The TVPBC Board Meeting was called to order at 3:29 p.m., September 12, 2023, by Gordon Young, President. In attendance was Gordon Young, Bruce LaCour, Kelly Bryan, Karen Birch, Bill Cumbow, Kathy Parr, and Dee Foster.

Additional attendees: 14

Minutes for August 22, 2023, Board meeting were approved.

Director reports were as follows:

***PRESIDENT – Gordon Young***

Elections

We have continued to meet with Gary Sawicki for President and Don McLeod for Treasurer.  Both candidates show merit and interest.  The Director of Training is currently an issue with no candidate yet.

Software

We have all reviewed the Pickleball Den proposal and are moving forward.  The letter is written to the club and will be sent subsequent to the September 12 Board meeting.

Violations of member requirements

There have been reports of individuals playing at levels not qualified. Gordon has approached the violators. POA has verified players and found one individual who was not qualified to play at a level. The Recreation Department is monitoring membership of pickleball players.

Charity Partners

We are moving forward working with the Library for the Fall (November event) which is being driven by Molly and Mark Midgely (they have a trademark MMM Pickleball) as they desire to drive fund raising for charities.  I have arranged for us to speak at the October New Villagers regarding supporting the Library.

We have also had meetings with Special Olympics Tennessee.  They are interested in being our partner for the Spring Tournament.  I visited an event on Saturday in Knoxville and was very impressed with both organization, sportsmanship and the FEEL of the event.  It was great fun.  I believe they would make an excellent partner.

Resurfacing

Chet has signed the contract.  Now we wait for the company to also sign and start.  No date is set.  Rec has invited me to all vendor meetings, and there are actually 3 main vendors:  fencing, paving and painting.  All have to be coordinated and weather cooperating.  As soon as a date is set - it will be announced.  Until then - no change.

Audit of Membership

Rec has completed their audit.  There were a number of names and individuals that were contacted regarding not being members of the Wellness Center.  In all honesty - I have no idea how that turned out and in reality - do not need to as it is not our issue to enforce.

Bleachers on Plex

With the addition of the screening around the Plex, the bleachers view of the courts is blocked.  The only open spot that would allow the screening to stay in place and provide viewing of the courts is at the ends by court 9 or 12.  In discussion with Simon they will not allow the bleachers on the paver/wall of fame area.  This leaves Court 12.  I have a contractor who will volunteer his time and tools if we provide materials for building covered bleachers at the end of the Plex.  This would be approximately 7 foot by 32 feet.  The rough estimate is $10,000 for materials.  Obviously, the POA has spent over 3 times its budgeted amount for resurfacing, and we will not get this funding from the POA.  We would have to provide some level of advertising for the vendor (New Beginnings Construction) if we did this.

**Vote to adopt the software: The vote passed.**

***VICE PRESIDENT – Bruce La Cour***

1. The September Club Challenge was cancelled in anticipation of court resurfacing
2. A Club Championship in November has now been set up.
   1. “Lobbing for the Library” Championship
   2. November 11 and 12 with November 13 as weather backup
   3. Mixed Doubles, Men’s & Women’s Doubles, no age groups
   4. 100% of profits to benefit Tellico Village Library
   5. No swag, no medals, minimal expense to maximize profits
   6. Registration will open on September 18.
   7. Registration fee will be flat fee of $50, no event fees. Players can play in multiple events without extra fees.
   8. Details for registration and championship will be posted on website under the “Event Calendar”.
   9. Flyers will be distributed in Wellness Center & Rec Center.
   10. Emails with details & links will go out to membership every couple of weeks.
3. The after party on the evening of Nov 13th is still under discussion I will meet with Library Board on Thursday to discuss possibilities
4. Planning for open tournament in spring will begin soon.
   1. Dates for open tournament – April 26, 27, and 28
   2. After party at Yacht Club on evening of April 29th
5. A member suggested donations for non players. The Board Gordon suggested it is

best to have Library take donations as they have tax deductible status.

***SECRETARY – Kathy Parr***

Minutes and dates of Board meetings throughout 2023 are posted to the web site.

***SOCIAL – Kelly Bryan***

We have 2 new socials for this fall:

Friday, October 13th from 5-7 p.m. and will be called "Friday Night Lights"

    This social is a pickleball tailgate party.  We are asking that everyone were spirit wear from their favorite team (any sport, any team).  We are also asking that every bring a dish to share of the favorite tailgate food.  This is a BYOD event (Bring your own drink - no alcohol is allowed on the courts).  This event will be contingent on no rain and no court construction at the Wellness Center.

