

PEBBLECREEK PICKLEBALL CLUB
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2023
3:00 PM MILAN ROOM

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Nancy Popenhagen at 3:00 PM. Present were Board members: Nancy Popenhagen - President, Bill Wood - Vice President, and Terri Kelly – Secretary. Marty Braden - Officer at Large, was absent. Additionally, six Pickleball Club members were present

Member Participation

Nancy invited any attending members to address the Board prior to the formal start of the monthly board meeting. As a reminder about this addition to the monthly Board meeting agenda, this is a time for the Board to listen. They may or may not respond to member ideas and suggestions. In accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order, minutes are a record of decisions made by the body. They are to include “what is done” and not “what is said.” A note of suggestions may be included after adjournment of the meeting.

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was made available to attendees. Bill moved to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Sharon, and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval of the January Meeting Minutes

Sharon moved to approve the January 2023 minutes, seconded by Bill, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Tournament Review (PebbleCreek USA Pickleball Tournament)

The Board and attendees congratulated Mike Crabtree, John Pihl, and the many volunteers on a very successful and well-attended tournament. It was noted that Mike received many compliments from participants. Mike Crabtree provided an overview of the 2024 Pebblecreek USA Pickleball tournament. Sharon Hadley, Treasurer, contributed to the overview by sharing some of the financials related to the tournament: Revenues were \$75,543, an increase of \$9,700 over last year. Entry fees were up \$3,923, the Silent Auction was up by \$4,900 from proceeds of auctioning two 50/50 revenue sharing African safaris. T-Shirt sales increased by \$750 and sponsorships were up \$300. These totals do not include the expenses for the Porta-potties, food expenses such as the food provided for the volunteers, among other expenses. Sharon estimates there are approximately \$4k-\$5k in expenses not yet accounted for. If the estimates are accurate, we have made approximately \$45,000 on this year’s tournament.

John Pihl reported there were 674 total matches during the tournament, and the games ran very efficiently.

4. Treasurer Report: Sharon Hadley, Treasurer

Sharon shared this as a YTD review of the budget items:

- **Membership Numbers:** Sharon reported that a large number of renewals were processed in January; however, one deposit for \$6k was delayed and not counted in the current totals.
- **Club Tournament:** The report shows a (positive) \$63 because Roy Johnson (Sponsor) paid the Club for water.
- **Bank Charges:** The expenses in this category are not tournament related, they are renewal related and are higher this time of the year due to the high number of renewals.
- **Pickleballs:** The report shows \$7,000 under “pickleballs.” This reflects a pre-order of 5,400 pickleballs at a rate of \$1.25 each. They were previously priced at \$1.65.
- **Equipment:** The report shows \$16,000 in expenses related to equipment. The following is a breakdown of some of the expenses:
 - Shades between the Ramada and Court 1: \$410
 - A down payment on the new sound system: \$5,750,
 - Purchase of two Lobster ball machines: \$3,700,
 - Posts for the fencing: \$4,790 (which we may get reimbursed from the HOA)
 - Costs for the new shed, patio table and chairs: \$2,666
- **New Court Fund:** The report shows income of \$5,000 in the New Court Fund. We now have \$478,000 in the New Court Fund.
 - **Coaching for Courts:** We’re starting to see more coaching and donations for coaching. We brought in over \$1,000 in January.
 - **Tee Shirt sales** via Marty Alto are continuing to come in.
 - **Member Donation:** We also received a very generous donation of \$1,200 from a member

4. Unfinished Business:

- a. **New Courts Update:** The contractors are still working on the underground infrastructure, i.e., trenching and piping. Projections estimate that this phase should be completed within the next 30 days. The above groundwork should start in March 2023. Nancy Popenhagen asked Mark Giannotti if the new general contractor “PWI” had bids for all the subcontracting. Mark Giannotti replied that RCI had signed the contract which included the agreed upon costs which means all the bids are likely in. Mark does not know the current costs but will have more information once he reviews the contracts. We’re hoping for improved communications with the new contractors.
- b. **Pre-purchase of chairs and tables up to \$6,000 to be reimbursed by the HOA.** The HOA has agreed to reimburse the Club up to \$6,000 for new furniture at the courts. The Club has purchased some furniture; however, Marty Braden is currently looking into the possibility of re-slitting (using the current frames and adding new seating materials). We have not currently submitted a reimbursement request to the HOA.

