

## Pagosa Pickleball Club Board of Directors Meeting – June 4, 2021 Minutes

Meeting started at 2:05 PM and adjourned at 4:45 PM

Attendees: Steve Chaney, Al Pfister, John Costa, Tina Heffner, Laura Metallo, Mark McNown, Gordon Holmes. Non-board: Greg Schulte, Deborah Schulte, Annie Jacobi, Charlie Jacobi, Steve Taub, Ann Mayer, Roger Bennett, Ron Olding, Ed Baxter

### Treasurers Report

#### Bank Balances

Checking:	\$ 4,687.98
PayPal:	\$ 514.00
Savings:	\$31,875.43

#### Court Construction Fund Status

Savings:	\$31,875.43
Pledges:	\$11,450.00
Total:	\$43,325.43

### Income statement 2020-2021 YTD 7/1/2020 through 5/31/2021

#### INCOME

Membership Dues	\$1,760.00
Building Fund	
General Donations	\$2,340.00
Fly High	\$3,360.00
Mont 1200	<u>\$3,050.00</u>
TOTAL Building Fund	\$8,750.00
Operating Expense Donations	\$251.00
Other Fund Raising	
Tournament	\$0.00
Shirts Sales	\$240.00
Amazon Smiles	<u>\$133.98</u>
Total Other Fund Raising	\$373.98
Interest on Bank Account	\$13.67
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$11,148.65</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$10,381.45</b>

#### EXPENSES

Supplies	
Indoor balls	\$121.99
Outdoor balls	\$150.10
Other Equipment	\$157.39
Court Repair/Expense	\$94.43
Office Supplies	\$97.64
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
TOTAL Supplies	\$621.55
Shirt Expense	\$15.00
Administration	\$10.00
Miscellaneous	\$120.65
Tournament	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$767.20</b>

The board agreed we would report and track our income/expenses based on our pickleball year July through June. John will maintain records to enable the club to report income/expenses on a calendar year as necessary.

## **Current “Stock” of Supplies/Equipment**

John listed our current inventory or stock of balls and shirts as:

Indoor balls: 12 orange Onyx

Outdoor balls: 24 yellow / 24 neon green Dura 40

Shirts: 2 women’s green / 5 women’s white / 4 men’s white

Several members have requested that we change our outdoor balls to the Franklin neon green. After discussion a motion was made and seconded to change to the Franklin neon green balls. A vote was taken and it was agreed we would change to the Franklin until further notice.

## **Miscellaneous Tax Update**

2020 tax receipts have been emailed to all donors.

990-N has been filed for 2020

## **Membership**

We currently have 242 members.

74 have not renewed their dues for the 20/21 year. Due to the Covid-19 situation we have not removed these people from the Goggle Group email list. The board agreed that 2020 was a unique year due to the virus and many members choose to refrain from play but intend to remain in the club. John agreed to send an email to all members who had not renewed saying that we missed them and hope to see them on the courts soon.

No action will be taken regarding non-payment of dues for the 20/21 year however we will suggest those who missed their payment make an additional donation for expenses.

We need to reprint our paper copy Member Registration form. John will follow up on that. He will also investigate updating an online form.

## **Dues for 2021/2022**

Dues from new members paid after May 1, 2021 have been applied to the 21/22 year

There was good discussion regarding an increase in dues for the 21/22 year. All agreed the current \$10 amount was low. Two options surfaced. The first raising individual dues to \$25 and dues for a couple to \$40. The other was increasing dues to \$20 regardless of single or couple. After discussing both options a motion was made and seconded to raise dues to \$20. The motion passed.

Although it is felt \$20 is low the board wanted to avoid a larger increase at this time. We recognize we will continue to have expenses for normal supplies like balls and loaner paddles. It was also noted that with permanent courts we will likely have additional expenses such as nets, wind screens and other equipment that may need replacing sooner than what the town may want to cover. As we go forward, we will need to communicate this to our membership. We

also recognized the need and desire to continue to develop more club benefits for our members.

### **Board Elections**

We have three board members whose terms are expiring. John Costa and Al Pfister have submitted their names as candidates as have Steve Taub, Roger Bennett, Buzz Burke and Ann Mayer.

A “meet and greet” for members to meet the candidates was discussed. Due to the three locations where we have been playing pickleball it is likely not everyone is familiar with all the candidates. It was decided that it would be up to the candidates to schedule a meet and greet if they wanted to.

### **Annual Membership Meeting**

We will be holding an in-person annual membership meeting this summer. Due to continuing cautions related to Covid-19 it was agreed we would hold the meeting at an outdoor location. With this requirement we may not be able to have our favored pot luck and beer due to restrictions on serving alcoholic beverages in town parks or other public locations. Steve will research locations like the Pagosa Brewery to see if their outdoor patios would be an option. Once a location has been determined we will make an announcement to the membership.

The meeting is scheduled for 1:00 PM Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. We will send out details as soon as we can confirm a location. Steve will send out a save the date email.

### **19<sup>th</sup> Hole Concert Series**

Al shared the news that we were selected as one of the four non-profits for the 19<sup>th</sup> Hole Concert Series. Revenue from ticket sales for all four concerts will be divided equally among the four non-profits. We will need to provide volunteers to help on our night and there will be a number of tasks we will need to complete related to marketing for the event. Al will work with John and Tina with regard to updating our website and Facebook to promote the event. He will reach out to the club membership to provide information about the event and any needed volunteer support. Al received a round of applause for his effort in securing a position in this fundraiser for the club.

