The TVPBC Board Meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m., May 21, 2024, by Gary Sawicki, President. In attendance were Bruce LaCour, Kelly Bryan, Don MacLeod, Matt Frederick, and Steve McCormick, and Kathy Parr to form a quorum.

Additional attendees: 3

Minutes for March 19, 2024, Board meeting were approved.

Director reports were as follows:

***PRESIDENT – Gary Sawicki***

TOURNAMENT

* 12 special Olympic athletes had fun and learned about pickleball.
* Just under $20,000 went to Special Olympics Fort Loudon Regions and just over $15,000 to TVPBC. The entire amount of reverse auction went to Specialty Olympics.
* Sponsors were very pleased with the 5 day event.
* We had print coverage and two TV stations.
* Will present check to Special Olympics at a “ceremony” in the near future.

BENCHES FOR THE PLEX

* Permission granted from the Recreation Department to proceed.
* One bench purchased to trial on side of 9-12 for $185.

PLAYBACK BOARDS

* Main Village: 1 board on court 1 and 1 board on court 2.
* Kahite: 1 board at Kahite courts.

PICKLEBALL DEN – CLUB

* Just under 896 members.
* Mark Johnson and Gary Sawicki beginning to talk about a trip over to PB Den office this summer in an attempt to usher on our requests.

RECRUITMENT and RETENTION INITIATIVE

* Two meetings were held with TVPBC members.
* Action plans beginning to be developed.

BEAUTIFICATION GROUP
Annie LaCour and Cindy Hines and others have formed  a beautification group for general clean up, weed pulling and spraying and placing potted plants/flowers near the donor wall, as well as other items as they present  themselves.

INJURY PREVENTION

* Gary is awaiting statistics from the TVVFD Chief regarding number of visits and reasons for visits to the main village courts from last year. Gary will try to see the Chief on 5/20.
* TOA did a short class to 2.0 skills and drills concerning warm up before getting on the court.
* TOA will do the same short class for 2.5 skills and drills.

SURVEY
The survey will be sent out to the Club in June.

PICKLEBALL HEARTS
A team of 10 people covering geographic areas of members of the Club are delivering hearts. Feedback is that the hearts are very much appreciated.

FACEBOOK AND NEXTDOOR
Esther Drish has agreed to post items for TVPBC on Facebook and NextDoor and did so for all items related to the tournament.

SCHEDULE
The summer schedule started on May 13 and will end on November 17.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION TEAM
It has not necessary to utilize the team to this time.

SCHOOL PROGRAM
Bill and Sharon Busch along with Kelly Bryan will be approaching Sequoyah High School in Madisonville regarding assisting with the development of their pickleball program.

LOUDON COUNTY RECREATION COMMISSION

* Three members of TVPBC attended their meeting in April by invitation to discuss the further development of their pickleball program.
* Three members of TVPBC went on a site visit with them by invitation as a follow up one week later.
* Bill Busch has put his hat in the ring to become a member of the Commission. They had requested a member from Tellico Village.

POSSIBLE FALL PARTY
There is scheduled a meeting  on May 24 with the POA, Timeless TELLICO FOUNDATION
to discuss a possible Tellico Village wide party in the Fall at the Wellness Center Courts with any proceeds going to the Foundation.

KOC MEETING
There is scheduled a meeting with KOC and TVPBC on May 24 to discuss a possible relationship.

***VICE PRESIDENT – Bruce LaCour***

* The Spring tournament was tremendous success with numerous positive comments.
* We received thank you letters from Special Olympics participants.
* Tournament survey results & recommendations currently under development with coordination from Mike Peters, who will send final copy to board members and tournament committee for comment when complete.
* Rory Holmes has provided photos of all April events — April Social, Special Olympics Event, Tournament, Tournament Winners, & After Party. Photos will be made available to Kathy Parr for vetting and posting on website.

***SECRETARY – KATHY PARR***

Distributed copies of Google Drive doc on bylaws showing feedback so far.

***SOCIAL – Kelly Bryan***

Our April Social “It’s in the Cards” had approximately 80 people attend with good feedback.

Our next social “Take me out to the Ball Game” is planned for June 22nd from 12-2pm at the Wellness Center courts.  We are celebrating the Phillies use of a pickleball-like game to improve their team’s defensive baseball skills.  We will be serving a light hot dog lunch (Benton’s Smokey Mountain Hot Dogs) and inviting people to BYOD (bring your own drinks).  We will be running a “baseball game” of 5 teams.  Each player can “earn runs” for their team by winning a pickleball game.  We will give out small prizes to the winning “team” and a larger prize for the social’s MVP (person with the most reported wins).

Future socials in the lineup are:

August 17th, 2:00-4:00 p.m: Ice cream social

November 16th, 2:00-4:00 p.m: Toy drive

***EVALUATIONS – Steve McCormick***

Last two month of evals:

* 36 candidates
* 108 hours of team time.
* 49% promotion rate.
* Three Fastracks (FTs) leveled into the club.
* Still have 5 FTs on the list

We still need to complete the remaining original list of players at Kahite.

***TRAINING-Matt Frederck***

* Skills and Drills continue to be fully attended with 420 players attending in April and 198 players attending thru May so far. The coordinators have been doing an outstanding job preparing each week for the drills
* 2.5 level continues to run the same skills for 2 weeks, allowing 48 players to participate.
* The new schedule has placed all levels except 3.0 on courts 9-12, limiting the number of rain outs that we will experience. 2.0 and 2.5 continue to have 2 courts weekly on courts 5&7.
* In observance of Memorial Day, skills and drills for May 27 have been cancelled.
* Spin balls have been purchased for 3.0, 3.5 and 4.0 levels for spin training drills.
* So far this year 97 players have gone thru orientation. Sixty-five players (67%) were assigned to 2.0 while 31 players (32%) were assigned to 2.5. Four players have been referred to Steve for fast-trac.

***FINANCE– Don MacLeod***

When preparing to file the Club’s first Form 990N with the IRS, it was discovered that the Club’s EIN (employer identification number – equivalent to a social security number) had mistakenly been coded as a for-profit enterprise. We are in the process of changing tax status to not-for-profit with the IRS.

The Club’s checking account at Truist had been coded with the Club’s previous EIN.  With adoption of the new EIN, we needed to open a new checking account at Truist.  When the above EIN issue is sorted out, the Club’s funds will be moved to the new account and the old account will be closed.

The Club transacts money through PayPal in addition to its checking account.  Previously only tournament revenues passed through PayPal.  With the implementation of Pickleball Den, dues payments and other money also now pass through PayPal.  As a result, we will keep a modest balance at PayPal (likely about $500) for any payments that need to be made.







The meeting adjourned at ­­­­ 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Parr, Secretary