

## **PTPC Board Meeting Minutes**

**February 6, 2024, revised March 23, 2024**

The President, Charlie Houston, prepared the following agenda for this board meeting:

- Call to Order/Roll Call
- Reading and approval of Minutes
- Officers' reports
- Old Business
- New Business
- Suggestions from the floor
- Next board meeting

### **Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting took place at the Fairgrounds in the Erickson building and was called to order at 2:01 pm by Jim Maupin. Attending were Jim Maupin, Mark Finco, Tony Porto, Annette Joyce, and Teresa Sisk.

### **Reading and approval of Minutes.**

The January 9, 2024, minutes were unanimously approved.

### **Officers Reports**

#### **Vice President's Report – Jim Maupin**

- Jim reported on the status of the high school court maintenance issues requested of the school district.
  - The trees have not been trimmed. The school district's maintenance department has committed to trimming them in spring 2024.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- Kirk Rowabaugh was not present. He emailed the board with the following information:
  - February 3, 2024, checking account balance was \$8,844.60. This includes the \$800 donated for February and March rental of the Erickson building space, and \$765 collected from members in January to play at the Erickson building courts.
  - Patti Rowdabaugh contacted Lucianne Pugh, who offers bookkeeping services to local businesses. She has offered to take over the bookkeeping for the club. She also volunteered to donate her services. Side note, Kirk, Patti, and Teresa would strongly encourage the club to compensate her for her services.

## **Court Operations Report – Tony Porto**

- Tony requested approval to purchase two new equipment boxes. One for Mountain View and another for high school. After some discussion, Mark made a motion for the board to approve the purchase of a small equipment box for Mountain View and a large equipment box for the high school as well as cable locks for the boxes. The total cost is estimated to be \$480.
- Tony is researching the cost for adding wind screens to the Mountain View courts. His opinion is that the screens would have to be at least ten feet tall to be effective.
- The Mountain View court surfaces will continue to need patching. Tony's estimated the cost to reconstruct the surface could cost between \$15k and \$30k.

## **Club Communications: Mark Finco**

- Mark requested approval to send members a ballot asking them to vote on the change to the by-laws approved by the board. Teresa made a motion allowing Mark to send members a request to vote on the change to the by-laws. Annette seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed. Members will vote via Mailchimp tool.

## **Old Business:**

- The board briefly discussed purchasing a Director and Officers insurance policy. It was decided to continue the discussion at the March meeting when Charlie could contribute to the discussion.
- Kirk forwarded a bid from Northwest Chainlink Fence Co. to install a gate in the pickleball court area of the high school tennis courts. The bid was \$3,835.96.
  - Jim reported that he contacted three companies to provide a bid for the gate but has not heard back from any of them.

Board discussion regarding need for an additional gate:

The request for a second gate originated from the local tennis club. Previous discussions with the tennis club indicated that they were willing to share the cost of the gate. The tennis club is no longer interested in sharing the cost. Mark Finco shared that the tennis club's membership has declined as has their cash flow. The board members in attendance revisited the need for the pickleball club to fund this project. Teresa made a motion for the board to cancel plans to install a second gate in the high school tennis court. Annette seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

## **New Business:**

- Fairground courts revised play dates: - Teresa Sisk  
Jefferson County Fairgrounds informed us that the Erickson building would not be available to the club for a number of days in February and March. The club has made arrangements for make-up days sufficient to cover the lost rental time.

Board members also discussed the frequency of play at the fairgrounds and response from players regarding its use. A number of players have commented on the uncomfortable level of noise during two court play. The low ceilings and crowded serving lines are an issue as well. For some players, the wait time to play when too many players sign up for a session is annoying. After some discussion, the board decided to evaluate the use of the space when only one court is open to players. A new play grid was approved for trial.

- **Beginner player lessons: - Annette**

In previous years, Toni Davison and Annette have provided beginner lessons for a two-hour period once a month from April through September. Annette asked if the board would support a change that would allow them to offer lessons twice a month during June, July, and August. The cost would be \$10 which would go towards the cost of a player's annual membership fee if they chose to join the club.

Board members present expressed interest in the plan. Annette and Toni will provide the board with a proposal for this plan at our next meeting.

- **Fairground Courts future: - Annette**

Annette proposed the club rent the fairground courts again in 2024/2025. One method she proposed for raising funds to rent the courts and eliminate the administration of pay to play would be to offer an enhanced membership. For an additional annual fee, members would have unlimited access to the courts when available. The enhanced membership could include a certain number of guest passes for players.

Annette also asked if anyone has considered approaching Jefferson County to lease land on the fairgrounds for the development of pickleball courts. If the county donated the land, the club would raise the funds to build the courts. Those present expressed interest in exploring this idea.

**Next Board Meeting:**

- The next Board meeting will be **Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** The
- This meeting will be held at Pink House.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Sisk