

Wickenburg Ranch Pickleball Club (WRPBC)
Board of Directors Meeting
February 1, 2024 2pm Ranch House

Members Present: Tim McCann (President), Pat Ellison (Director of Bylaws/SOPs/Code of Conduct), Laurie Hansen (Secretary), Lisa Carlon (Treasurer), Lesli Link (Director at Large)

Members Absent: Mike Gallenberger (Vice President), Steve West (Director of Facilities/Safety)

Guests: 3pm **Certified Pickleball Instructors:** Bonnie Koch and Carrie Lane

President established that there was a Quorum present at the meeting.

Meeting Called to Order: 1:51pm

Pat Ellison made a motion to approve the January 11, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Lesli Link, and unanimously approved by all.

Call for Club Correspondence/Questions from General Membership:

- Some board members fielding questions/getting feedback about the use of the new Selkirk balls, designed for use in colder weather months. Guaranteed/replaced if cracked. Decision for need for a General Membership communication explaining the “why”. We will return to using Franklin balls as the weather warms up.

- Group discussion on member emails regarding annual membership dues, and the importance of reconciling the number of registered members to the number of annual dues received; to date, as of today, 339 members have paid, 72 have not, 6 are non-renewals for non-specific reasons, and 10 members are “temporarily away”.

President’s Report, Tim McCann:

President reviewed the WRPBC “task list” from the Club’s Binder; so far, this new Board is on track on all tasks. 😊

President led group planning discussions on the following topics:

- March 2024 Tournament; coordination going well; but looking for more participants; 75 registered so far, hoping for up to 250.
- BOD to be thinking about/recommending potential candidates to best serve as Coordinator for Club Championship Event in December 2024; Lesli Link said she would be willing to serve as a back-up.
- Planning for first Annual General Membership meeting; date tentatively set for April 20th, 12 Noon in Stadium Court; also need a Coordinator for this. Noted that past President previously held focus group/round tables about once a quarter; should this practice be continued? Favorable response from group; we want General Membership to feel like the WRPBC BOD is listening....
- Tournament After Party for Volunteers: Eric Bendfeldt is in charge. Lisa Carlon willing to co-chair. Tentative date April 27th, maybe at the Watering Hole? Other Board members willing to help.
- 2nd Annual Membership Meeting: Tentatively set for December 13, 2024. Also need a Coordinator for this....

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Vice President's Report, Mike Gallenberger:

- Asked for BOD to discuss the best way to “highlight” via some type of banner on LivePickleball so General Membership knows all Club documents (Club Bylaws, Standard Operating Procedures, and Code of Conduct), are/have been reviewed and updated for the new year. Group discussion on the best way to advertise this. Will be placed on side panel of WRPBC.com
- Reported on Tournament Sponsorships; this year we are ahead of plan, thanks to the VP's efforts. Great job, Mike! 😊

Treasurer's Report, Lisa Carlon:

- Reviewed financials for January 2024; because today is the first of the month, reconciliations TBD.
- Discussion on whether Stripe fees are reasonable; should we be looking at other ways to collect monies from members? Recommendation to have just ONE (not three) form of payment for next year's dues
- Lisa to contact Shonda with LivePickleball to inquire as to whether STRIPE is required when using LivePickleball or if any other payment methods are acceptable.

Secretary's Report, Laurie Hansen:

- Secretary reported that all WRPBC accounts have been updated with Account Owners, User ID's and Passwords; President and Treasurer hold Master Copy; archived data now held on thumb drives, in President's possession.

Director's Report: Pat Ellison: ByLaws/ SOPs/Code of Conduct

- Director reports that a small committee met, reviewed and updated the Club's Bylaws; edits first to be shared with BOD, then the General Membership will see edits, given 5 days to vote “yes” or “no” to amended document, then finally BOD will approve and post. Committee will work next on revisions/updates to Standard Operating Procedures and the Code of Conduct and follow the same process.

***after today's mtg, the amended Bylaws document were emailed to BOD; there was a email motion to approve (Tim McCann), it was seconded (Mike Gallenberger), and unanimously approved. The President met to review the updated Bylaws with Corby Foster, General Manager and he approved. The Director will proceed to send out amended document to General Membership for a “yes” or “no” vote. Voting to be open about 5 days.*

Director-at-Large Report, Lesli Link:

- Director demonstrated updates on the LivePickleball website; all pickleball activities now posted in a Calendar View in addition to a List View; a nice visual for General Membership to see how much our courts are utilized, and how BOD works to maximize court availability to all skill levels.
- Lesli Link presented a motion to put out a ballot vote to General Membership to purchase ERNE machine from Victory Sports Technologies; motion seconded by Pat Ellison and unanimously approved by all. General Membership will have 5 days to vote “yes” or “no”. Majority vote rules.
- Discussed plans to hold “Demo Days”; opportunities for members to try out several Selkirk paddles and get used to ERNE machine (if purchased) via trainings.

- After group discussion, Lesli Link presented a motion; she will contact Julie Pon about transferring Club administrative duties related to Facebook and Next Door to Lisa Carlon; motion was seconded by Pat Ellison and there was unanimous approval by all.
- Director spoke about PickleDolls and PickleDudes and training/efforts made to help new learners/beginners comfortable within the bigger WRPBC; 2.0 Play is on Tuesdays from 2-3:30p to teach paddle rack rotation.
- A 3.5 Round Robin will be added in April on Thursdays after the APPL season ends.

Guests: 3pm Bonnie Koch and Carrie Lane, Certified PB instructors

Group discussion around how to maximize the courts we have while incorporating the instructors' needs for trainings, drills, private lessons, etc. 2 courts (9,10) currently designated for them on Tues and Thurs. Showed them the Calendar View of courts usage. They should contact Lesli to get their "events" on the LivePickball calendar view.

Director's Report, Steve West: Facilities/Safety

- Director requested to purchase 2 new squeegees and 2 new brooms. Purchased approved.
- Will meet with contractor who is resurfacing the courts to get tips on how to keep courts in tip-top shape.
- AED & CPR training sessions (10-12 participants) coming up; \$40 per participant, but after training, participants will be "certified".

Unfinished Business ?

New Business:

President led group in discussion on considering other events in 2024;

- Inter-Club play Round Robin—if we did it, probably wouldn't happen until
- November timeframe
- Battle of the Ages Event: would we want to do again? Lesli will contact Coordinator Diane B to see if there is interest

Pat Ellison presented a motion to adjourn meeting at 3:35p. Seconded by Lisa Carlon and approved by all.

Submitted:

Laurie Hansen

WRPBC Secretary