The TVPBC Board Meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m., Chota Rec Center, Welcome Center Gordon Young, President. In attendance was Gordon Young, Jeannie Neary, Karen Birch, Bill Cumbow and Dee Foster (via zoom). This was an closed meeting.

Director reports were as follows:

Minutes for August 12, Board meeting were approved.

***SOCIAL – Jeannie Neary***

On 8/27/2022 approximately 20 members of the UT tennis team came to Tellico Village to play both Pickleball and tennis against members of our PB and tennis teams. This was an entertaining and well attended event. The Tennis Club will be approached about having a more active role.

The PB club supplied a continental breakfast and lunch for all participants (about 50). We also supplied Gatorade and waters for the participants.

This is a breakdown of the costs for this event-

* Firehouse subs- 453.13.   (Firehouse supplied all the paper items )
* Kroger-juice 7.98
* Costco- cookies, juice 59.40
* Ice 17.22
* Ice 26.00
* Bananas and yogurt 59.00
* Chips, granola bars Gordon

Total (Approx) 650.00

It is likely the UT players will return in May.

I would suggest providing continental breakfast to the UT players only as many of our TV players said they prefer to have breakfast at home.

The next event is the club tournament…Bob Milligan is coordinating volunteers for the snack and memento table.

The POA event celebrating the new courts will likely be Oct 20.  We will need a lot of volunteers to help with the food. Bob Milligan and Joe Neary will be grilling hot dogs. Bags of chips and cookies will also be provided. This event is open to all in TV. Gordon said to plan on 500 to attend.

***EVALUATIONS – Pat Snyder***

No report-family emergency

***VICE PRESIDENT – Bruce La Cour***

* Everything in place for upcoming tournament
* Currently 79 players have registered
* Will be sending out another email to encourage participation
* All court roamers have been trained
* Cooling towels, medals, and food ready to go
* Brackets will be finalized Monday after registration closes
* Ticket sales for Loudon concert continue; VFW have sold a lot
* We are only able to get 2 tables and 6 chairs from the Rec Center.

***PRESIDENT – Gordon Young***

* The Party for October 2 is arranged.  Second Wind is secured for the event and Historic Loudon Theater is rented.  Citizens Insurance Solutions is sponsoring.
* The October 20 ribbon cutting ceremony is moving forward for the Pickleplex.  The timing moving to 6 PM start as there was a conflict with a HOA Candidate forum.  This event should be quite a draw as there will be a band, beverages and food.
* We will be meeting in a week to review options on scheduling with 12 courts (with the Pickleplex courts being premium obviously).
* Court resurfacing will be delayed as Baseline's window to complete appears to have disappeared.  Rec Dept is looking into options.
* There is discussion on how to reward those that donated towards the Pickleplex with some short-term special play time.  If this happens it would be a short-term benefit only.
* Ben Campbell has become our first website sponsor!  Reach out and thank Ben and Sarah
* So far comments have been very favorable towards the new website.
* Dawn Bray is the Captain for the FFG Challenge.  FFG has dithered on having only TOP 12 men and women or a more open (like last year).  They finally settled on the more open with 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.0+ players.
* The Rec Department is proposing going back to charging a 20% "tax" on event fees for use of facilities (tournament fees) now that the involvement with TTF is completed.  We are in discussion on this at present.
* The discussion document on the LRP and evaluation has done what I hoped for - created discussion.  I have received a number of emails and comments from all levels of players.
* 250 Tickets for the Loudon Concert being held October 2 at the Loudon Historical Theatre. The VFW has already sold 50.
* We would like 4 new bleachers for the new complex. Gordon is working with Simon. Bleachers cost $1500 ea.
* Gordon is in discussions with Simon regarding providing porta-potty’s until a permanent structure can be built. 2 potty’s cost $140/month which includes cleaning and dumping.
* Gordon presented the idea of having a Pro Tournament. He asked permission to pursue it. The Board gave him permission.
* The following people were put up for the nominating committee:
	+ Shari Haler
	+ Charlie Stahr
	+ Gary Sawiki
	+ Gordon Young
	+ Bill Cumbow

***FINANCE– Karen Birch***

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| **Beginning Balance** | **$18,053.51** |
| Membership DuesSponsorships | $120.00861. 72 |
| Disbursements* Mail Chimp (debit)
* Balls (Pickleball Central) (debi
 | $699.4225.07227.99 |
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| **Ending Balance** | **$18,782.17** |
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| **July Membership** | 823 |
| **Current Membership** | 840 |

***TRAINING-Bill Cumbow***

The Skills & Drills participation for August are as follows:

* Level 2.0 61 participants (one cancellation)
* Level 2.5 91 participants (one cancellation)
* Level 3.0 20 participants (one cancellation)
* Level 3.5 39 participants (one cancellation)
* Level 4.0 64 participants (one cancellation)(full capacity for 4 sessions)

The overall participation level for the previous four months is as follows:

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| March | 281 |
| April | 233 |
| May | 274 |
| June | 288 |
| July | 287 |
| August | 275 |
| September | 0 |
| October | 0 |
| November | 0 |
| December | 0 |
| January | 0 |
| February | 0 |

Total 1,638 (through August 30)

David and Susan Jeanguenat have volunteered and been accepted as the Skills and Drills Level 3.0 Coordinator. There are now coordinators for each level.

There has been discussion regarding finding a way to restrict Skills and Drills Level 2.5 players from signing up week after week and not allowing other players an opportunity to participate. The 2.5 Level is currently restricted to 24 players using 6 courts.

Bill requested that he have input into the schedule that had been developed. Gordon said he would send it out to the Board as directed by the By-Laws so that all members would have input.

**Next Meeting – October 18, 2022; 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center**

**Meeting was adjourned.**

***ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION – All***

Possible ideas for improvement of the Evaluation process were discussed.

1. Self-rating
2. Finding a way to invigorate the Round Robin
3. Using one of the electronic rating systems such as: DUPR, Global Ratings

The Board agreed to show support for the current RR process, if approached by a player(s).

Some Cons of Round Robin that were brought up were:

1. Participation
2. Morale
3. Having a weak partner

Some general questions regarding using another Evaluation process:

1. Participation
2. If make a level, what is the criteria to maintaining that “club” level.
3. How long at lower level, before one should move down to lower level.
4. What if players don’t record their scores.
5. Dee and Bruce will look into Global Ratings in Pickleball Den.