

PICKLEBALL MEETING

DEC. 8, 2009

This was a special pickleball meeting to discuss Structured Play and Court Sign ups.

Dave called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. All board members were present. Prior to the scheduled topics Nancy Jordan read a letter she had received about the work done for the USAPA National Tournament earlier this Fall. They were thanking the pickleball club for all they did to help make the tournament the success it was. They sent a \$100.00 check for the club. Nancy suggested that the club donate this to the Salvation Army Toy Drive. There was a short discussion. Dave made the motion to donate the monies; Claudia seconded it, passed unanimously.

Next, there was a lengthy discussion on the new structured play schedule. The novice play is being extended from one day to three days with Claudia running them on Mon. and Wed. and Chuck Gilmore on Sat. Dave suggested that Joan and Rod be involved helping. There should be some mentors present to help during the novice place. We need to be consistent in what we are telling them. It was suggested that the mentors be someone that has taught in the last two year. Claudia, Chuck, Rod and Joan will meet on this to establish a list on how to help Novice and a list of potential mentors. This list will go to David for approval. The mentors need to all be telling our Novice the same thing.

Ladder play and card draws were next to be discussed. There was a brief report on last year's programs. One concern was the level of play in each of the programs, mainly card draw. People had different reasons as to what they felt best suited their needs. Again, things came down to the recreational VS competitive. David made a motion to accept the structure committee program as presented eliminating score keeping on the card draws, having trained mentors at the novice draws being consistent with proper play and rules. Joan Seconded. Claudia amended the motion to say Novice mentors must have the approval of the coordinator, it was seconded by Peggy, the amendment passed with six for and two against The motion was so voted with 7 approvals and 1 negative. Structured play schedule to begin Fri. Dec. 11, 2009.

Mary Whitfield asked that structured time schedule to begin at 12:30 instead of 1:00 so that all are ready to start their first game at 1:00. This schedule will change the reserve court time availability by one half hour. All players need to report to Court 4 at 12:30 PM.

After much discussion on the signup sheet and the number needed and where better placed, Rod suggested and agreed to do an informal survey at the courts and report the results back to the board at their Dec. meeting. Rod made a motion to have signup sheet remain status quo until the survey completed and board has voted on it, Joan seconded. 6 approvals and two negative.

Neil Whitfield asked that smoking be prevented from all the pickleball areas and upwind from the areas. There were health issues that arose during the tournament. Also, to remove any ash trays that are in these areas. Dave will speak with Joe. There also should be no pets allowed in these areas.

If there are any suggestions or complaints please write them up and also include your idea to correct the problem and get them to Dave.

A concern with the new courts was mentioned. During the tournament there were a number of balls that got between these courts and in a few areas the balls can go under the fence.

Joan made a motion to dismiss, Rod seconded, unanimously voted. Meeting closed at 10:50 AM.

Respectively submitted

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