The TVPBC Board Meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m., January 24, by Gordon Young, President. In attendance were Gordon Young, Bruce LaCour, Kelly Bryan, Karen Birch, Bill Cumbow, Kathy Parr, and Steve McCormick.

Additional attendees: 5

Minutes for November 14, 2023, Board meeting were approved.

Director reports were as follows:

***PRESIDENT – Gordon Young***

As normal December is an odd month.  It was not, however, a slow month.

Elections:

We continue on a path as prescribed by the By Laws.  The nominating committee has been formed.  The club has been aware of the elections in multiple emails long before required time, and we have candidates for the 3 Board  positions.  The nominating committee is meeting the candidates on January 22.  They will report at the January 24 Board Meeting.

Pickleball Den

Implementation is underway.  The reality is we could use it as it is now.  That, however, would be not nearly sufficient to make the jobs of Skills and Evaluation Directors easier.  Mark Johnson has agreed to take on the role of Coordinator of PD.  Gary, Bruce and I met with Mark and believe he is a solid choice to take on the task ahead.

We held 3 sessions with Pickleball Den staff online with a full complement of 12 members joining each session.  Highly productive.

Matt and Karen Frederick have been testing scheduling, sign ups and more.  The goal is to be able to use this for when we truly start up in March with normal operations.

We also have a short list of enhancements that we have brought to Pickleball Den's attention.  These would make the software even more user friendly.

Club sign up has slowed since the new year.  We currently stand at 661.  I believe the goal should be to have 800 by February 15.  We will issue another note to all members on the current roster with a reminder.

Fund Raising:

Campbell Financial Group has sponsored the Spring Tournament.  Russell Campbell provided an $8,000 sponsorship.  Doug Jobes is joining me on fund raising and will assist in driving both sponsors and auction items.  I am meeting Doug and Special Olympics on Jan 26 and will send out a separate note regarding the tournament.

We also received a club sponsorship (not related to the Tournament) from Tom Cook, *Retiretotellico*, in which he is providing a pro for Train the Trainer instruction on March 9.  We will also open up the afternoon for lessons with Tito LLadro for club members.  Tom has also sponsored the Club website ($2,000) and the new pamphlet ($1,000).

TOC desires to put on a Pickleball Event with doctors, physician assistants, physical therapists and administrative staff at the Yacht Club.  The date is March 26.  Appetizers and drinks provided.  They are directing this to TVPBC; however, we may open it up beyond the club.  Stay tuned for details.

Selkirk Balls:

So far, rave reviews.  We did get some breakage, but it was 10° out when people played.  The balls are lively and seem to hold up substantially better than any other we have tried.

A special vote taken electronically approved Mark Johnson to oversee our Pickleball Den site.

We should have an open house to introduce pickleball to the community as well as a special orientation for new and fast-track players.

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|  | Pickleball Open Items Lists |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 1 | AED | Safety | Apr-22 | Dec-23 | REC | Simon | Completed! |  |
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| 2 | Netting for West Side Court 9 | Playability | 23-Apr |  | REC | Simon | net is in awaiting install |  |
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| 3 | Moving Plex Benches with roof | Playability | 23-Jul |  | TVPBC-REC | Public Works |  | Follow up with Simon |
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| 4 | BAF in Plex | Playability | 23-Nov |  | TVPBC-REC | Simon | Needs to discuss with Clear Span |  |
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| 5 | Playback Board in Plex | Playability | 23-Nov |  | TVPBC-REC | Simon-TVPBC |  | Ok to go forward |
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| 6 | Pro Training Events | Event | 23-Nov |  | TVPBC | TVPBC | 9-Mar |  |
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| 8 | Pickleball Den Software - scheduling | Ease of Use | 23-Dec |  | TVPBC-REC |  |  |  |
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| 10 | REC/Pickleball - Major Joint Social Open House | Growth | 23-Nov |  | REC-TVPBC | Simon | In discussion |  |
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| 11 | Formal Leagues | Play | 23-Dec |  | TVPBC | TVPBC | No issue |  |
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| 12 | New Signage for Courts | Playability | 24-Jan |  | TVPBC-Rec | Larissa | Awaiting response |  |

***VICE PRESIDENT – Bruce La Cour***

1. 2024 Spring Open Tournament is set in Pickleball Den. Registration opens February 1, 2024.
2. Full advertising for tournament begins the week of January 29th.
3. Event calendar on our website has been updated.
4. Tournament committee meeting is scheduled this week to get logistics going.
5. A special event for Special Olympics with the players to be held on Thursday, April 25th, from

4 p.m.–6 p.m.

1. Email to members asking for volunteers in numerous areas to go out first week in February, particularly Court Monitors and Special Olympics event.
2. New TVPBC pamphlet has been ordered (should arrive next week)

***SECRETARY—Kathy Parr***

Gordon asked Kathy to update the Club’s description on Tellico Life. She also updated the information on the web page.

We do have the pickleball wreath that goes to some, but we need a reliable way of reaching out to members in distress. We could add an announcement to the monthly newsletter and to the web page to encourage reporting of members in need.

