The TVPBC Board Meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m., Chota by Gordon Young, President. In attendance was Gordon Young, Bruce LaCour, Jeannie Neary, Karen Birch, Bill Cumbow, Pat Snyder and Dee Foster.

Additional attendees: 12

Minutes for December 06, 2022 Board meeting were approved.

Director reports were as follows:

***PRESIDENT – Gordon Young***

1. Plex - we continue to have issues with the PicklePlex courts.  In order of concern:
   1. Paint - the shutdown was caused by the paint seeming to chalk off the courts and when wet - made them slippery.  Baseline has re-coated all 4 at this stage and while it helps there seems to be some underlying issue.  In discussion with Rec Dept we can expect repainting in April.
   2. Drainage - While they have worked on the drainage several times - we continue to have issues.  Final solutions in discussion include running larger drains and adding gutters over entrances to stop splashing. Waiting on timing.
   3. Vision - like all covered systems vision can become a bit blurred as the ball moves through different backgrounds.  We are discussing options and hope to have a plan or defined options by the end of February.
   4. Reflection onto other courts from Plex roof - given the above this is the lowest priority and is not being addressed yet.
   5. Bleachers were ordered – will need help assembling.
2. Tournament  
   While Bruce and Dee have the software up and advertising for the Tournament is above anything we have done before to my knowledge.
   1. Sponsorships - In line with this we have gone out for Sponsorship and are making solid progress.  Sponsors who are committed ($'s pending) include:  Sweetwater Hospital, Circulation Station, Merrill Lynch, Citizens Insurance Solutions. Humana and Select PT.
   2. Entertainment - Second Wind is committed to the May 11th After Glow Party.  Tickets will go on sale in March 1.
   3. Other Opportunity - One intriguing opportunity is that Circulation Station owner, Jim Vesper, is a provider of Bemer technology that is used extensively in professional sports for improving healing using magnetic technology (Bemer) to increase circulation.  Tyson McGuffin is a global ambassador for Bemer and a big proponent of the technology.  Jim has indicated he would be willing to support Tyson coming to TV (potentially tied to our Tournament) and do a clinic.  The Rec Department supports this if we were to do it.
   4. The following have committed to some level of sponsorship at 2-5K.
      1. Sweetwater Hospital
      2. Merrill Lynch and wants to be long term
      3. Citizens Insurance
      4. Selkirk – will give about 1K merchandise
      5. Rocky Top Pharmacy
3. Playing above rating.  We have had a recent increase in players showing up and participating in Level play above their club rated level.  We sent a note out indicating this is not appropriate.  That is obviously not enough.  I will submit a Policy for inclusion in our website Policies and Procedures for Board approval today.
4. Officer Elections
   1. Nominating Committee has no new candidates for the open positions: Vice President, Secretary, Evaluation Director, Social Director.
   2. The February Board Meeting, 2/14, 3:30 at Chota, the new candidates will be voted into place.
5. New Evaluation Procedure will be included in the News & Notes with a link to the website for club members to review.
6. Gordon asked for permission to purchase the following equipment which would cost approximately $2000.
   1. Cabinet and towels for courts 9-12.
   2. Heavy duty blower for the condensation on courts 9-12 but can also be used for other courts.
   3. Push dryer that holds 7 gallons of water. This is popular for tennis courts.
   4. A motion was made to approve, it was seconded and carried.
7. Wall of Fame
   1. Rich Karakis asked that everyone who is included in the Wall of Fame, check the wall to make sure names, etc are correct. Once set, it will not be changed.

***VICE PRESIDENT – Bruce La Cour***

1. Registration is now open for 2nd Annual We Care Pickleball Tournament
2. Over 50 pickleball clubs within a 5 state area have been contacted.
   1. Over 27,000 pickleball club members
   2. Out-of-towners are already starting to sign up for tournament
3. Tournament details can be found on Pickleball Den and on TVPBC website for information on registration, check-in, initial preparation, tournament guidelines, and tentative bracket schedule
4. Local advertising going on now
   1. Flyers located throughout Tellico Village
   2. Yard signs with QR code for registering located at Pickleball courts
   3. Banners and TVN ads will go out mid-March
5. Soliciting volunteers to help with tournament in several areas
6. Encourage local club members to sign up early as registration is limited
7. Discussion in sponsorship and the After Glow party are on-going with Our Place.

***SOCIAL – Jeannie Neary***

1. The Volunteer Luncheon was on Jan 7, 2023 at Kahite. The menu was a taco bar with all the expected side dishes. The food was fabulous. Angie, the manager does a great job for us. This is the 3rd time we have used Kahite for this event. Cookies were provided by the club.
   1. There were 160 evites sent out. An additional evite was sent about a week before the RSVP deadline to all who did not initially respond. Another reminder was sent 10 days before.
   2. There were 82 yes responses.
   3. The cost was $16 per person… that includes everything including tip. Total count is due 7 days prior. Total cost was $1312.
   4. Suggest next year a reminder be sent 2 days prior to remind attendees of the event.
2. Jeannie introduced Kelly Bryan who will be taking over as Social Director.
   1. Working on plans for socials for the coming year.
   2. There will be a minimum of 6 Socials, one being at Kahiti
   3. She is working on a “glow ball” activity.

***EVALUATIONS – Pat Snyder***

1. There are a couple of people currently fast-tracking.

***FINANCE– Karen Birch***

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| **Beginning Balance** | **$20,098.16** |
| ***Receipts***  Membership Dues | $890.00 |
| **Total Receipts**  ***Disbursements***  Mail Chimp  Meeting Signs (Bruce LaCour) #1378  TVPOA Copies (TVPOA) #1379 | **$890.00**  25.07  108.59  45.90 |
| **Total Disbursements** | **$179.56** |
| **Ending Balance** | **$20,808.60** |
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| **Current Membership** | 930 |

***TRAINING-Bill Cumbow***

Skills and Drills

1. S&D for 4.0’s and 2.0’s have continued throughout the shut down period.
   1. 4.0’s have been having approx. 6-8 attendees
   2. 2.0’s have been having approx. 10-12 participants.

Orientation

1. Orientation was held last week with 20 signed up and 17 attending.
2. There are already 17 signed up for the next orientation.

***ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION***

1. It was suggested that the club create and send a survey annually that could be compared over the years.