

WBV Pickleball Club Board Meeting Agenda

9/9/2021 1 pm FALC

Board Members present: Bill Barbuto, Jerry Davis, Steve Merkovich, Dianne Doerschel (as temporary acting Secretary)

I. Call To Order:

The board meeting was Called To Order at 1 pm.

II. Review, Corrections & Approval of June, 2021 minutes:

The June, 2021 minutes were accepted and approved as written.

III. Treasurer's Report:

May bank balance: \$25,144.04. August receipts will be reflected in the September statement.

IV. Unfinished Business:

A. Results of Survey given to Pickleball club members on 6/20/2021. Presentation by Kelly Lodato made to the board on 8/31/2021.

(See PowerPoint Presentation)

1. Variety of members on committee that represented all skill levels & areas of interest to the club
2. Committee Charter Statement: Review wants and needs of membership in the areas of social play, open play, skill development & competition. Survey other successful pickleball clubs to bring back best practices. Develop a recommendation for an activities schedule & club court mapping that is more equitable & better meets the needs of the club as a whole and its various member groups.
3. Responses represented everyone's voice. (See slide #4)
4. Since the largest group (measured by number of years of playing pickleball) was the 0-2 years group, it was determined that this points to a need for a training program. (See slide #5)
5. The Club Play Makeup indicates the need for 2/3 social play and 1/3 competitive play/practice. (See slide #6)
6. Club Play Makeup (determined by self rating): (See slide #7)
 - a. 70% Intermediate (3.0-3.5)
 - b. 15% Advanced-Pro (4.0-5.0)
 - c. 14% Beginner-Novice (2.0-2.5)
7. On-Season is Oct-April, and Off-Season is May-Sept. (See slide #8)
8. Morning Open Play is Biggest Interest Area which indicates the need to keep all 8 courts on West Side (Courts 1-8) available for morning open play. (See slide #9)
9. Morning is the most popular time to play during both Seasons. (See slide #10)
10. Approximately 18% have been officially rated. (see slide #11)
11. 43% would, or are likely to, get rated if we offer it. This indicates a voluntary rating system needed. (See slide #12)
12. 53% are looking to improve their skills, which indicates a training program is needed. (See slide #13)

13. 52% are willing to pay for training if it was offered, which indicates that those who want to improve are willing to pay for training. (See slide #14)
14. Almost 60% would participate in challenge courts, which indicates we should do a trial challenge court. (See slide #15)
15. Data points taken into consideration when creating the Recommended Court Mapping for 2021/2022: (See slide #16)
 - a. Club Player Type Make Up:
 - i. 64% of club are social players
 - ii. 27% are competitive players
 - iii. 9% are tournament players
 - b. Self Rating:
 - i. 14% are 2.0/2.5 (Beginner/Novice)
 - ii. 33% are 3.0 (Low Intermediate)
 - iii. 37% are 3.5 (High Intermediate)
 - iv. 16% are 4.0 - 5.0. (Advanced)
 - c. 53% are Looking to Improve Skills (52% willing to pay reasonable fee for training):
 - i. 22% - very important
 - ii. 31% - important
 - d. Morning is most popular play time during both seasons
 - e. Morning Open Play is most popular open event for both seasons.
16. Suggested On-Season Schedule Oct 2021-Apr 2022 (See slide #17)
17. Suggested Off-Season Schedule May 2022-Sept 2022) (See slide #18)
18. Other Work being done of Ladders: (See slide #19)
 - a. Ladder Leads created set of ladder participation guidelines to make it easier for captains to manage the ladder and hold members accountable to sing up and show up on time.
 - b. Carl Ulbrich will create a landing page for ladder sign up and management.
 - c. Each member will sign up for 1 ladder and each ladder will have 32 players with a wait list.
 - d. Still working on how many weeks each ladder will be
 - e. Sign-Up Genius software will be tested with High Intermediate Ladder to see if we want to integrate in into all ladders.
 - f. Hold My Court will continue to be used to manage the actual ladder standings.
19. Committee's Recommendations to the Board: (See slide #20)
 - a. Adopt our suggested Court Mappings that were based on intel gathered from survey
 - b. Implement a training and rating committee to continue to work in these areas
 - c. Implement a voluntary IPTPA (International Pickleball Teaching Pro Association) rating system using an external source.

- d. Approve implementation of Pickleball Pal program with Donna Knorowski as lead. (See VI. B. 4. below)
- e. Approve Carl Ulbrich working with Dianne Doerschel to redesign our club website.

B. Other items presented by Kelly: (These are suggested to see how they work and will be adjusted once the club has tried it.)

- 1. Challenge Court: Monday mornings, Courts 13 - 16, 7 - 10 am. Two possible methods for Challenge Court:
 - a. Method 1: 2 teams play; Winning team (A) stays on the court and plays next 2 players (Team B). If Team A wins again, they stay on court for 3rd game. No matter who wins, Team A comes off the court, and 2 more players come on to play. Rules are in progress.
 - b. Method 2: 2 teams play; Winning Team stays on the court but split up and team up with 2 new players. Max number of games per player is 3. Rules are in progress.
- 2. Key Survey points stated on Court Mappings (for both Seasons). See slide #17 & 18.
- 3. Ladies & Men's Night Wednesday's; 6-10 pm
- 4. There are time slots for practice for the Novice Group, Advanced Group, and High Intermediate Groups. It was suggested that time slots be added for the Intermediate Group on Monday & Wednesday nights.
- 5. Ladders: See IV. C. below.

