The TVPBC Board Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m., July 5, 2024, by Gary Sawicki, President. In attendance were Bruce LaCour, Don MacLeod, Matt Frederick, and Steve McCormick, and Kathy Parr to form a quorum.

Additional attendees: 6

Minutes for May 21, 2024, Board meeting were approved.

Director reports were as follows:

***PRESIDENT – Gary Sawicki***

INJURY PREVENTION  
\*Statistics from the TVVFD Chief shows 1 call to the Wellness Center including the building, PB courts and tennis courts every 6-7 weeks.  Reasons were not delineated.   
\*TOA did 2 short classes at 2.5 skills and drills.   
\*Met with Select Therapy. Matt Frederick will be working with them to develop a program of classes to be held in the Chota gym with sign up in PB Den for injury prevention (warm up prior to going to the court).  
  
SURVEY  
\* Sent out June 27. After 200 surveys were submitted, a glitch stopped others from being submitted. Carol Moore is investigating.   
  
FACEBOOK AND NEXTDOOR CHANGE  
\*FaceBook is being posted by Kathy Parr  
\*NextDoor is being listed by Esther Drish  
  
SCHOOL PROGRAM  
\*Bill Busch continues to try to get into contact with Sequoyah High School.  
  
BENCHES FOR THE PLEX  
\* 4 installed, 3 more to be installed   
\*Positive feedback from members.   
  
FANS FOR THE PLEX  
\*1 floor fan installed, 1 fan on the way, May purchase up to 4 floor fans.  
  
SCREENS IN THE PLEX  
\*Screens at the ends (courts 9 and 12) have been taken down in an attempt to create air flow.   
  
FAN FOR BLEACHER AT COURTS 5-8  
\*A fan has been purchased.  
  
PICKLEBALL DEN - CLUB  
\*About 950 members. Continue to have issues with members deleting themselves from the club.  
We recently escalated the issue to the next level at PB Den.   
\*Mark Johnson and Gary will probably need to make a trip to talk to face to face with PB Den on this issue as well as outstanding enhancement requests.   
  
GATES FOR THE PLEX AND KAHITE  
\*Still waiting for them to be delivered.   
  
NEW CRANK FOR COURT 7  
\*Still waiting for the replacement t to be installed. POA staffer has been on vacation, but has returned. He should make the repair soon.  
  
POA EMPLOYEE PICKLEBALL  
\*August 1, Thursday, 2-4 pm, courts 9-12.  
\*Short lesson to POA staff and let them play Pickleball and have fun.   
  
TV-WIDE FALL PARTY  
\* Sunday, October 27th (rain date of November 3rd), 4-7 pm.  
\*Tickets for food $20.00.  
\*Cash for beer and wine.  
\*Shuttle parking from Community Church.  
\*Food and drink from Food Services.  
\*Pickleball demonstration and play.  
\*Second Wind.  
\*Possible ice cream truck.  
\*Cornhole.  
\*Possible fire pits for marshmallow roasting.  
\*Welcome Center to stay open for use of bathrooms.  
\*Remains in the development stages.  
\*Sponsors to be solicited by TTF, Food Services and TVPBC.   
\*Net proceeds to benefit Timeless Tellico Foundation.  
  
KOC MEETING  
\*Very positive meeting with KOC. Awaiting response from them.  
  
DIRECTORS and OFFICERS INSURANCE  
\*Purchase of a policy has been initiated.   
  
AMBASSADOR PROGRAM  
\*Ginna Lewis was to lead this effort; however, she has decided to “step away from pickleball,” and I will be looking for a new lead.   
  
ADVISORY GROUP  
\*No progress.

DROP INS

\*Being led by Jason Fein

\*Probably start with New Villagers. Jason needs assistants. Will present at New Villagers and put in their calendar.

VIDEO

\*”I have joined TVPBC, now what?” Bruce will film the video beginning July 6.

\*Filming to start week of July 1st. May do two more videos evaluatioins and Skills & Drills.

Rarity Bay courts are being resurfaced. We are offering open level play to them as they opened their courts to us during resurfacing. Gary will notify club.

UT TENNIS

Mary Kay Aug 25 players will be here at 1:00. We will give them lunch and take them out on a boat. Players will play both tennis and pb.

MAIL CHIMP

Free version up and running to maintain our archives. Al Johnson will be working with Russ coordinating Pickleball Den and Mail Chimp.

LOBSTER

There have been issues with the Lobster. Gary asked Matt and Jason to look into what is needed.

