The TVPBC Board Meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m., April 11, 2023, by Gordon Young, President. In attendance was Gordon Young, Bruce LaCour (via phone call), Kelly Bryan, Karen Birch, Bill Cumbow, Kathy Parr, and Dee Foster.

Additional attendees: Steve McCormick

Minutes for the March, 2023, Board meeting were approved.

Director reports were as follows:

***PRESIDENT – Gordon Young***

1.  Court Maintenance

The Rec Department has been communicating with the club regarding court repair options.  Pickleroll - looked very good - however, has been poor at responding and even meeting in a timely manner - creating concerns.  Simon has expanded options to include a new paver.  Awaiting quotes as I write to be able to make a determination.

2.  Name the Courts.

The name "Picklplex" is used at a large number of facilities across the U.S.  Thaat said it was trade marked by Punta Gorda facility.  They want to fight for the name - leaving us with an option of fighting it or coming up with a new name.  The POA believes a name which we can trade mark would be appropriate.  The Club is invited to ask members to suggest names for the "Pickleplex" and the winning entry will receive a gift basket.  The final choice resides with the POA selecting from a short list provided by TVPBC.

3.  Kahite

Just as Court Maintenance is an issue - it is equally an issue at Kahite.  Plus, the growing number of players at Kahite require a degree of attention by the POA and TVPBC.  Don Bryan is assisting the folks in Kahite to sign up with TVPBC and begin participating.  I truly belief some relief is in the near future.

4.  Recreation Advisory Committee

Simon requested the club sit in and discuss the club, present and future as well as thoughts on a larger tournament at the RAC Mtg of April 4.  Don Bryan joined me to discuss Kahite Court status as overall court repair was a significant topic.  We discussed both the layout for a pro tournament and the need for a strong support from the POA and an outline of our LRP.  Emphasis on the draft nature of its status.

5.  Bill and Sharon Busch have taken our first step in presenting Pickleball to Loudon Schools.  Steeklee Elementary was selected as our pilot school and results have been excellent.  We will publish thoughts on future efforts in May.

6.  The club could use a new ball machine as the two existing machines are showing age and are not functioning at full capability.  While I was going to build a play back board - the time and cost was deemed excessive and not a proven design.  I would also suggest we purchase a portable playback board for use in drills and dinking.

7, Pickleplex court vision

As we all know the Plex has an issue with vision from the sidewalk to the 9 ft bottom of the roof line.  The Rec Department has begun attaching wind screens to courts on the existing fence.  The results have been positive and they will continue to place these screens until all 4 courts are covered.  There is also discussion on potentially using a higher winder screen to cover from the fence to the roof line.

8. Tellico Life proposes becoming our software provider for scheduling and email at $1800 per year. It would enable us to take credit card payments. We would be covered under POA insurance. Bill Cumbrow, Kelly Bryan, and Dee Foster will investigate the efficacy.

9. 2024 elections will have three vacancy. We need to find candidates.

10. Policies and procedures should be reviewed by board members and recommendations emailed to Gordon by April 22.

***VICE PRESIDENT – Bruce La Cour***

1.  Tournament registration continues; currently sitting at 125 registrants
2.  Major publicity effort continues to encourage more participants, particularly with the lower skill levels
3.  Planning for the After Glow Party on May 11th continues
4.  Gordon and I will set up a table just before and during the April 22nd social to sell tickets to the party and to answer any questions regarding the tournament
5.  The banner across from the Marathon station has been set up; slides for the tournament and the party are now posted on TVN
6.  The sponsor banner has been finalized and will be submitted for print tomorrow

7. Court monitor training is approaching completion.

***SECRETARY – Kathy Parr***

Welcome letter has been accepted and is going out to new players at orientation.

***SOCIAL – Kelly Bryan***

1.  The Social planned for April 22nd is still on schedule and is being advertised.

2.  For the May tournament, we have our staffing signed up on Saturday and Sunday to provide lunches and plan to use Publix again this year.  We just need to provide the count by April 21st.

3.  Our social planned for June 3rd, is well underway.  We have a portion of the golf driving tees allocated for "Pickleball Golf", the Kahite Pub is reserved, and the DJ has been hired.  This will be a rain or shine event and we will begin advertising for this event after the April 22nd social.

