

Westbrook Village Pickleball Club  
Minutes Pickleball Club Board Meeting  
January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Present: Rick Sturgis, President; Tom Ossell, Vice-President; Maureen Dooling, Secretary; Roger Helt, Treasurer.

- Member Comments: This was an opportunity for Club members to speak about concerns they have. No members took this opportunity to speak.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

OLD BUSINESS:

- Previous Board meeting minutes were approved.
- Board Transition. It would be useful to have an info book put together for a transition team when they come into office.
- Non-Resident Membership. Discussion of allowing non-resident, non-relative persons to join the Club. Membership for non-resident, non-relative persons was closed in July, 2015. The question arose about how does the Club treat persons with a \$50 HOA Rec. Card. Various options were discussed such as a quota, how sponsorships would be handled if at all, penalties for misbehavior, monitoring court usage by non-members, etc. Concerns were also expressed that the Club is already overcrowded and allowing non-resident, non-relative persons in would only make this situation worse. Non-residents are not encouraged to play in Westbrook. Further discussion is required to deal with this situation.
- Court Mapping. There is a new court schedule. Mapping Club time has been done until the end of April. It will be adjusted again at that time. The Club is working with the Tennis Club concerning the use of the sport court. 7:30-10:30, Tues., Thur., and Sat., has been reserved by the Pickleball Club for use of the temp. nets on the sport court.

- Dues / Waivers. Everyone in the Club is required to sign a waiver this year. 250+ members have signed the waiver at this time and the remaining members will be contacted. Non-club members are not required to sign a waiver through the Club.
- 2017 Badges. There will be new badges for 2017. The U. S. state is being dropped from the badge. Members are not required to buy the new badge. They can continue to use the old badge. Glanita Roberts is the person in charge of new badges. Badge money is not included in the financial report.
- Marketing flyer. Tom Ossell is in charge of the marketing flyer. ABD Sign and Printing (in Peoria) is printing it. The art work is owned by Great Lakes Media.
- Ladder procedures. Tom Ossell will organize a meeting with the ladder captains to set an overall procedure and structure for running the ladders. All ladders will operate following the same procedure and structure.
- Sun City tournaments. Phil Arinno of Sun City Pickleball Club has suggested a league play using 2.0 and 2.5 level players. This is under consideration and Steve Mercovich has agreed to be in charge of it.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Monthly PB Board meetings. Conference Room C is booked for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 1:00 up through 2018. Meeting format at this time will be open with participation by members encouraged. WBV Ballroom is also booked for 3 times in 2017 for General Membership Meetings.
- Cross team volunteers. Several volunteers have come forward to manage a variety of activities, tournaments, community affairs, etc. The PB Board encourages communication between these volunteers and also with the rest of the membership. Club members are also encouraged to volunteer for activities they would like to see within the Club.

- December Treasurers Report. Review of the Treasurers Report for December is on hold until the new Treasurer gets access to the Club financial statements. The Party Committee Chair is encouraged to come up with a general budget allocation for the upcoming year. The Club's stock of Pure2 balls and older balls was discussed. Older balls will be used for the ball machine. Our stock of Pure2 balls is sufficient for now.
- Sponsorship. The HOA has stated that using an outside sponsor for activities like tournaments, parties, balls, refreshments, etc. is acceptable. Any advertising used during the sponsored activity must be removed immediately after the activity ends. Using an outside sponsor for construction is not acceptable.
- Website maintenance. The Board encourages any ideas Club members would like to propose for the Club website. Tom Ossell suggested a "Your Club at a Glance" addition to the website as an example. Liz Lage is the Webmaster and is in charge of content on the website. Steve Lage is in charge of structural changes to the website. Structural changes must originate with the President or the PB Board. It was reported that in 2016, there were 480+ (an average) viewings by separate IP addresses daily.
- March 19<sup>th</sup> Tournament. John Baurenfiend is in charge of the Tournament. The theme will be St. Patrick's Day. Several Club members are volunteering their time to help out. Mark Hildebrand, awards; Don McNamara and Steve Greer, decorating; etc. There is a budget of \$300 at this time for the tournament. The Board is still discussing the possibility of a fee, whether guests will be invited, etc.
- 2017 Paddle Sales. There will be no paddle sales in 2017 by the Club. There is 0 inventory for paddles at this time. Periodically Steve Froese (ONIX Sports) will come to the courts to sell seconds and demo paddles. Sara Ash will be part of Team ONIX and will furnish the Club with a number for a dealer discount when purchasing paddles from ONIX. There are also plans for Steve Froese to hold a clinic(s) in Westbrook in the future. Cost at this time is estimated at \$20 per person. This will be held for Intermediate players and possibly Advanced players as well.

- General Membership Meeting. 1<sup>st</sup> meeting will be held in February. Providing refreshments to the members is under discussion at this time. All activity groups will present a synopsis (5 min.) of each of their plans for the year. For discussion, one of the Club goals is to publish the best Lifestyle article every month.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Minutes prepared by Maureen Dooling, Secretary