

## **PTPC Board Meeting**

**November 18, 2021**

### **Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by President, Lynn Pierle. Jeannie Ramsey hosted the meeting at her home. Present were Jim Dow, Jim Geren, Jeannie Ramsey, Eric Seder and Sharlene Shiroma. Kim Anderson, Patti Rowdabaugh and Craig Walls were absent.

The minutes of the September 14 and November 18 Board meetings were submitted and corrected online. Eric moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Jeannie seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Officers' Reports**

#### **Treasurer – Lynn Pierle for Craig Walls**

Lynn reported that for September we had a total of \$5,886.24. For income, 9 new memberships, a refund from the Cape George Party and 4 t-shirt sales, and expenditures of \$186.17. At the end of September we had \$6,670.55 in the club checking account.

In October, we had 4 new memberships, expenditures of \$550.78, mostly on maintenance and operating expenses. At the end of October, we had \$6,437.50 in the club checking account.

A full treasurer's report is available from Craig upon request.

#### **Director of Court Operations – Jim Dow**

Jim reported that the squeegees are installed at the Courthouse and Mountain View courts. He ordered a net. Also, he looked into purchasing a Rebounder and it is around \$500. His recommendation is not to buy one. We could build one and that would be sufficient.

#### **Director of Communications – Lynn Pierle for Kim Anderson**

Lynn reported the results of the Communications questions in our Survey were pleasantly surprising. People receive their information from our newsletter and website. We average about 60% opens on our Blasts and that is a really good rate. The most active pages on our website are Current News, Beginner Classes and Member Phone List. Kim's newsletters receives the most views, 63%.

The codes are up on the member portal.

### **New Business**

#### **MV Proposal – Eric Seder, Lynn Pierle, Jim Dow**

Eric reported the main focus has been on the Mountain View courts. Bob Wheeler and Hal Leskinen suggested acid washing or sandblasting the courts which would help with the footing and would not cost much. That suggestion met with positive response at the member meeting. Eric, Lynn, Jim D., Bob and Hal met with Steve King on it and his reaction was that it would have the potential to make the cement crumble faster than if we left it alone and would make the surface unplayable. He went to the site and took pictures and got a birds eye view and saw that the surface was done with two pours at different times.

That is why one surface is smooth and one rough. Steve thinks that it would compound the problem where one surface could fall apart and the other would not. Eric feels that what Steve is trying to say is if we don't do it right in the first place, then it would not bode well with the Council and also with the Master Planning effort. If we can raise the \$30,000 - \$35,000 to make the courts look good, then it would translate very well into more courts in the same area; and the City potentially has the money with their banked capacity and everything fits together. If we can't do it the right way, then everything probably won't fit together and might not get the Council approval. He wants this to be a showplace to point to and say, we can have more that looks like this.

On the proposal of 3 courts vs. 4 courts, Lynn mentioned at the public meeting that the group wanted 4 courts over the 3 courts by a considerable margin, 17 to 9. But in the survey of the 56% of the members that responded, the 3-court option came out slightly ahead of the 4-court option. Steve King said if we go with the 4-court option, we would have to go back to square one, go back to the Y, go back to the Advisory Board and redo the whole plan and get it approved. That does not look like our club has our act together and that does not create a good image to inspire confidence to the Council if we go back with a different plan after we've already presented a plan to the Advisory Board. The other consideration is, if we went to 4 courts, that would lessen the space that we agreed to give to the Y and then we take the chance that they are not going to agree to the 4-court option. The other positive with a 3-court option is that we would get the fencing of separation between the courts and adequate space between the courts. It would make it look better and also be a safer option. The balls won't be going onto the other courts.

Steve is really hopeful that we can get these new courts at Mountain View within a year whenever we can raise the money and get the contract with someone.

The Board is approving the original approval of 3 courts over 4 courts.

Jeannie Ramsey moved that we ask for the 3 courts at MV as per our proposal. Jim Dow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Lynn reported that they had another meeting with Steve on the Donor Agreement. Most of what is on the Agreement is fine. There was a lot of questions about the insurance. He talked to his lawyer and the lawyer said that if we decide that we want to hire the contractor ourselves, and not the City, that they would most likely honor the contractor's insurance so that the club would not have to get more insurance. The Club is working on revising the Donor Agreement to fix the mistakes and clarify some misunderstandings.

Jim D. mentioned that the other option is to leave the courts as is and do it from the ground up and make it as part of the Master Plan and see what happens. Lynn said this is something to consider, because we are going to try and raise between \$30,000 - \$35,000 for this fix. We hope it's going to be a nice fix, but it's just a preview of what we hope to accomplish down the road, which is state-of-the-art pickleball courts that are permanent and in the same site. But there is no guarantee for that. What we have now is we can get this slab if we do it right.