- c. **Permanent Shade extension at Court 2:** Nancy reported that the poles are up and the HOA paid for the installation of the poles. The cost was approximately \$4,790. The Club will purchase the shade covering that is similar to the ones along the corridor outside of Courts 2, 3, 10, and 11.
- d. **Temporary Shade Structure:** Temporary shading was approved to go over the new stadium seating area for tournaments (the two-step concrete between the Ramada and Court 1). We asked the HOA to install eye bolts and wires in the Ramada, which they did. Once they were installed there was strong concern that the bolts were not strong enough. After further discussion with Greg Fausto, it was decided that attaching the temporary shading to both the Ramada and the fence was unwise. We have concluded that the shade solution was unsafe and impractical, and it was decided not to move forward with installing it.
- e. **Sound System:** Nancy Popenhagen reported that the approved new sound system installation will begin next week around the courts. Sarah Marsh, the vendor "Upstage," and Kerry Krueger, along with a crew of eight members, will start putting up the speakers. Sarah has sold some of the old components for \$760. To save on costs, the Club is doing most of the labor ourselves. Special thanks to our volunteers.
- f. **Ladder Guidelines:** The Board reviewed an updated revision of the Ladder guidelines. These new changes will go into effect on March 2nd and 3rd.
 - **Registration Cut Off Time:** Men's registration cut-off date has changed to Tuesday at noon, prior to Friday play.
 - **Placement of New Ladder Players:** Players who are new to Ladders will be placed after the lowest player in that new player's color group.
 - **Inactive Players:** A player who does not play Ladders for six (6) consecutive weeks will be removed from the Ladder roster unless they contact the Ladder Captain.
 - **Frozen Status:** Players can make a request to the Ladder Captain to be "frozen" if they are going to miss two (2) consecutive play weeks due to being out of town, injury, or illness.
 - The new guidelines will be posted on the web page under "Ladders".

Sharon Hadley moved to approve the new Ladder guidelines. Bill Wood seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

- g. **Rocks Around the Courts:** Nancy Popenhagen has been working with PC Operations to remove all of the rocks around the courts for safety purposes. The most cost effective replacement will be artificial turf. This is an on-going project.

5. **New Business:**

- a. **Elections 2023:** The Elections Committee announced the declared PCPBC Board of Directors Candidates:
 - **President,** Bob Chester
 - **Vice President,** Jeff Gauvin
 - **Secretary,** Pam Cagle
 - **Treasurer,** Sharon Hadley (Incumbent)
 - **Officer at Large,** Marty Braden (Incumbent)

b. Approval of the 2024 PebbleCreek Tournament: Feb 7-9, 2024.

Sharon Hadley moved to approve the 2024 PebbleCreek USAP tournament date of Feb 7-9, 2024. Bill Wood seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Committee Reports

- a. **Maintenance:** Nancy complimented Marty Braden who is devoting countless hours addressing the Club's on-going maintenance issues.
- b. **CAC:** Kathryn Villeneuve reported that she hasn't seen any significant statistical anomalies in court use relative to Round Robins. Their next committee meeting will focus on court allocations during the summer months.
- c. **Technology:** Bill Wood reported that the TV monitor remains a challenge. Jeff Antrican continues to work with Court Reserve to get the schedule to scroll as the time changes.
- d. **Player Development:** Bill Wood reported that Kevin's group on Sundays has been successful, and the attendance has been great.
 - i. **Professional Pickleball Registry (PPR)** is a Coaching of Coaches program to be held on March 17th, 11am - 4pm. Ten of our coaches are participating with the goal of becoming a certified coach.
- e. **Round Robins / Parity Team:** Sharon Hadley, Vice President, reported that they just completed a two week session of observations and it went well. They have observed over 200 women and unsure of the number of men.
- f. **Socials:** Bill Wood reported that the next Spring Fling is scheduled on Saturday, March 25, 9am to noon. This is a fun social event which will include drop-in play, music, and a light breakfast.

7. Officer Comments:

Terri Kelly reported that all of the current year's Board meetings have been scheduled and rooms have been reserved.

Terri also commented that our Club hosted a CPR class for our members. We received very positive feedback from the participants and appreciate Dennis Carter for facilitating the class, and Pat Chernow for helping to coordinate the event.

Bill reported that he has been looking into an alert system to provide urgent medical care if needed. Bill is starting talks with the Goodyear Fire Department and will also involve Dennis Carter and Marty Braden. More to follow.

8. Public Participation

Beth Kelly asked about the re-painting of the lines on the courts as members have complained that after the resurfacing, the ball "skips" when it hits the white lines.

Nancy reported that the vendor will revisit us this summer to sand down the lines.

Bill Cagle announced that the Club needed new buckets to hold broken pickleballs. It is desirable to have removable lids that a round hole can be cut into as players constantly place trash in the current buckets.

9. Adjournment:

Bill moved to adjourn the meeting, Terri Kelly seconded it. Motion carried.

Next scheduled Board meeting is March 15, 2023, at 3pm, Milan Room, Tuscany.