of member play, yes.*

Julie: *On non-Tennis days, Tuesdays, Thursday's, Saturday and Sunday's, courts 9 & 10 are designated for Instructional use from sunrise to noon. We also need to discuss; do we want to change the schedule for fall. Currently, 9&10 are designated for Instructional use during club play according to the current schedule, during club play. That has been posted on the Website and on Live Pickleball.*

Group play should be organized after member play, skill's drill's, etc., so that courts can be utilized for instructional usage.

Carrie: *Did the Board want within the Certified Instructor's for there to be an Administrator, as to how the Instructional courts should be designated for Instruction?*

Tim: *Do we have two or three Certified Instructor's?*

Carrie: *We have (5) right now.*

Tim: *I would like to motion for Carrie Lane, to be the Coordinator of the Instructional Court designation, for Wickenburg Pickleball Club, Pat Ellison has second the motion, all in favor, unanimously voted.*

Carrie: *My objective is the help people grow in their skill's and really enjoy the game!*

As Coordinator, I will report any concerns, participation, and what new members, the Board should talk to and assist them in joining the club. Also, communicating the positive/negative, our needs, etc., within Pickleball Instruction.

Series and Instructional Sessions:

Series 1-Oct 3/5 8:30-10:00am

Series 2-Oct 24/26 8:30-10:00am

Series 1 and 3-Nov 7/9 8:30-10:00am and 10:30-12:00pm

Series 2 and 4-Nov 28/30 8:30-10:00am and 10:30-12:00pm

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Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

- 1. 2024 Operating Budget; Adjusting funds for Fun events**
- 2. Annual Meeting – December 15, 2023**
- 3. Draft proposed budget for the next fiscal year; also post on club membership site**
- 4. Identify annual charitable contributions/donations from our club to meet our 501 C3 status**
- 5. Change membership season to “partial” which is \$10.00**

Adjournment, on a motion made by TM, and 2nd by MG, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting at 3:45pm