

Brunswick Forest Pickleball Club
11/17/2023

Meeting called to order at 12:05 by Sandi Stewart.

In attendance: Sandi Stewart, Laurie Dever, Bob Brown, Kim LaChance, Amy Comiskey, David Gyr (via phone). Cathie Carpenter guest attendee.

October 2023 meeting minutes approved by Sandi, seconded by Bob.

Training

- Saturday 11/11 training classes cancelled due to rain
- Cathie has been able to train 6 of the beginners this week
- She is finding that many of the beginners are not new to PB but have some experience and are looking to improve their skills
- She is being approached by some people for additional lessons, but will not do that as she already does private lessons at the HOP.
- For 2024 she is proposing board put together a Training Committee and develop weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly training which would be in addition to Coach Petes classes at the Fitness center.
- Cathie mentioned it is hard to train brand new players who don't know game at all with beginner levels looking to improve skills at the same time – we should make that distinction when offering programs. Also, doing beginner lessons and skills training back to back on Saturdays is a lot for her to take on.
- 2024 board will layout proposals and work on establishing a committee to focus on training.
- 11/11 drills training will be rescheduled to Saturday 11/24. Dave will reach out to those already signed up and then open up any additional slots if they cannot attend.

Skatterday

- Last Skatterday is 11/18. Laura sent out sign-ups.
- Joanne Emery will score for 3.5 level.

Social @ HOP

- Sandi spoke with Richard Holloman at the HOP about hosting another BF social
- Tentative date is Saturday 12/16 6:00-8:30 – Sandi will confirm date, time and price (we believe \$8 pp)
- We will not be doing food or music.
- Once information is confirmed, Kim will post on Facebook sites (PB club, BF residents) and send an email to members.
- HOP sign-up will be used for payment and registration.

Finances

- Current bank balance is ~\$8,500
- Amy will order 3 100-count boxes of Franklin-X balls w/20%off discount code
- Given current financial situation 2024 membership cost will not change - \$25/single, \$40/family
- Board has agreed that it will cover cost of Gerry Locissano + spouse holiday party ticket as a thank you for all the technical support he provides throughout the year.

Holiday Party

- Wednesday 12/13, 6-10 at Warehouse on the Water (WoW)
- WoW requires headcount 14 days in advance which would be 11/30. Laurie to check on this then we will need to determine date to open and close registration,
- Open bar (either \$17 or \$19 pp) from 6-9, with cash bar from 9-10
- Registration will be capped at 200
- Middle of the Island will cater, they provide water and tea. Laurie to check with WoW to see if they provide soda. If not board will buy some and bring to venue.
- Waterfront parking 2 blocks away is recommended.
- Invite needs to clarify change in format (not sit down dinner); Beer, Wine & Heavy Apps, music and dancing, limited seating – intent is for people to mingle and socialize
- Tablecloths need to be ordered from L&L linens – we can save ~\$200 if we pick up and return. Board voted for eggplant colored tablecloths.
- Food Package #4 was decided on. Cost is \$32.99 pp + tax + tip. Laurie to check with Mol to ensure we get a discount since we are using them for 2 parties (pool & holiday)
- Laurie will send an email by Monday 11/20 with full list of holiday party costs (venue, linens, bar package, bar tenders, food, etc etc) to board. Amy will work up cost estimates and will provide board with several per ticket price scenarios. Intent is to subsidize a portion of the cost given current bank balance.
- Amy will look to see if we have raffle tickets for raffle prizes at event (confirmed after meeting)

Next meeting will be on Tuesday 12/12 at 1:00. Location TBD. New board members (Eric Hoffman, Marla Montemano and Bill Luftig) should attend (f/u – who will communicate to this to new board members?)

Meeting adjourned at 1:08.