***SOCIAL – Kelly Bryan***

2023 in Review – 9 events planned/supported by the Social Committee

a.       It’s in the Cards – Saturday, April 22nd

b.       Spring Tournament – May 5-7

           - Provided lunch each full day, drinks, snacks

c.       A Taste of Kahite – Saturday, June 3rd

d.       Ole, Everything is Popsicle – Tuesday, August 8th

e.       Club Raft Off – Tuesday, August 15th

f.        Friday Night Lights – Friday, October 13th – cancelled due to court resurfacing

g.       Fall Tournament – November – provided drinks and snacks

h.       Season of Giving – Wednesday, November 29th for Immanual House in Loudon

raised over $1700 plus toys, scooters

i.         Volunteer Luncheon – Saturday, January 27th

Invited 139 people

-          54 Accepted

-          52 Declined

-          33 Did Not Respond

j.    Misc

           - Created a standard template for social communications

           - Maintained the bulletin board with notices, promotions, events

**2024 Plans**

1.     Requested a $5,000 budget – need to verify board approval

2.     Objective: More focus on newcomers: We will have volunteers available to identify and connect newcomers during social activities

3.  Social Events

A.  **Saturday, April 13th from 2-4 p.m. It's in the Cards.** This was successful last year and

we will keep it in its original form.

B.  **Saturday, June 22nd from 10a.m.-1p.m. A Taste of Kahite**. We will simplify this to be pickleball, corn hole and a BBQ lunch.  Rec center members are welcome to swim afterwards.  We will need to buy a tent and will tape 4 additional courts on the existing tennis court.  Kelly will reserve lunch with Kahite Pub.

C.  **Saturday, August 17th from 2-4p.m. Ice Cream Social**, We will simplify this from last year and will increase the number of Paletas purchased.  We also will advertise so that people are aware of the games on courts 9-12.

D.  **Saturday, November 16th 2-4p.m. Season of Gratitude. T**his will be about giving needed

 items to a children's safe house and thankfulness.  We will develop the concept as we get

closer.

4. Other Social Supported events

A.     Fall and Spring Tournament

B.     Annual Meeting

C.     Volunteer Luncheon

***EVALUATIONS – Steve McCormick***

Winter Hiatus.  We've had three fast tracks come through.  Two 3.0's and a 4.0 respectively.  All placed appropriately.  Two additional players need to be scheduled for FT.

Eval training will resume in February, hopefully on the courts, but will investigate the wellness center Gym Dance room for an alternative.

Steve is putting together an addendum to the process that he will have complete for the next meeting vote and hopefully adoption. With regard to an addition to a new club member coming in with a provable rating (DUPR, ITPR) , or Club card official rating, rather than have that person go through a fast track, allow them to play at the level stated on their official document, with the understanding that evaluations for promotion could be open to them within a month. (availability of a slot dictates).

Our club is strong, and Steve’s concern is that while they may be an "X.Y" member elsewhere, they may not be at that same (higher) level here.

Steve has asked the E-team for their individual feedback of thoughts and experience from last season, and have received lots of feedback.

***FINANCE– Karen Birch***

Beginning Balance

$31,409.21

Check # Checking Total

**Receipts**

Tournament less Fees to PayPal

$2,801.69

Membership Dues Pickleball Den

$4,500.00

Membership Dues Cash/Check

$75.00

**Total Receipts**

$7,376.69

**Disbursements**

Mail Chimp

debit

$42.51

Tournament Snacks and Drinks (Bruce LaCour)

1416

$167.91

Court Supplies (Bruce LaCour)

1416

$23.70

Registration Signs (Bruce LaCour)

1416

$260.64

Straps for Nets (Gordon Young)

1415

$134.52

First Aid Kits (Gordon Young)

1415

$152.58

Selkirk Pickleballs 100 (Gordon Young)

1415

$272.50

Tournament Fees (Gordon Young)

1415

$265.00

Donation TV Library

1416

$2,326.93

Telico Life Annual Membership

debit

$60.00

Onix Pickleballs 100 (Pickleball Central)

debit

$238.17

Top Pickleballs Ball Machine (Pickleball Central)

debit

$248.45

**Total Disbursements** $4,192.91

Ending Balance $34,592.99

***TRAINING--Bill Cumbow***

The Skills & Drills program was suspended for the winter beginning with the court re-surfacing project which began on October 2, 2023. The S&D program will resume the first full week of March 2024.

Matthew Frederick has made himself available to serve as the TVPBC Training Director for the next two-year term beginning March 1, 2024. The election will take place at the February 2024 board meeting.

Marianthe Isakson (Level 2.0), Dave Jeanguenat (Level 3.0) and Mark Williams/Dave Brigham (Level 4.0) have indicated that they are willing to continue as S&D Coordinators for the 2024 season.

Don Peterson who worked closely with Rick Hulsey (Level 3.5) has indicated his willingness to serve as the coordinator for the for the 3.5 Level for 2024.

I have been working with Matthew regarding the transition of the Training Director position and the implementation of the Pickleball Den software as it pertains to the S&D program.

Additional balls were ordered for the ball machines and an AC adapter for one of the Lobster ball machines.

Chuck and Shari Haller are providing leadership for the TVPBC Orientation program. They have conducted meetings to discuss new protocols and ways to improve the process. They have recruited numerous volunteers and are in the process of formalizing the 2024 Orientation program.

***ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION***

Gary reported that TOC is working on a video about pickleball injuries

We moved the next board meeting to February 12 at noon at the POA Office due a conflict with the POA Finance Committee.

Select Physical Therapy chosen by the Professional Pickleball Tour as the official therapy partner.

The meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Parr