Wednesday, November 29th from 2-5 p.m. and will be called "Pickleball Holiday Party"

This will be a toy drive for disadvantaged youths.  We will announce the organization that we are working with when it is finalized.  We ask that everyone wear their favorite holiday/pickleball sweater.  A medal will be awarded to each of the three categories: "Most Creative", "Ugliest", "Most Festive"

In the works:

Volunteer luncheon - need to set a date end of January.

Annual Meeting - need to determine the format.  The social committee is working on a chili cookoff and needs approval to book the church and set the date.

Social committee to begin meeting end of January to play social events for 2024.

***EVALUATIONS – Dee Foster***

August Evaluations

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| REGULAR EVALUATIONS | CANDIDATES | PASS | FAIL | RETEST | WITH-DRAW |
| AUGUST |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.5 to 3.0 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 0 |  |
| 3.0 to 3.5 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 3.5 to 4.0 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
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| TOTAL | 17 |  |  |  |  |
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 E-TEAM members: 56 members

We have had 3 training sessions for volunteers

**EVALUATION REVIEW (6 MONTHS)**

1. We received permission to eliminate Level Play Review from the Evaluation Process. September is the first month not to include Level Play.
2. The Board also agreed that we can condense Evaluations into 2 days extending the time for Assessment and Ghost Doubles. This will take a change to the schedule so will be implemented next year.
   1. We will work with the Scheduling Committee.
3. Upcoming court closure
   1. If the courts are closed during the normal September Evaluation week, those candidates will be moved to October.
   2. We will need to determine what to do, if the courts are closed during the normal October Evaluation week.

***FINANCE– Karen Birch***

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| Beginning Balance |  |  | $31,752.43 |
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|  | Check # | Checking | Total |
| **Receipts** |  |  |  |
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| Membership dues |  | $480.00 |  |
| Spring Tournament Sponsor Citizen's |  | $500.00 |  |
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| **Total Receipts** |  |  | $980.00 |
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| **Disbursements** |  |  |  |
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| Mail Chimp | debit | $37.06 |  |
| 200 Franklin pickleballs (Amazon) | debit | $435.98 |  |
| Club Social (Gordon Young) | 1408 | $307.27 |  |
| Clus Social Prizes (Gary Sawicki) | 1409 | $45.00 |  |
| Dura pickleball for ball machine | debit | $78.30 |  |
| Dues overpayment (Leslee Rogers) | 1410 | $10.00 |  |
| Tournament donation (Our Place) | 1411 | $250.00 |  |
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| **Total Disbursements** |  |  | $1,163.61 |
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| Ending Balance |  |  | $31,568.82 |
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| August Membership 979 |  |  |  |

***TRAINING-Bill Cumbow***

The Skills & Drills program continues to be well received.

The Skills & Drills Level coordinators are as follows:

Level 2.0 Mar Isakson <svserenity@hotmail.com>

Level 2.5 TBD (Temporary) Debby Cumbow <dbcumbow@att.net>)

Level 3.0 Dave Jeanguenat <davidjeanguenat@yahoo.com>

Level 3.5 Rick Hulsey <rick_hulsey@yahoo.com>

Level 4.0 Mark Williams [netman003@gmail.com](mailto:netman003@gmail.com) (With Dave Brigham assisting)

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

Level 2.0 107 participants (434 Total 2023)

Level 2.5 72 participants (670 Total 2023)

Level 3.0 54 participants (310 Total 2023)

Level 3.5 28 participants (254 Total 2023)

Level 4.0 73 participants (378 Total 2023)

Total for August = 334 Total for 2023 = 2046 (As of August 31)

There is still a coordinator position available for Level 2.5. If anyone is interested, please let me know.

There may be some reduction in the S&D sessions for the planned resurfacing in September.

New chargers have been ordered for the ball machines.

***ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION***

Representatives from Special Olympics made a presentation about our sponsoring them. Pickleball will be introduced to the Special Olympics in the Spring. A member questioned moving ahead with Pickle Ball Den. Gordon, Dee, and Bill explained that they had exhausted all possibilities and that Pickle Ball Den’s software will do all that the Club needs; whereas, all other programs failed to offer as much for the price. David Brigham questioned raising dues to cover the new software. He suggested that the Board wait the first year to see how we can cover costs. Doubling dues from $10 to $20 is exorbitant. Gordon agreed to table the discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Katherine Parr