4.  There will be no socials in July but we are beginning to plan for an August social, and an August raft off.

***EVALUATIONS – Dee Foster***

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| REGULAR EVALUATIONS | CANDIDATES | PASS | FAIL |
| 2.5 to 3.0 | 9 | 6 | 3 |
| 3.0 to 3.5 | 9 | 3 | 6 |
| 3.5 to 4.0 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| FAST-TRACK |  |  |  |
| 2.5 to 3.0 |  |  |  |
| 3.0 to 3.5 | 1 |  | 1 |
| 3.5 to 4.0 | 1 |  | 1 |
| TOTAL | 22 | 10 | 12 |

Feedback

* Normal complaints under plex about wind, sight, ball color etc.  Nothing unexpected there
* Biggest complaint: “… I didn’t know I had to actually hit these shots...”  So, we need to keep spreading the word, perhaps by posters, (is email fixed or better?), meetings etc.
* Based on 24 possible candidates per month, we may not have enough time slots for Evals, so, we may need to carve the number evaluating per level down to 6…..More months data needed first.
* Obvious that SnD will start training these shots.  A few instructors have asked for criteria.
* 2.0 - Mare has started including the Skills assess sheet for moving up 2.0 to 2.5, just to get folks used to it.
* Even people who did not pass their evaluation have still said they like the process and hope that it continues on.

Based on feedback from candidates, E-Team members and our own observations we have changed the following:

* We’ve altered the scoresheets and the self-assessment sheets.
* We’ve added a gender to gender criteria for Ghost.

Finally

* We’ve got people talking “seemingly positive”, but, we’ll see….
* People have started to play ghost doubles just for fun.
* We hope to get Ghost Doubles on the upcoming schedule.
* People who have been through the process have begun helping people who are looking to evaluate.

Overall a pretty good first month.

***FINANCE– Karen Birch***

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| Beginning Balance |   |   | $19,671.92 |
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|  | Check # | Checking | Total |
| **Receipts** |  |  |  |
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| Membership dues  |  | $1,340.00 |  |
| Tournament Sponsor (Tenn Ortho) |  | $2,000.00 |  |
| Tournament Sponsor (Circulation Station) via square |  | $1,929.85 |  |
| **Total Receipts** |   |  | $5,269.85 |
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| **Disbursements** |  |  |  |
| Mail Chimp | debit | $37.06 |  |
| Pickleballs Training (Bill Cumbow) | 1387 | $348.79 |  |
| Court Markers-Evaluations (Dee Foster) | 1388 | $219.86 |  |
| Subscription (Dee Foster) | 1390 | $64.99 |  |
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| **Total Disbursements** |   |  | $670.70 |
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| Ending Balance |   |  | $24,271.07 |
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***TRAINING-Bill Cumbow***

The Skills & Drills program resumed on March 6th.

There have been Skills & Drills Level coordinators appointed as follows:

Level 2.0 Mar Isakson [svserenity@hotmail.com](svserenity%40hotmail.com)

Level 2.5 TBD (Temporary Debby Cumbow [dbcumbow@att.net](dbcumbow%40att.net))

Level 3.0 Dave Jeanguenat [davidjeanguenat@yahoo.com](davidjeanguenat%40yahoo.com)

Level 3.5 Rick Hulsey [rick\_hulsey@yahoo.com](rick_hulsey%40yahoo.com)

Level 4.0 Mark Williams netman003@gmail.com (With Dave Brigham assisting)

The Skills & Drills participation for the month of March are as follows:

Level 2.0 53 participants

Level 2.5 96 participants (full capacity)

Level 3.0 40 participants

Level 3.5 63 participants (full capacity for 3 sessions)

Level 4.0 61 participants (full capacity for 2 sessions)

There is still a coordinator position available for Level 2.5. If anyone is interested, please let me know. The 2.5 Level continues to have 6 dedicated courts accommodating 24 participants, which requires 6 instructors. It has been challenging finding 6 instructors that are available for the sessions each week. If you are an instructor or know other instructors, please encourage them to update the sign-up sheet preferably a week in advance for any session availability.

The 3.0 Level has been extended to 3 courts with the ability to accommodate 12 participants. Since the additional court availability has been well received there has been discussion about expanding to 4 courts soon.

There is a schedule update planned for May and I anticipate some of the S&D sessions moving to an earlier part of the day due to the summer temperatures. There may also be some of the S&D sessions moved to the covered courts.

The New Player Orientation coordinator continues to be Bill Schmitt bschmitt450@gmail.com. We anticipated reducing the New Player Orientation to one time per month, but the initial demand has warranted twice per month.

There has been discussion with Don Bryan and Jim Copsey regarding New Player Orientation and implementing a limited S&D program at Kahite. Bill Schmitt will be involved with the New Player Orientation. We are anticipating initially offering S&D Level 2.0, 2.5, and 3.0 with instructors that live in the area. There is a plan to use the POA Accuity scheduling system for these activities.

***ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION***

Steve McCormick recommended that for the new player orientation, new players be recommended for the fast track.

Bill Combow suggests that orientation be shared by the Evaluations Director and the Training Director.

Kelly suggested that in searching for new board members, we draft job descriptions and that we identify new board members needed for additional responsibilities, e.g., a Web master.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Katherine Parr