

VOYAGER RV PICKLEBALL BOARD MEETING
January 3, 2010

Present: Paul Barksdale, Peggy Cashen, Claudia Ehli, Rod Farley, Jane Gilmore, Dave Jordan, Priscilla Scott.

1. The meeting was called to order by Dave Jordan at 1:00 pm.
2. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the Nov. 29, Dec. 8 and Dec 20, 2009 meetings. Seconded. Approved unanimously.
3. Peggy said there was no Treasurer's report for this meeting since there was only one transaction since the last report. Priscilla made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report presented on Dec 20. Seconded. Approved unanimously.
4. Jane reported that 184 tickets were sold for New Year's Eve party. We do not yet know how much money we made on the party. The raffle netted \$196.

The Jan. social and Senior Olympics Meet & Greet will be held in the ballroom on Jan. 24. Jane is working with Rose Beck on finalizing the menu. Jane made a motion that the board approve a budget of \$150-\$200 for this event. Seconded. Approved unanimously. Voyager Pickleballers will be asked to bring an appetizer, salad or side dish.

The Hero's breakfast will be held Sat., Jan. 30 at 9:00 am in the Catalina Room. Volunteers for both the Dec. and Jan. tournaments will be invited.

All of our socials for the rest of the year have been scheduled in the ballroom so we can BYOB.

5. A windscreen has been put up on the east side of court 2.

In an individual polling of board members during the last week of Dec., the board approved moving the net posts away from the fence and reconfiguring the net on court 1. Dave is coordinating this with Joe Boyd, who wants the work completed after Jan. 1, 2010.

Jane asked if 1) we could somehow cushion the water spigot which sticks up on the south end of court, 2) cushion the bolts on the base of the light pole between courts 6 & 7 (perhaps tennis balls or pickleballs), and 3) put up ball holders on courts 2 & 3. Dave and Neil will check on these items.

Mary Whitfield asked if there is a plan for replacing the cushions on the basketball posts on court 1. They are disintegrating. Paul Barksdale suggested that we put a cushion around the light pole on courts 6 & 7. He also suggested that we need to put something under the benches on courts 6 & 7 to stop the balls but still allow for water drainage, and we need to move the reserved court flags from courts 6 & 7 to courts 1 & 2.

Paul thanked Neil Whitfield for all his work on shortening the nets. Paul will check and report back on the source that his Terre Haute, IN, program used for nets that do not need to be shortened.

6. Dave modeled a new green colored T-shirt that the USAPA is offering. Another color suggestion for future shirts was royal blue. Dave suggested that we should be thinking about a new logo. Someone suggested that we have a contest or we ask the Voyager artists for ideas.
7. There was nothing new to report on structured play.

8. Rod reported that the card draw system for 5:00 pm court reservations has been working well. There have been some problems reported with the 2 hour block reservation – 8 people not present during the entire time. This has been operating on the honor system. If all 8 people are not present the court should revert to open play. Rod made a motion to continue the 2 hour block reservations with some adjustments to how it is recorded on the reservation sheets. Seconded. Motion failed with 2 ayes and 4 nays. Claudia made a motion to discontinue the 2 hour block reservations. Seconded. Motion approved with 5 ayes and 1 nay. Paul made a motion to change the reserved courts from 1 & 2 to 1 & 7, keeping both reservation sheets on the bulletin board by court 1. Seconded. Motion failed with 3 ayes and 4 nays.

No action was taken on court utilization; therefore, all courts are open to all players.

Claudia made a motion to go back to the undesignated sign-up sheets for open play. Seconded. Motion approved with 5 ayes and 1 nay. Priscilla requested that the sign-up clipboard by court 4 be moved to the SE corner of the fence where there is more room. This may also help to get people to use the sidewalk to get to court 5 rather than cutting through court 4.

Rod reported we have 4.5-5 dozen balls left. Priscilla questioned whether putting “warm” balls out in the morning really makes any difference in the amount of balls breaking. Mary Whitfield suggested we could put an insulated bag in the equipment box to store balls overnight.

9. Priscilla reported that all the tournament committees have chairpersons. They are still working on filling the committees with workers. Jane reported that she only has about 10 people for referees at this point. She is going to try to find some inexpensive, brightly colored vests or some other way to identify the runners. She will schedule 2 runners per court area instead of just 1.

Dave reported that we received a \$250 check from Tucson Orthopedics and Dr. Cohen for sponsorship of the Tucson Senior Olympics pickleball events. He announced that there will be another USAPA National Tournament on Nov. 1-7, 2010 at Sun City Festival in Buckeye. Dave made a motion to hold the Voyager Holiday Skill Level Tournament on Dec 2-4, 2010. Seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Claudia moved that we cancel structured play on Sat., Jan. 23 to free up the courts for tournament players. Seconded. Motion approved unanimously. Mary Whitfield requested that warm-up courts be provided all day on each day of the Senior Olympics.

10. No report on the Library.

11. Billie McCandless mentioned that the Reminiscence Band would like to be involved in a pickleball fundraising event.

12. Jane asked if there had been a decision on whether pickleball can host events for other clubs so they can BYOB. Dave is still investigating this with Joe Boyd. Pickleball can host a BYOB party on the patio or in any other building in the park other than the restaurant / Catalina Room building.

A Pickleball Rodeo will be held on Sun., Jan 10 at 1:00 pm on courts 4-7. A second one will be held on April 25.

13. Next meeting will be Fri., Jan. 22, 2010 at 6:00 pm.

14. Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Respectively submitted, Priscilla Scott