### **Round Robins for Summer**

Everyone present agreed that the round robin introduced in the summer of 2019 was a very popular event. It was agreed that we would return to a weekly round robin this summer. The day will be moved from Sunday to Saturday starting June 12<sup>th</sup>. Play will begin at 8:30 and end at approximately 11:30.

John will send an email to the membership announcing the details. He will reach out for volunteers to assist in running the weekly event.

## **Clinics**

Gary has been conducting indoor clinics at the Community Center however he will be leaving the area this August/September. Lorrin Lee has been assisting him and filling in from time to time. John has agreed to work with Lorrin in the fall to continue the indoor clinics throughout the winter.

Currently there are no plans for a regularly scheduled outdoor clinic. Mark indicated he would be willing to work with people if requested.

## **4<sup>th</sup> of July Float**

Deborah Schulte and Annie Jacobi asked if the club would be willing to participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. They felt that this would be an excellent opportunity to gain recognition for the club within the community at large. This could help as we continue to work to develop broad community support. A suggestion was made that it would be great to have a flatbed trailer with members hitting dinks over a short net. It was decided that for safety reasons, parade restrictions and the short amount of time our entry would need to be toned down. After discussion the final recommended solution was members carrying a banner and maybe a short net. Deborah and Annie provided a rough cost estimate for two banners at approximate \$375. We agreed to have the banners printed locally even if a lower cost, out-of-town vendor could be identified. The banners can be used for the parade and other future club sponsored events. A motion was made and seconded to authorize them to spend up to \$500. The motion passed 6 to 1.

## **T-Shirts**

All agreed our T Shirt fundraiser was a success generating over \$1,200 for our capital fund. We would like to offer shirts again this year. Steve pointed out that we may not have enough time to order and receive shirts before the end of the season. It was decided that we should increase the size of the logo. A request was made to consider ¾ sleeves for the women. Steve will contact the supplier to get updated information on available colors and style options. He will send the information to the board for final selection. Once the color and shirt styles are determined, we will make a decision as to whether we can order this summer or if we should wait until next spring.

## **New Courts / Town Planning Effort Status**

Steve summarized the current status of the potential location for our new courts as follows.

Our efforts were successful in convincing the THK planners that a reasonable number of new pickleball courts are needed in Pagosa Springs and the various alternatives contained in the current draft Yamaguchi South Plan recommend a number of dedicated courts be built on Town property.

Darren Lewis, Director of Parks and Recreation has a recommendation for South Yamaguchi and the pickleball courts that places the pickleball courts in the Yamaguchi parks adjacent to the skate park. He believes this is a better use for an area where he is unable to grow grass as needed. He also feels the South Yamaguchi location could take 5 to 7 years to complete and the

alternate location will let us have the courts much sooner. This plan was presented to the Planning Commission, Tourism Board, Joint Parks and Rec Commission and Town Council. It received support from all.

The Town appears to be in agreement with a proposal that the Town, County and Club share the costs. Now that the Town Council has approved the use of specific Town property for the location of pickleball courts, our plan is to propose to the Town and the County to share the cost of construction of new courts."

The cost of new courts will be in the \$300,000+ range. Funding can take two paths. The first is based on contributions from the Club, Town and County along with a GOCO grant. The grant would need to be sponsored by the Town or County. The advantage of this would be lowered individual shared costs however the timeframe for this funding option could be extended. The second option is equal contributions from the Club, Town and County with no GOCO participation. It is believed that the Town may be reluctant to apply for a GOCO grant solely for court construction when they will need to apply for a significant grant for the South Yamaguchi development. This option increases the amount each would have to contribute however if approved construction could start as early as Summer 2022. Steve will discuss both options with Darren and the Town Manager, Andrea Phillips.

The route we take will depend to a large degree on the Town's and County's perspectives on financial support.

### **Alternatives for Funding**

Steve surprised all present with his announcement of a \$50,000 donation just received from Paul and Donna Herchman. With this very generous donation, our total for construction funding is just shy of \$100,000. This dramatically changes our options and favors an accelerated time frame for construction provided the Town and County are willing to contribute an equal amount.

It is likely that the final cost for constructing the courts and related expenses will increase and some additional fund contribution will be required prior to construction if not after. Once the Town has an updated estimate of the cost of construction the Club will begin approaching businesses for donations and move forward with non-GOCO grant applications.

There was discussion about whether the Club should join the Chamber of Commerce to improve our visibility and contacts with the business community. It was agreed that Tina would investigate the costs, requirements and associated responsibilities and revisit this at the next board meeting.

Several members are playing regularly at the PLPOA Rec Center courts. They asked if they could place a donation jar at the courts on the days they are playing. Steve will create a donation jar and Tina agreed to be responsible for collecting the money from the jar and getting it to John for deposit.

### **Pagosa 360 Facebook Status**

Although we have almost reached our goal of \$100,000, the board recognizes the need for additional funding for the construction and future expenses related to court maintenance. Tina will revisit our Pagosa 360 initiative with the expectation we will have a confirmed location and can approach businesses.

### **Lines on 8<sup>th</sup> Street Courts**

Ed Baxter asked if the Board would allow him to paint a textured concrete sealer on the lines at 8<sup>th</sup> Street. He said this would reduce the tendency for the ball to skip when it hits a line. Ed offered to cover the cost of the material and asked if he could get some volunteers to help clean the lines before applying the sealer. There was some concern regarding potential damage to the lines. It was agreed that he could test the material on court 1. If the results are good, we can move forward with the other three courts.