

## **BFPC Board Meeting Minutes**

**January 11, 2024**

1. Meeting called to order 1:05 pm by Laurie
2. Minutes approved by Laurie from the December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marla
3. In attendance: Laurie, Kim, Amy, David, Marla, Bill and Eric

I. **Welcome and introductions;** Laurie introduced new members Eric, Bill and Marla to the team and asked about questions on position descriptions, everyone was good.

II. **Membership Update and Communications:** Kim

Amy: as of 1/11 there are 247 members signed up, should increase by end of January.

Kim: newsletter recommendations; reminder to renew registration for BFPC, reservations at FC on “reserve my court” app, use of club balls only in court bins, continue placing cracked balls in provided bins. Share the courts, clarity on use of CFN and FC courts (open play vs. group play).

III. **Budget report:** Amy, nothing new to report on end of year budget. Some discussion of tee shirts and hats. Reaching out to Lorri Martin to lead this.

IV. **Programs: Skills & Drills with Cathie Carpenter**

- a. Beginner Clinic 1/13, 9 signed up. Issue with people signing up as a couple rather than individually on Sign Up Genius. Most people who signed up for clinic were not members.

Cathie confirmed these were beginners with no pickleball experience. Need confirmation of membership with new membership list, possibly audit this every month. David sends out emails to members who have signed up for confirmation of event or program. There needs to be a disclaimer posted between Pete's Friday morning classes at FC and Cathie's Saturday classes. The board knows the difference, but not the members. In discussing the difference Bill brought up liability and insurance concerns. Laurie referenced the waiver players read in understanding their responsibility of playing on BF courts. Next sanctioned beginner clinic will be on 2/10 at 12 pm, and Intermediate Drills class on 3/9 at 10 am.

**Program play:** Skatterday will begin on Saturday, March 16; Round Robin will begin on Tuesday, March 19. For Round Robin we will keep the format, and add scorekeeping for personal use, but not for tournament play.

- V. **Membership Drive:** changed to Member Appreciation Day Saturday, February 17 from 9-11 am on all FCPC courts and neighboring tennis court. May decide to use ball machine. Will use patio outside of PB courts and main pool. A gear swap is being discussed. Bill will head this event and recommended we compare a list of expired members to the current year end list of 2023 to blast this event. He also recommends blasting to ALL BFPC members and incorporate Tiffany to blast on BF newsletter page or event page for Wellness Center. Bill will solicit neighboring food vendors for breakfast type foods for this event.
  
- VI. **Maintenance:** Eric; **ball purging**, courts should only have standardized balls that the club provides. Cracked balls

continue to throw in bin at both courts. Due to cold weather balls are cracking. New policy to use only balls that can be returned to vendor (cracking)...balls recommended for cold weather Onyx. Amy still has 200 Selkirk balls to use up. Eric reaching out to other clubs in area to see what balls they use or try in cold weather. Eric keeping count of ALL balls.

**Courts:** FC, rolling units need new nets, and court #2 net needs a strap replacement. Tiffany looking at getting them fixed.

Lighting improvements need CAMS approval, benches need painting, deterrents for misuse of courts and equipment such as cameras, which can also be used for safety concerns such as rain alerts. Windscreens, taken down at CFN as prevention and rolled up before storm, use UV bungee cords to secure, Tiffany checking on this.

**VII. Pete's class and Ball Machine use:** these are non-sanctioned BFPC classes, Pete does on his own. The board stepped in to help when Pete was sick and covered beginner and intermediate classes. The ball machine was used during some of the classes; however, a board member needs to be working the machine. Ask Pete if he still wants to use the ball machine. The board recommends only use of the machine during intermediate clinics and when a board member is available. Confirm with Pete that this is plausible.

4. Next Meeting on Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm at Marla's house; 3447 Bitterns Branch.

5. Meeting adjourned: 3:55 pm