The TVPBC Board Meeting was called to order at 12:05p.m., February 12, 2024, by Gordon Young, President. In attendance was Gordon Young, , Kelly Bryan, Karen Birch, Bill Cumbow, Kathy Parr, and Steve McCormick, Bruce LaCour attending by phone, forming a quorum.

Additional attendees: 9

Minutes for January 24, 2024 Board meeting were approved.

Director reports were as follows:

***PRESIDENT – Gordon Young***

Court Maintenance

We sent Rec the updated listing of maintenance/open issues.  Gary and I are looking to meet Simon and go over the list to make certain of a smooth transition.

PRAC

I have been attending PRAC meetings, and the last meeting of February 8 was held at POA offices.  TVPBC was called out by Simon and PRAC as the example of how to work with Rec and the POA to jointly accomplish positive goals.  This goes to all of us.  Because we focused our input to Rec through the Board and kept Rec informed of how we were moving strategically, we maintained communication and did not have splinter groups creating confusion.

Fund Raising

We have made good progress with Silver and Gold commitments from TOC, KOC and Graham Cook Insurance.  We have also reached out to hospitals/doctors and real estate firms locally.

Branded Wear and Paddles

As a club, we need to decide if we want to handle/maintain clothing and paddles for club resale.  This is not a money maker as much as it is spreading camaraderie.  We may be able to have Wellness Center show our wares, or we inventory them at someone’s house.  Gary is working on a shirt currently, and once we have pricing, we can determine if we do that or let Toqua manage active wear.

Playback Board

Simon agreed that a playback board was ok.  Now we need to determine size and where to put it.  As to where, I believe Court 9 makes the most sense. We do not want it on an open court as it will age that much faster.  For size, from talking to others that have the smaller versions (approximately 3x4 ft), they are good, but it is difficult to practice fully.  A larger one, say 4x8 ft,  would fit against the back of court 9.  it would allow ground strokes, volleys and dinking opportunities.  Cost to manufacture would be under $500, about the cost of the 3x4 ft.

Pickleball Den

It is starting!  Nearly 800 members ,and we do not have our snow birds yet.  This is about where I expected us to be.  Mark Johnson will do a great job of helping usher us into the 21st century!  PD is working on a number of enhancements and seems committed.

Member Registration

Gordon will be checking on players who have not registered and paid dues on Pickleball Den.

March Pro Day

Tito Lladro will be here to demonstrate skills practice. Private/semiprivate lessons will be available.

Bylaws Revision

These need to be revised. Gordon suggests moving Board member beginning dates to coincide with first of the year activities. Also move club membership date to the same date.

***VICE PRESIDENT – Bruce LaCour***

1. Tournament on track
   1. 29 registered as of this email
   2. Advertising continues within 6 states
2. Party & sponsorship are on track. Flyers for party are under development
3. Special Event on track (April 25th from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.). Laurie Dowe is to head up organizing effort
4. Email to club going out this week to advertise tournament & solicit volunteers in several areas

***SOCIAL – Kelly Bryan***

We held our Volunteer Luncheon on Saturday, January 27th at the Kahite Community Center.  We did not keep a list, but I estimate 45-50 people attended out of the 55 people who RSVP'd positively.  The Kahite pub catered the lunch with Pulled Barbecue pork sandwiches, slaw, baked beans and cookies, with baked potatoes for our vegetarians.  We had quite a bit left over so we provided to-go boxes for people to take food home, which resulted in zero leftovers.  For the next Volunteer luncheon event, I will be recommending some changes and a review of the format and timing.

Gordon recommended that we show appreciation for our sponsors who have increased contributions to the club by over 70% ($9,000 in 2023, $14,000 so far in 2024).  As this is a business investment by our sponsors, I agree that we should try to provide them both broad and deep access.  For broad access, I am proposing that we use the August ice cream social to highlight and support our sponsors.  We can offer that they serve the ice cream as an ice breaker to meet people, and highlight the things the club has been able to do with the sponsorships.  For deep access, I also support the idea of a house party to provide them access to the leadership of the club, rec, and POA if possible.

Our next social is Saturday, April 13th from 2-4 p.m.  The theme is "It's in the Cards" which is a mixer with prizes.

***EVALUATIONS – Steve McCormick***

A new member comes in with a verifiable rating (DUPR, UTPR) , or any “Club card” official rating. Rather than have these person(s) go through a fastrack, 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).  Conversely, offer the player a slot in the lower level should they not feel comfortable in the initial level.  A personal non-threatening conversation should be engaged, again emphasizing the availability of evaluation in the future.

A senior member of the club should also give the player an “Admin” orientation of the club, in-person on the courts, preferably at their first attending level play to ensure the player knows club protocol, procedures etc.

***FINANCE– Karen Birch***

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| Beginning Balance |  |  | $34,592.99 |  |
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| **Receipts** |  |  |  |  |
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| Campbell Finance Sponsor |  | $8,000.00 |  |  |
| Player Dues |  | $3,900.00 |  |  |
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| **Total Receipts** |  |  | $11,900.00 |  |
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| **Disbursements** |  |  |  |  |
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| Mail Chimp | debit | $42.51 |  |  |
| Lobster Charger Pickleball Central | debit | $26.86 |  |  |
| Selkirk Pickleballs 200 Pickleball Central | debit | $455.61 |  |  |
| Supplies for Pickleball Hearts (Chuck Haller) | 1418 | $82.76 |  |  |
| Train the Trainer (Gordon Young) | 1419 | $4,900.00 |  |  |
| Dues Overpayment (Phil Scott) | 1420 | $30.00 |  |  |
| Volunteer Lunch (Kahite Grill) | 1422 | $950.00 |  |  |
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| **Total Disbursements** |  |  | $6,487.74 |  |
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| Ending Balance |  |  | $40,005.25 |  |
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***TRAINING-Bill Cumbow***

S&D resumes beginning of March. Bill’s term is over, and he welcomed the new director, Thanked the board and volunteers for S&D.

***ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION***

Election of new board members. Three candidates were elected unanimously:

Gary Sawicki, President

Matt Fredericks, Training

Don MacLeod, Treasurer

The new board takes effect March 1.

Gary offered announcements, March 8 Rarity Bay he’ll handle an event for volunteers. On March 28 at Rarity Bay, Matt Fredericks, our new training director, will have a referee for PBA to give us an update of rules. Gordon will stay on board as outreach director to build relationships and sponsorships. Gary thanked Gordon for the support he’s given Gary, as did Bruce.

The meeting adjourned at ­­­­1:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Parr