The TVPBC Board Meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m., October 10, by Gordon Young, President. In attendance was Gordon Young, Bruce LaCour, Karen Birch, Bill Cumbow, Kathy Parr, and Dee Foster.

Additional attendees: 4

Minutes for September 12, 2023, Board meeting were approved.

Director reports were as follows:

***PRESIDENT – Gordon Young***

September ended up being busier than anticipated despite the fact many events were canceled!

Gordon explained the electronic vote taken regarding dues and our charity partner for the spring tournament. There was a likelihood that several members might not be available for the October meeting. Five board members voted for the dues increase to $15, two voted for $20. The $15 increase passed. The Board voted unanimously to support Special Olympics for the spring tournament.

Court resurfacing began with both Kahite and Wellness Center Courts (1-8) being shut down until completions - planned for November 17.

1. Court 4 at Chota has been turned into 4 pickleball courts on a temporary basis.  Court striping my need to be reviewed as the temp system may cause an issue for some players.
2. The POP in Knoxville was kind enough to extend outdoor court usage during this time for a nominal fee.
3. Rarity Bay has opened their courts from Noon to 4 PM daily for TVPBC members with no fee.

The initial look into Pickleball den software has begun.  While we hope to have initial implementation in place December 31, final timing is not yet developed.

The Lobbing for the Library Club Tournament is moving forward.  A separate party run by the

Library is scheduled for November 13, tickets are $25 per person.

We have begun discussions for the Spring Tournament 2024.  We have agreed to split net revenues with Special Olympics (Ft Loudoun Regions, Loudon local).  Meetings have taken place, and it appears they are invested to make this a success.  Bryan McKenzie has been kind enough to support the effort and has provided contact to USAPA member responsible for Special Olympics events.  We are in conversation to determine if they can support.  Fund raising for sponsorships has begun for the Spring Tournament. A question was raised about public companies needing 50C3 tax forms for charitable donations. Gordon said that we can provide those.

Skills and Drills has effectively ended for the year--except for the dedicated efforts of Mare and Group who are making an effort to keep things moving for 2.0's.  October will be the last Evaluation class for 2023.  Next up will be February 2024.

New player Orientations continue.  Suggest closing December and January. for Orientation.  If we get demand we can open a slot like we did this past January.

With the resurfacing we have put on a back burner several items.  This includes the AED, covering the bleachers and improving water/fans at older court sections. The plan for bleachers are to put them next to court 12.

Complaints regarding unused courts that appear to be reserved continue.  As given notice we are working with Larissa and making certain it is being followed up on.  In most cases it appears people are canceling late - thus there is not a good way to make it open for those that want it.

The school elementary program is underway and Bill and Sharon Busch are running with it.

Still do not have an interested individual for Training Director.  Pondering next steps to be honest.

Gordon is looking for nominating committee members.

Gordon proposed a pro teaching day that would cost $1000 for a full day of training. Two pros are open to it. Gordon proposes two groups of 16 to train as trainers for orientation, skills and drills, and fast track. The club will have to finance 32 participants. The POA will take 20%, which brings the club’s share to $2400. The Board approved the program.

***VICE PRESIDENT – Bruce La Cour***

1. “Lobbing for the Library” Club Championship is set for November 10, 11, and 12, 2023.
   1. Registration is now open and will be closing on November 7, 2023
   2. Details can be found on TVPBC website under “Event Calendar”
   3. 100% of the net proceeds to go to the TVPBC Library
   4. Encourage participation in tournament
2. Wine, Cheese, & Chocolate Party at the Library on November 13, 2023 is set.
   1. Tickets can be purchased at the Library or through their website
   2. Details can be found on TVPBC website under “Event Calendar”
3. Spring Open Tournament is planned for April 26, 27, & 28, 2023.
   1. Partnering with Special Olympics, Ft Loudoun Regions
   2. Details to follow
4. After Party is planned at the Yacht Club on April 29, 2023. Details to follow.
5. Bruce has been working on promotion for the new software with banners, signage, and handouts. He also developed a training video to get into the system.

Steve McCormick asked if Special Olympics is pursuing their own sponsors for the tournament. Gordon explained that the money for the tournament goes to us, and we distribute the funds. However, other sponsors may contribute directly to Special Olympics. Steve also asked about the video for the software: Does it cover the various operating systems for phones? He suggested that Bruce do tests on various phones to check for feasibility.

***SOCIAL – Kelly Bryan***

We needed to cancel our October social due to court reconstruction but are still planning our November 29th social from 2-5pm.  During this social, we will collect toys for disadvantaged youths (more details to follow) and will have a pickleball /holiday sweater contest.  Entries will be judged on most creative, ugliest, and most festive.

Our volunteer luncheon will be held in January 27th from 11-2pm at the Kahite Community Room.  I ask that the board members to send me the names/emails of their volunteers by December 1st.

***EVALUATIONS – Dee Foster***

September 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 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |  |
| 3.5 to 4.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
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| TOTAL | 9 |  |  |  |  |
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**EVALUATION REVIEW (6 MONTHS)**We will have only 2 sessions this month to complete evaluations. Failure rates tend to center on ghost doubles for 2.5 players and skills for 4.0. Dee believes the failure is due to lack of practice.

Bill asked about retesting. Players wanting to retest may sign up for the following month, after their first trial, but they must sign up on a wait list. If they wait 2 months, they qualify for a slot. Retest requires the player to execute all elements of the evaluation. Kathy asked about ghost doubles, how are opponents selected for the candidates? Dee said that opponents come from a pool of players from the target level, yet those players are not those looking to move up themselves.

***FINANCE– Karen Birch***

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| Beginning Balance |  |  | $31,568.82 |
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|  | Check # | Checking | Total |
| **Receipts** |  |  |  |
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| Membership dues |  | $80.00 |  |
| Spring Tournament Sponsor, Citizen |  | $500.00 |  |
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| **Total Receipts** |  |  | $580.00 |
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| **Disbursements** |  |  |  |
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| Mail Chimp | debit | $37.06 |  |
| 200 Franklin pickleballs (Pickleball Central) | debit | $165.68 |  |
| Our Place Donation | 1413 | $200.00 |  |
| Office Supplies | debit | $36.94 |  |
| Charger for Ball Machine (Gordon Young) | 1412 | $154.29 |  |
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| **Total Disbursements** |  |  | $593.97 |
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| Ending Balance |  |  | $31,554.85 |
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| September Membership 1007 |  |  |  |

***TRAINING-Bill Cumbow***

The Skills & Drills program continues to be well received.

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

Level 2.0 63 participants (497 Total 2023)

Level 2.5 72 participants (742 Total 2023)

Level 3.0 56 participants (366 Total 2023)

Level 3.5 44 participants (298 Total 2023)

Level 4.0 46 participants (424 Total 2023)

Total for September = 281 Total for 2023 = 2327 (As of September 30)

Due to the resurfacing project and the limited court availability until November 17th the S&D sessions will be complete for the 2023 season.

I continue to solicit individuals that may have an interest in the Director of Training position for the term beginning next year with no success.

***ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION***

Dee asked for fans to be installed in the Plex and that they be included in the budget. Gordon responded that the Rec Department must approve first.

Bill raised a point about the new software, that we should find a way to motivate members to use it by highlighting benefits to our members. He also asked how new members will be affected with the winter months cancelling orientation. Gordon said that November and December will be impacted, but that he will pick up the program in January. Meanwhile, fast track candidates and new members may play level play until Dee can evaluate them.

The next board meeting will be November 14 at Chota, room D, 3:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at ­­­­4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Parr, Secretary