C. Ladders:

- 1. Ladder Committee still in middle of setting guidelines for players and for management of ladders. Hoping to be ready for Oct 2021.
- 2. Need Ladder Captains!
- 3. Player can sign up for ONLY 1 ladder at this time (may change later!).
- 4. Ladders available at this point for ON-SEASON (Oct 2021-Apr 2022):
 - a. Novice - Fridays, 7 - 10 am, Courts 13-16
 - b. Intermediate - Saturdays, 7 - 10 am, Courts 1 - 8
 - c. High Intermediate - Mondays, 7 - 10 pm, Courts 1 - 8
 - d. Open (All skill levels) - Tuesdays, 7 - 10 pm, Courts 1 - 8
 - e. Open (All skill levels) - Thursdays, 7 - 10 pm, Courts 1 - 8
- 5. Ladders are FLUID! This means we will try for a month or two, and see what needs to be adjusted.

D. Court Mapping:

- 1. ON-SEASON & OFF-SEASON mappings are tentative. (See slides #17 & 18) After a month or so, adjustments may be made as needed.
- 2. Sunday Fun Day Round Robin - Sundays, 7 - 10 pm. Sign up is required. A Captain is needed.
- 3. Mappings include time slots for Novice Play, High Intermediate Play, Advanced Play, & Skills & Drills (for all skill levels), Ladders mentioned in C above, Ladies

& Men's Night, Club Open Play, and Village Play, and Sunday Fun Day Round Robin.

4. Subject to Change!

E. Center Courts - Redo:

1. Landscaping Committee passed the Center Court Redo on 9/8/2021! Next step is the Ways & Means Committee which meets in a couple weeks. Then it will go to the WBV Board. When that happens, we can then begin! The monies are in the coffer and are ready for us! All we need is the committee to give us a go!!
2. During construction, the parking may be an issue. Further information will be provided if needed.

V. New Business:

A. Social Committee needs volunteers to work with Judy Allen and Ann Eisentraut.

See VI. A. 4 below.

B. Training Committee aka Rating & Training Committee need volunteers: Wayne Baxter, Kelly Lodato, Mike Pessile & Kim Foley have volunteered to head the Rating & Training committee.

C. Court Washing: Currently courts are washed monthly. **I missed when for each side???** Currently the landscaping crew blow the courts daily in the mornings.

VI. Committee Reports:

A. Community Affairs:

1. 2nd Sunday Marketplace parking - Need volunteers for working the parking for these events. Oct through April. Time slots are 7 - 9 am, 9 - 11 am and 11 am - 1 pm. Free breakfasts at Lakes restaurant to all volunteers. See Lois to volunteer. Also there is a farmer that is getting older and needs help taking down his area. Volunteers are needed for that as well.
2. Binder of Ideas - Since we have a lot of people who join our club for the social aspect, Lois has started a binder to help folks. Some of the sections in the binder so far are:
 - a. For Sale
 - b. Wanted
 - c. Services in our area that members recommend (Doctors, Dentists, Notaries, AC companies)
 - d. Volunteer for: (such as Homeless Shelters, Food Pantry, etc)
 - e. Groups
 - f. Other ideas ? This is FLUID - meaning a work in progress!

B. Social:

1. We held 3 low key events this summer! A get together at the pool, a 4th of July party, and a Labor Day party.
2. Saturday Nights - still want to hold Social night on Saturday nights. Ideas for these nights include Rootbeer Float night, Pizza night, etc. Volunteers needed to come up with ideas and to carry them out.
3. Reminder: The Pball Club Holiday Party is Jan 15, 2022 in the Lakes Ballroom. More info to come.

4. Pickleball Pals - Donna Knorowski is heading a new program called Pickleball Pals. When a new member joins that is new to our club, they will be given a handout with a variety of information on it regarding what our club is about, where to go, and what to do. This handout will be attached to the membership application/waiver that is available at the front desk of the Vistas Rec Center. (There will also be copies of the new member in a document box attached to the fence on both the East & West courts.) Donna will contact new members once they join to see if they would like to be paired up with a "pal" from the club who can mentor them and help them learn about the club and answer any questions they might have. Donna needs volunteers to be "Pals". It was also suggested to put the handouts in a "real estate flyer" container and connect the container to the Macumber board. Also Laurie Kotas is now doing the pictures for the Membership Page on the website.
- C. **Tournament:** Fall Tournament is Nov 7, 2021 starting at 8 am. Details will be sent out soon.
- D. **Publicity:** Congrats to a great article about our very own Chuck Morse in the September issue of the Living Magazine!
It was suggested that we give Awards to deserving members at the
- E. **Training:**
- F. **For the Good of the Order:** Phil Ash is completing his throat cancer treatment (chemo & radiation) and is being very brave through the whole process. The club wishes him the best. A card was passed around for people to sign.

Submitted by Dianne Doerschel for Rhonda Whitaker 9/16/2021

Approved at General Membership Meeting 10/14/21 - RSW