

GENERAL PCPBCLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2020

Tuscany Falls Ballroom, PebbleCreek

6pm, MST, Goodyear, AZ

- I. Meeting called to order and Welcome – President Bob Chester called the meeting to order @ 6pm. All PCPBClub Board Members were present, along with 115 Members that signed in.

- II. 16 NEW Pickleball Courts – PCHOA Representative Steve Harper talked how PCPBClub and PCHOA worked together from concept to implementation and answered questions from the audience. At the time Mr. Robson talked about donating the land to the PCHOA for Pickleball, the PCHOA was right in the middle of getting the Community Enhancement Fund approved. The CEF was overwhelmingly passed and to date has \$400,000 in the account. PCHOA has other commitments for the money and 3 major projects have already been approved. Question became how to fund new PB Courts? PCPBClub started the ball rolling by voting to raise \$500,000 to help fund the project. Steve Harper and Bob Parks convinced RCI that there was a chance that the entire community would NOT approve the big overall project, as many residents were opposed to it. RCI, after saying they would build no more amenities, changed their mind and will now put \$1.5M into developing 16 PB Courts but nothing more. Pickleball's pledge and commitment was the first and big step forward and RCI followed. PCPBClub will now pay for the upgrades towards a world class facility. RCI wants this project fast tracked as much as possible. Together, we will work towards making this the best enhancement for the entire community. Timetable is fluid due to all the infrastructure required before PB courts can be constructed. 40% of the current RV lot will be used for this new project. All suggestions will be considered but should come through the PCPBClub Board to then be discussed with PCHOA. Darrell Berry, representing the nearby Villas was allowed to speak, although he is NOT a PCPBClub Member. Steve Harper chose to respond to him, stating noise and traffic will NOT be an issue in the future and has been considered. Tony Wells made copies of a Fundraising report for now and future monies to go toward the \$500,000 goal of PCPBClub's commitment. Kathy Aalto and Lynn Manns mentioned their respective fund-raising events. Kathy is conducting a Hand & Foot Fund Raiser called Cards 4 Courts and Lynn is setting up a Shake Your Booty Dance, where all proceeds will go towards the new courts. Recognized Bill Plesha for single handedly raising \$2055. for the courts by completing a Stair Challenge. Other members of the Club are also contributing in various ways to help reach our goal as quickly as possible. John Pihl has spent a tremendous amount of time getting the lights researched and developing a plan, which has been presented and included in the design for lights at the new courts. Cynthia Schwartz has articles ready for The Post in April and May, which Robson has agreed to allow full pages to feature the new courts. Lifetime Memberships are \$400/person until April 30, 2020 and will increase on May 1, 2020 to \$600/person for the remainder of 2020. At the next Membership meeting in November, the dues structure and extending Lifetime Memberships will be presented for the following year and determined then.

- III. Grover Lombard plaque – Julie Cardinale made a nice presentation w/ slide show regarding the history of PebbleCreek Pickleball and what a pioneer and visionary, Grover Lombard was in bringing Pickleball to PebbleCreek in 2005. The very beginning was the old Basketball Court, converted to Pickleball on the Eagles Nest side. Only 4' behind the service line made for lots of skin and blood left on the back wall. Mr. Robson promised 4 designated Pickleball courts, which ended up being 8 total courts, which was a total, unexpected bonus on the Tuscany side. Grover went on to be the First President of the Pickleball Club. Mr. Lombard recently passed, and a Memorial Plaque is planned for the existing Ramada and to call it the Grover Lombard Pavilion. For as much future is planned with New Pickleball Courts, we need to remember how it all started.
- IV. Committee Reports:
- A. CAC (Court Allocation Committee) – Chair Nancy Popenhagen mentioned that the current season will stay in place through May 17. Men's and Women's Ladder Play will conclude for the year on April 10 and 9, respectively. The Summer Schedule is being worked on currently, but not finalized. CAC is trying to balance Club Events with Open Play and Reservations. For morning play, there will be 8 courts for Open Play, 6 for Individual reservations and 6 for Club Events. The 4 lighted Courts (9-12) will be Open Play every evening, during the Summer session.
- B. Inserted Jim Barbe to talk about the Club Championship. This Club event is designed to have everyone play that wants to play. Because of the inclement weather and trying to reschedule, Mixed Doubles will stay the same on Sunday, March 15. Men's Doubles will move to Monday, March 23 and Women's Doubles will be Tuesday, March 24 to give people more time to re-organize and make plans to play if they can. Each event cost is \$5/Person PER Event.
- C. RC (Rating Committee) – Chair Richard Knowles announced that he will not be continuing as Chair in the future. The Club will need to make some decisions in the near future about the value of ratings. It is a continuing evolution to make it better. To continue moving members up in Ratings, there must also be a mechanism to move members down as well. Main goal of ratings is to group players together by ability to have enjoyable, competitive matches. Rating should be a current reflection of your ability and are ratings worth it for future development.
- D. Tournament Report and Financials - Chair Mike Crabtree reported on the USAPA Sanctioned Tournament. Bob Chester made mention of the Tennis Club allowing one tennis court to be used for Pickleball Warm-up during the tournament. Sponsors helped the tournament be a huge success and we made more than in previous years. As residents, we should make an effort to support the tournament sponsors so they will continue. 21 Volunteers chaired each of the committees resulting in 300 total volunteers.
- V. February Financials 2020 – Treasurer Robin Weaver mentioned the financials were very exciting with all the money being collected for the new courts. Interest alone has reached over \$500. Expenses have all come in under budget, so the Club is financially secure.
- VI. Member Comments – Cynthia Schwartz gave kudos to the editorial staff of The Post as they have embraced Pickleball and will continue to feature Pickleball as we progress with the new courts. Cynthia also needs help in reporting about PCPBClub Members that play in

tournaments outside of PebbleCreek. The Post would like to feature and make known how well Pickleball Players do around the country.

- VII. Election Results for Next Board Officers – Chair of Nominating Committee, Jonathan Colter worked very hard recruiting people to serve on the future PCPBClub Board. He spent over 3 months allowing every member the opportunity to step up and serve. With only 5 volunteers, 1 for each position, the following Board was elected by acclamation. This new Board becomes effective May 1, 2020.
 - A. President – Martha Urbin
 - B. Vice President – Jim Barbe
 - C. Secretary – Lezlee Leonardi
 - D. Treasurer – Lindsay Laven
 - E. Officer-at-Large – Judy Parker

- VIII. President’s Remarks – Bob Chester thanked the Club for the opportunity for him to serve as President. Bittersweet, but happy to see the courts complete. The volunteers that do so much for our Club to keep it going and functioning smoothly throughout the year.

- IX. Adjournment – Motion made, Motion seconded, Motion passed to adjourn @ 7:25 pm.