Lynn states there is one other piece that has to be decided. One of the things that is in the Donor Agreement is the Pickleball Club's use of the courts. We introduced the idea of an MOU (Memo of Understanding) which a lot of other pickleball clubs have with their government entities and Steve is in agreement of having one here. Before we can finish off the Donor Agreement, we need to attach the MOU as an addendum which basically describes our responsibilities as well as the City's responsibilities if we get this court site. One of the things we need to talk about is what would be the expectations of the club for specific use of the public courts. The section in the MOU states the donor may reserve the courts for up to x-number of hours per week and we can define how the play is organized (two on, two

off...). Steve suggested we should work on the MOU right away. There are a lot of templates we can use. What we need to discuss is exactly how many hours a week we want to request for our programs. It was discussed to make it 9a – 1p, Monday, Wednesday, Friday and 1p – 5p Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday. We could also have activities on the weekends, like lessons and Social Saturday. Lynn stated that there were a lot of people who came on board in September when the Courthouse Courts opened up and want to learn and belong to the club, but we don't have play times for them when they are not working. This is a whole new demographic that is coming in between 40 – 60 yrs. old that are working.

Jim G. asked how we are going to sell this in our Capital Campaign? Right now we have a shortage of quality courts. The people that are giving will most likely be members. They would probably like to help the community out, but they would also like to have quality courts where they could play permanently.

Lynn states that rated play and open play are all drop in. Rated play is based on skill. That could exclude somebody who walks in and is a beginner and wants to play in rated play that is for advanced players only. That becomes a perception problem for the City that we would have to be careful when we develop our programs. Everything would be drop in. Open play and rated play are drop in. The only one that is not drop in is scheduled play. She feels that we would not have any scheduled play as we move forward with our MOU for this particular project. Any kind of scheduled play would have to be done through PlayTime Scheduler.

Lynn asked the board, for the MOU, is there a number of hours that we are going to ask for the club to run its programs? Jim D. suggested the hours to be 24 hrs., 6 days a week. The selling point is that we have this great facility and the club will provide guidance during these hours, and there will be other opportunities for people to schedule their own groups. He mentioned that we are not trying to limit play, but we are trying to add a lot of value to pickleball for the City.

With the information she has, Lynn is going to draft an MOU and would like some help with that and would like to have it done by Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. She will call another meeting once the draft is done to whoever is interested in looking over the draft MOU.

Another issue we need to do is solidifying the Donor Agreement along with the MOU before the next City Council meeting that we would like to present it to which is Jan. 3. We will probably just need to make a few changes.

### **Schedules - Jim Dow**

Should we change the schedule at the Y? The beginners aren't really using their time at the Y. Anna, at the Y, mentioned that if we have someone help coach the beginners, then maybe they would come. The advanced session gets more people than any of the other sessions. Instead of two sessions for the beginners, we should have them as one session and more sessions for the advanced. Lynn is going to change the schedule around to increase the advanced schedule and decrease the beginner and open schedule. She will get someone to coach the beginner level.

Lynn mentioned another thing that came up at Social Sunday is that we really need another category. We have beginner, intermediate/advanced and advanced. There are a lot of players in between the beginner – intermediate level that really don't fit in. One of things she did in Mexico was recreational vs. advanced. We can have beginner, recreational, intermediate and advanced levels. Jim G. likes this idea. He thinks there is a big gap between intermediate/advanced and beginner. Lynn states the recreational category would be for people who know the game, know the rules and they know how to serve. They just want to play and have fun. The intermediate level is for the ones that are more competitive and want to work on improving their game so that they can move to the advanced level.

### **Thanksgiving Weekend Event – Jeannie Ramsey**

Jeannie is suggesting of changing Social Sunday to Social Saturday and moving it to the high school courts. The surface is better at the high school than at MV. There are only 2 courts at MV that are playable if they are wet. The board has unanimously agreed to change it to Saturdays for the social play.

Jeannie would like to have an event at the high school courts. She has a few prizes and thought about having a dink contest and dividing it between recreational/beginner and intermediate/advanced so that it is more competitive for both. She also thought about playing a game called, Mortimer, where you play with 6 players, 3 on each side. We can do a demonstration of it. Also people can bring cookies or snacks to share if they want to and everyone can bring their own drinks. She is thinking of doing it the Saturday after Thanksgiving, weather permitting. The board has unanimously agreed to have this event.

### **Odds and Ends – Lynn Pierle**

Lynn reported that a student from the PTHS Yearbook committee has asked her if we would be interested in putting an ad in their yearbook and she thought that would be a great idea. The high school is giving us the site to play on and it would be nice if we support them and said something like, "Thank you Port Townsend High School" and have our logo on there, too. The board unanimously agreed to put in a quarter page ad in the PTHS Yearbook. She will have Kim design the ad for us.

It was suggested to have the board meeting at the Senior Center in Port Townsend. It is \$15 an hour. It will be \$30 monthly to have the meeting. This will basically be until we can have it at the library which is free of charge. Lynn will take a look at the Senior Center meeting rooms and see if it is sufficient to have the board meetings there.

Lynn mentioned there will be a vaccination requirement to play at the Y, but you still have to wear a mask to play.

Sharlene moved to have the meeting adjourned, Eric seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00p.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharlene Shiroma