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Gary will send out an announcement requesting Board candidates to fill upcoming vacancies.

***VICE PRESIDENT – Bruce LaCour***

The following efforts are ongoing:

* Improvements to the courts, particularly the TelliPlex, in this heat: extra fans, benches for seating, and removal of end screens to improve airflow.
* Training for potential replacements continue in areas of Vice President, Communications Director, photographer, graphics, tournaments, and website improvements and updates
* Crank replacement for court 7 net has been ordered.  Not sure of delivery date.
* Court 5 net strap has come out of asphalt.  Simon has been notified; not sure of repair status.

***SECRETARY – Kathy Parr***

Articles are on the web site for Special Olympics and Camp Tellico. These were also posted on Facebook.

***SOCIAL – Kelly Bryan***

We held a social on June 22nd between 12 and 2 p.m. Attendance was lighter than usual, but we discovered that there were a couple of competing events that day. It appeared people enjoyed the hot dog lunch, socializing, and the “baseball” game that we played. We went through 100 hot dogs, which were grilled in real time by Don Bryan and Steven Clark. We gave away prizes to the “winning team” and to the MVP of the day. I was glad to see that players  from all levels participated.

Our next social is Saturday, August 17th from 2-4 p.m. We plan to give away 100 Paletas  (Mexican popcicles). These received good reviews from our social last summer. Our sponsors will be invited to attend and are welcome to setup a tent highlighting their business. The only game that will be played that day is pickleball.

Finally, we are doing our due diligence on the charity that will be the recipient for our toy/cash drive in November.

***EVALUATIONS – Steve McCormick***

Evaluations:

For the last two rounds we've had a total of 34 candidates sign up. YTD total candidates is 72.

We had a promotion rate of 86% and 63% respectively. Now comparing those most recent two months, of the 34 candidates, 10 were second attempts, all ten of which promoted the second time, which potentially shows that after a non-promotion, players are tightening up their games a bit.  The rest of the year may bear this out.

We not only evaluated all "listed" candidates, but after those that dropped, we moved ALL WAITLISTERS up and also evaluated them.  So everyone on the waitlist we got through the eval.

We moved 3 more fast track candidates into level, which is not included in the numbers above.

Tom LeFleur has started a monthly Pre-eval clinic where he shows each candidate what to expect.  That's been received well.  Elisabeth Vincent has 30+ 2.5 women working on evaluation skills.

E-Team: We've had 7 members of the E-Team bow out. We've also had a new influx of members, for a net gain of 2. The Team and challengers donated 116 hours to the effort.

Upcoming July:  We have 17 candidates  6 of whom are wait listers, and our plan is to evaluate them so no one is rolled into Aug.

***TRAINING-Matt Frederck***

We are now half way thru the training season.  Attendance continues to be strong with multiple players unfortunately ending up on the wait list each week. Some sessions are not full, however, when the heat and humidity are too high. This does create some no-show opportunities.   
Current Pickleball Den rosters are as follows:  
2.0- 70 players  
2.5- 169 players  
3.0- 78 players  
3.5- 62 players  
4.0- 53 players  
Total: 432 players

***FINANCE– Don MacLeod***

Our money is in three places: 2 checking accounts and PayPal. Signing up for orientation is laborious involving multiple web pages. Don prepared a PowerPoint to help with sign ups. Bruce will add a link to the orientation sign up link.











IRS reporting, Don will adjust FY2024 projection to net costs so that the amount will be below $50,000.

BYLAWS CHANGES

Amended document to be linked on the Bylaws web page for members to review before the special meeting to adopt the changes in August.

Primary changes include the fiscal year to be January through February, terms of officers to coincide. Associate directors are added to the Board as non voting members: Director of Outreach and Director of Information Technology. The Secretary will become Secretary-Communications Director, as well.

Board of Directors voted to approve the amended document. The special meeting for membership approval is to be scheduled for the week of August 5, 2024, with Gary needing to find meeting space. Two-thirds of attendees must approve the amended document.

Secretary Kathy Parr will put the draft on the web site, and Gary will link it in email to members.

Next unofficial board meeting in August 20.

Next official board meeting September 20 if POA room is available.

Mark Johnson and Pickleball Den. We are losing 18 members because of cancel button. Three don’t want to be on the Den. Our issues aren’t being addressed now that the Den has been sold.

Quilters will be at next social selling tickets for a quilt.

The meeting adjourned at ­­­­ 1:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Parr, Secretary