

GVR PICKLEBALL CLUB BOARD MEETING

Sept 13, 2017 6 PM East Center Lounge

President Jeff Harrell called the meeting to order. Attending were Pres. Jeff Harrell, VP Mark Robertson, Treasurer Donna Talarski, Members-at-large Carol Hammerle, Paul Serra & Marsha Olson (by teleconference) and non-voting member Donna Coon.

Minutes of the May meeting were approved as posted.

Donna T. reports the checking account balance is \$22,022.19 and reserve account balance is \$15,221.87

OLD BUSINESS

Pickleball Center – two privately owned properties are now being reviewed by WSM to determine the cost of development.

East Center – The shaded bag rack area is being redesigned with a solid roof and additional bag holders and shelves. Gates are also being modified so they only open inward.

Canoa Ranch – A safety railing has been installed alongside the walkway to courts 3 & 4.

Intercommunity Play – Only one complaint was received about IC Play using the courts in the evening. Participants enjoyed the opportunity to play with outside players. Carol reported that the Quail Creek Pickleball Club is optimistic about making this a reciprocal event next summer.

NEW BUSINESS

Information about local hurricane relief efforts will be sent to the membership.

The Fall court schedule was discussed and several changes were incorporated. The revised schedule will be sent out to all Board members for final comments. It will be effective 10/1 to 12/31.

A lengthy discussion was held about ratings. Everyone felt the Rating Committee is doing a good job. When they committee is back together this Fall they will discuss the problem of ratings not being done in the summer and the merits of trying to provide that service a few times during the summer.

The Board discussed setting guidelines on who can have access and/or update the member database.

There was a general discussion about how to handle complaints that are heard on the courts. Club officers are often asked questions and they need to be consistent in how they answer. Jeff is working on a Club Policy Manual which should help this situation. Carol suggested we have a trifold brochure with information about the Club that could answer basic questions, also.

Paul May will be offering a referee class for new referees (and those that need a refresher). The time and date have not been set yet.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40.

Submitted by

Donna Coon

GVR has approved \$4475 to add shade and improvements to the bag rack at East. Also, gates at Canoa Ranch have been modified to open inward only. We discussed requesting gates at East except for Court 7 also be so modified. This is much safer so Jeff will discuss this with GVR. Gravel will be added along the sidewalk at CR for safety.

INTER-COMMUNITY PLAY Mark says GVR has approved this program and it will begin May 30th. This will involve 4 skill levels and 4 courts for 3 evenings and 1 afternoon every other week. Participants will need to sign up on ALL-IN. Initially Quail Creek Players will be participating although we hope to include players from other clubs in the area. This will be a summer program while the courts are not crowded. Facilitators for all levels include Paul May, Bob Epstein, Paul Serra and Mark Robertson. This is an opportunity to make new friends, improve play and grow our PB community.

NEW BUSINESS Donna C. reports the May schedule is in effect and will be used again in September. The summer schedule will begin in June with all focus groups having morning play 6 days a week and Sundays being open play. East Center courts will be shared by 2 groups with signs posted designating courts. Reserve court will be Court 4 at CR in the mornings. Seating at East Center will move to the shaded area between courts.

COURT MANAGEMENT Paul Serra will be responsible for maintenance issues and he will work on a court monitor plan to educate and encourage correct skill level play at Focus Play times.

REFEREES Paul May will be handle recruitment, classes, and training for referees.

BUDGET Donna T. questioned if we should deposit revenue from Social events in Reserve account. It was decided to leave it in checking. She also asked about balancing merchandise sales. The club makes about \$5 per shirt, but receipts come in as shirts are picked up. We will leave as is.

EDUCATION The education committee consisting of Carol Hammerle, Paul May, Tom Oliver Dean Olson & Donna Davis met on April 24, 2017 along with Quail Creek guests Jean Bustard and Karen Morse. Carol presented handouts detailing the history and growth of the program since 2010. As PB 101 classes have been filled with long waiting lists an Orientation class led by Donna Davis was introduced in 2017. This helped with accommodating players wanting to learn to play, but we still needed court time to teach basic skills and rules so an additional AP (Assisted Play) class was added utilizing off-site courts. We recognize this need will continue so we will pursue options for court space.

The committee defined each class with objectives, skills taught and future recommendations. They agree more coaches are needed so in an effort to maximize quality instruction they will pursue a Coop with Quail Creek and provide training classes for coaches.

Carol moved and the Board approved talking with the Villages of Green Valley about setting up a Pickleball Orientation program at their courts that would be open to their HOA members and GVR members that would like to try out pickleball.

Carol moved and the Board approved pursuing a Coop with Quail Creek to establish and train a Coaching Core.

Carol moved and the Board approved pursuing the option of offering classes including some GVR classes such as PB 101, 201, and 202 classes at Quail Creek where both GVR and Quail Creek members could participate. She and Jeff will propose this to GVR.

Paul May requested we have AP participants be required to join the club after a few sessions. The Club provides all coaching and equipment. Donna T. moved and the Board approved after 4 sessions, AP participants will be asked to join the club. If they choose not to join, they will no longer be eligible to participate in AP. AP participants will be using Sign-Up Genius. Jeff will discuss this with GVR.

Carol will check Simon to see if there is an issue with the battery.

Nina Campfield suggested a mentoring system to help players improve their skills and move to a higher skill level. Several players are already doing this and it works very well. We would like to encourage more.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Smith, Secretary