The TVPBC Board Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m., March 19, 2024, by Gary Sawicki, President. In attendance were Gary Sawicki, Bruce LaCour, Kelly Bryan, Don MacLeod, Matt Frederick, Kathy Parr, and Steve McCormick, forming a quorum.

Additional attendees: 0

Minutes for February 12, 2024, Board meeting were approved.

Director reports were as follows:

***PRESIDENT – Gary Sawicki***  
Train the Trainer:  
Overall the Train the Trainer event was a success and enjoyed by many players and spectators, as well. The sponsor Tom Cook was also very pleased with the turn out and the exposure.   
Although there was emphasis on technique and situational play, strategy of how to design the training program (one skill to the next, one level to the next) was not discussed.   
If we move forward with this program, we first need to decide on goals of the program and then research and find an appropriate trainer.  
  
Tournament:  
After Glow Party  
Tickets are selling on line and in person. On line sales are going very well. Total tickets sold to date us about 100. This is ahead of last year.   
Renee Baker is heading up auction items of which we project to have 40-50. We will combine some items. Renee, Special Olympics and Doug Jobes have done a fantastic job of acquiring items for the auction.    
  
Sponsorships:  
We are doing well on cash sponsorships. Currently, we have approximately $11,000 in hand with commitments for $1,500 more. We have met with Campbell Financial Group who have sponsored the tournament and are very pleased with the relationship as are we.  
  
Tournament:  
From the tournament - Net of $25 per player.  
200 players at $25.00= $5,000  
From sponsorships - Net of $12,500  
From After Glow Tickets - Net of $3,000  
From Auction - Live and Silent -Net of $8,000  
Total projected - $28,500  
  
Other Sponsorship:  
Tom Cook, Retire to Tellico, has supported the TVPBC website and the new pamphlet ($3,000)  
Potential for a sponsor for practice boards. A board at Kahite and a board at the Wellness Center, court 2.  
  
Pickleball Den:  
Mark Johnson has taken on the role of Administrator with Don MacLeod as his second.   
Currently at 840+ members  
Sign up sheets for skills and drills have been implemented.  
Sign up sheets for evaluations have been implemented.   
Beginning to place documents under comments for all members to have access and utilized for the Club as well as targeted communications.   
Member directories, both alphabetical and by skill level are available.  
A number of questions and enhancements have gone into Pickleball Den and are now being formally tracked by them as well as by us.   
  
Conflict Resolution Team (CRT):  
The process I, as president, will follow when a complaint comes into the TVPBC board.  
  
Engagement Initiative:  
Led by Jason Fein, the purpose is new member recruitment, new member introduction and member recruitment.   
  
Bylaws Revisions:  
This has been mentioned in past meetings.   
To be discussed at a subsequent meeting.   
  
Melissa Ownby discussion:  
Professional PB referee to hold a discussion as well as question and answers at Rarity Bay on March 28th from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.   
Rarity Bay Pickleball Club has invited TVPBC to attend.   
  
Survey Update:  
In the testing phase at this time.   
  
Capital Items:  
Meeting with Simon to update and prioritize to be held on March 19th.

Meetings:

We will schedule 6 meetings.

***VICE PRESIDENT – Bruce La Cour***

1. Tournament registration going strong – 95 so far with 5 weeks to go.
2. Have enough volunteers in all areas
3. Thursday prior to the event, Lori Dow will hold special event for Special Olympians to play pickleball with approximately 16-18 participants.
   1. Possibility of local TV coverage of event
   2. Medals will be distributed
4. Sponsorship
   1. Total amount cash collected or committed -- $12,500
   2. More sponsors continue to come forward
5. After Party
   1. Quite a number of auction items
   2. Tickets sold approximately 90+ so far
   3. Tickets can be purchased online or from
      1. Gary Sawicki
      2. Gordon Young
      3. Bruce LaCour

***SOCIAL – Kelly Bryan***

Our first social for 2024 will be held Saturday, April 13th, from 2-4 p.m.  We are reusing the theme "It's in the Cards" from a social we did last year that was positively received.  This social will be designed to be a true mixer of all levels, and we will, again, be giving away wine based on random drawings.

The social committee will support the April tournament by providing ice, drinks, snacks and coolers each day. Our second social is planned for June and is planned to be in Kahite.

***EVALUATIONS – Steve McCormick***

Evaluations start this week, Mar 21st and 23rd.  16 candidates signed up with 7 on a wait list.  Evaluations needs more balls.

We completed three more fast-track evals last month, with another three in the works.  So far, those members seem happy with their respective placements.

We had a brief refresher training session at Chota last week.  15 team members attended.  A good start to the season!

I've received other member feedback about new players; that's always welcome and good to have  a heads up about our new membership.

***Secretary—Kathy Parr***

There was one revision to last month’s minutes, January’s year as 2023. That change is complete and the minutes ready to post on the web site.

***FINANCE– Don MacLeod***





Pickleball Central has restocked Selkirk balls and 100 have been ordered. POA will be paid 20% of Tito’s (the pro) fee, as required. Gary advised that we’ll need 4 tents for the upcoming tournament. Member Clicks is used by POA clubs for email. Don wants to investigate using Member Clicks to reach non members. Don has researched insurance for board members at $750 per year.

***TRAINING-Matt Frederick***

There are currently 315 members signed up for Skills and Drills in Pickleball Den. S&D began on 3/4/24. Thru February, 27 people went thru orientation with 78% assigned to 2.0 and 22% assigned to 2.5. There was one fast track. The next orientation is 3/18 and 3/20. Orientation is being headed up by Chuck and Sharon Haller.

Pickleball Den is working well for S&D. There have been some hiccups, but as a team we have been working thru them. Special thanks to Mark Johnson, Don MacLeod, Gary Sawicki and Karen Frederick for working with me in getting sub clubs and signups created, as well as dealing with the multitude of opportunities that have arisen.

Skills and Drills coordinators for 2024 are as follows:

* 2.0- Mare Isaccson
* 2.5- Karen Frederick & Mark Johnson
* 3.0- Dave & Susan Jeanguenat
* 3.5- Don Peterson
* 4.0- Dave Brigham & Mark Williams

All are being assisted by a team of excellent trainers. I have had the pleasure of dropping by an watching all levels.

200 new pink training balls were purchased as well as several new buckets. We have also received new 12 inch dots and yellow line markers for S&D.

Storage unit for plex is not waterproof. After last heavy rain, contents were soaked, including the ball machine.

Next board meeting will be in May, tba. Board meetings will be scheduled every two months, 6 meetings in the year.

***ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION***

The meeting adjourned at ­­­­5:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Parr