

Park Rapids Pickleball Club Board Meeting

July 18th 2024

Attendees:

Tanja Larson, Amy Trottier, Jeff Mosner, Lori Vatnsdal, Steve Cochems, Lynn Krahn Joan McKinnon, Jeff Mosner

Meeting called to order by President Tanja Larson at 5:30

Secretary report. Amy Trottier had prepared last month's minutes. They were passed with a date change to note a June 2024 date instead of March 2024.

Treasurer's report: Lori Vatnsdal updated the membership numbers for 2024. As of July 18, 2024, PRPC has 156 current members with 70 of those being new members. 97 are single memberships, 59 are family memberships. A total income of \$4,250 in membership dues. There is currently a bank balance of \$5,459. The larger expenses for 2024 include porta-potty rental, bulletin board for courts and reserving courts for ladders. The club is planning to put some of the money toward clinics and speakers for the club members.

Steve Cochems presented more information about possible court expansion options. Joan also had information on an option. Action item decided on at this meeting was to reach out to the Club membership for input to make sure everyone is in favor of putting effort and money into working on Court expansion. Tanja will send email out. Lots of numbers were presented on details from other cities who have recently worked on court expansion. Next action step is to find people who are willing to be on a team to head up this effort.

Clinic with a professional instructor and compensation was discussed. Amber and Grant Larson donated 3 nights in a one-bedroom cabin to the cause. Teacher Whittey is willing to come up and be compensated with the 3 nights for teaching 5 Clinics. The Club is planning to donate part of the expense of the cabin to Amber and Grant and provide a food stipend to Whittey. Also a tip jar will be set up at the Clinic events. Dates August 7th and 8th. Times were decided and will go out in an email to club members to sign up with their levels and preference on time and day. Tanja will send email.

AED is on hold for the time being. Matt Lamb is still interested in working on it as a community project.

Ladder Event: Jeff Mosner reported that it is difficult to find subs for each level on Mondays' when there are multiple players out on a level.. Should the ladders be kept as is for 2025 or have one fluid ladder to make finding subs easier.

Action items

- ☐ Can the city post times on their website when open pickleball is available and when the courts are rented for PRPC events?
- ☐ Thursday one-night ladder. This is NOT a club event and is open to the public. Tanja-asked the organizer to limit it to 16 players so courts are open for those who come for open play on Thursdays.

- ☐ Ladders, lessons, club events, and ball machine clinics. A waiver must be signed to participate and you must be a club member. In the notes on our website and Playtime Scheduler advertise that you are welcome to join the club and guests are welcome if there is room available and a waiver is signed.
- ☐ PT Clinic a success/ Should we do it again? There was a lot of great information.
- ☐ When are we club and when are we public? To avoid confusion, note when sponsored by the club on club events and not sponsored by the club/everyone is welcome on non-club events.
- ☐ Six courts are rented by the club for Monday morning ladders and four courts are rented for Tuesday evening ladders. Lessons, ball machine, no courts are rented and we make sure Public has room to play. It has not been an issue except once during 4th of July week.
- ☐ Discussion on the end of the year picnic. Communication is planned with the Social Team.
- ☐ Do we need additional courts in Park Rapids? How do we go about it? What would the cost be and how would we raise the money and work with scheduling?
- ☐ Theme is communication on the courts. All should feel welcome.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23.

Submitted by:

Lynn Krahn