

SCHH Pickleball Board Meeting Minutes – 5-20-26

Rick Wright – president, Sandy Donaldson – vice president, Andy Robinson – secretary, Kathi Fleming and Stan Burzacki members at large. Absent Mike Bunamo – treasurer and Bob Grueser member at large.

Rick called meeting to order at 2 pm

April board meeting minutes – Stan motioned and Sandy seconded to approve minutes. Passed on unanimous voice vote.

Financial report – Rick reported for Mike that on April 30, 2026, the pickleball club had cash and investments totaling \$197,692 including \$105,000 in CD's the same since February. There is \$46,494 in the tournament account, up \$24,012 from the end of March. Revenues increased by \$39,895 bolstered by a \$25,000 disbursement from the Stripe account, \$13,725 in grant funds received from Hardeeville, a \$1,090 refund for hats and \$80 in shirt sales. Expenses for the low country tournament increased by \$15,883. There was \$46,199 in the main account, down \$9,351. In April revenue from dues totaled \$1,344 while spending totaled \$10,695 mainly to pay for the Gigi Lemaster clinics, Brian Fenlon for managing the league, 3 new court dryers and a \$500 donation to Staying Connected.

Membership report – As of May 12 there are 1,547 pickleball members, 6 pickletennis members and 106 combined members for a total membership of 1,659.

OLD BUSINESS

Projects – Stan reported that he is looking to consolidate vendors for equipment needs and Welsh has good pricing and seems to have what we need. Sunshades for courts 3 and 4 are to be installed starting May 25. Stan has asked for picnic tables to replace round tables and umbrellas at those courts and hopes that we can find a place to use the round tables on south courts. Spots on court 3 are not under warranty since caused by ground water seepage. Stan was notified that Sun City would pay for the repairs needed. Court dryers have been a huge success with current inventory with 1 south, 2 north and 2 west. Stan to buy an additional dryer and would add to west court and move one in shed to north side inventory. Stan to install retractable fence to test between courts 22 and 24. If test successful will ask CA to install additional. Bill has told Stan that there is a shed for our use coming to the west side. Stan continues to pursue cameras for courts and has gotten preliminary pricing from Graybar Fence - \$2,265 per gate – for west side. Andy moved and Kathi seconded that \$1,000 be allocated for the purchase of an additional dryer, replacement and new windsocks and holders, practice board. Passed on unanimous voice vote.

Court Reserve – Rick and Sandy have meeting with Tonja on May 25 for an update and a push to allow us to move forward and not wait for tennis and bocce.

Court Matrix – Until we have court reserve in place west courts will continue to be open play and first come since not in Chelsea. It will take one week to transition from Chelsea into court reserve once we have approval. At that time open play would be courts 9-12 from 7 to 10 am, 4 courts for novice and 4 courts for advanced on the west side. Kathi would like to see intermediate open play as well. Andy moved and Stan seconded to accept that schedule for the summer session. Passed 4-0 with one abstention.

West courts – opening date for court reserve yet to be determined. Signs – Sandy has made signs for novice and advanced open play and will get them laminated and use grommets to hang on fences. Wind screen – would like them taken down and will work with maintenance and Tonja for approval. They are very dense and end up creating a wind tunnel effect versus blocking the wind. Also, would ask that lights be moved to switches so timer doesn't go off leaving players in total darkness. Also needs to be footpath lighting around the area.

Clinics and classes – Sandy announced that training was back and there is a large backlog – over 100. Activity will be on west courts 20 and 22 for clinics and will take place 9-11 am also nights and an hour on Saturday. She has a large group of trainers, and they will also facilitate 3 and me classes. There is now no cost to club members to sign up for these offerings.

New Business

LCPC – Steve Lerner was confirmed as the continuing director for the 2027 tournament and discussion regarding giving some of tournament proceeds to the CA was held. Andy moved and Stan seconded the donation of \$3,500 of the \$20,000 club proceeds. Stan added that the money should be given in acknowledgement of the time and effort spent by Sun City personnel on the tournament, specifically facilities and safety.

Lottery courts – the next lottery draw will be July 5.

Basil and Bourbon discount offer – Rick received a notice that the restaurant would like to offer a discount to club members to eat at the restaurant. Board thought that we could offer on our website to club members to utilize. Rick to contact for additional information and offer details.

Facebook – Stan suggested that club should keep off Facebook for official club business and use our website for all communications with club members.

Rick adjourned meeting at 4:17