

PTPC Board Meeting

August 9, 2022

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:04pm by President Lynn Pierle at the Pink House at Port Townsend Library. Present were Jim Dow, Mark Finco, Jim Maupin (called in), Jeannie Ramsey, Kirk Rowdabaugh, Eric Seder and Sharlene Shiroma. Absent was Annette Joyce.

Lynn welcomed the new Board Members who are Mark Finco, Communications Director; Annette Joyce, Membership Director; Jim Maupin, Vice President; and Kirk Rowdabaugh, Treasurer.

The minutes of the June 14th Board Meeting were submitted and corrected online. Eric moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Jeannie seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Officers' Reports

Treasurer – Kirk Rowdabaugh

Kirk will forego doing the Treasurer's report as he just came back from vacation. He will inform us of our standings of the finances when he has looked at them.

Facilities Chair – Eric Seder, Jim Dow

For the MV courts, Jim mentioned that we had the 4 holes put in the slab and it looks good. He received a text from the surfacing contractor, Top Coat, that all the materials are in to start. They can start in 10 days which will be around 8/19. It will take between 10 days and 2 weeks to get it done. They will need to clean the surface on the 1st day and pressure wash. Then they fill the cracks, put down a white layer that is an adhesive that adheres to the concrete. Then they put down 3 layers of green and then put down 2 layers of blue and then they will paint the lines. For the surface we asked for the Indian Wells surface which is a little bit tackier and a dark blue color.

Jim mentioned that there are two different kinds of posts to decide on. The Edwards Posts, which are \$350 and the Douglas Posts which are \$550. Eric thought the Edwards Posts should be okay, since he has seen and played with those posts at the Courthouse. There is also the cost of the fencing to consider in our budget planning. Eric is trying to get a quote from several companies and has not received a quote yet. He will also look into a roll around portable net which we will need for one court.

Mark mentioned a request to edge around the courts before the surfacing starts. Eric will ask Michael Todd to see if the City can have someone do it. We need to remove the grass and weeds a little ways below the slab.

Communications Chair – Mark Finco

Mark mentioned that he has been getting a committee together to assist him. Basically, there are two main areas he and his committee are working on. One is to get rid of passing spreadsheets around via email and start using the PTPC Gmail account and all the things that Google gives when you have a Gmail account, like the drive space to share documents. Annette and Kirk are now sharing a spreadsheet using this method. The second area is more traditional communications. He is trying to sort out the various accounts. For example, there are 2 club Gmail accounts which he is trying to

consolidate into 1 account. Chris Spall and Mark are working on a new website. We would like to get rid of the 'general, everything-on-one-page' look. Mark will be maintaining the old one which will be active for a while. It will take between 2 – 4 months to get the new website up and running. He will have something sketched out, or wireframed which shows what the website will look like without having the website, by September.

In the writing and print media area, Patricia Dombrowski has volunteered to do it. She was a writer and reporter and is willing to help out working with the Leader and other print publications. She will also assist doing proofreading for Lynn.

On Facebook, Mark has little knowledge using this media. He will get with Char Quandt who is doing it. We need to get Facebook and the Website to interact with each other. Not everyone uses Facebook.

Lynn is doing the Blast. Mark is learning how to do the MailChimp interface and he will build some new templates to put the Blast materials in. Also, there was a discussion on the frequency of the newsletter. It usually comes out once a month, but it seems that in the height of summer, things happen more frequently than once a month and that's when the Blast should come out. The newsletter should probably be published quarterly to summarize what has happened in the last 3 months.

Events Chair – Jeannie Ramsey

Jeannie mentioned that the Club did ratings of 28 players and overall it went well. It took a little bit longer than it should have to rate the players. We will be doing ratings once a year and by then we will have a better rating system.

In the Advanced Mixed Doubles Tournament scheduled for 8/27, we have 8 teams and are trying to get more teams. Depending on the number of players, it will be a round robin with the top 4 teams playing a semi-finals match and the top 2 teams playing the finals match.

Intermediate Round Robin are now 2 sessions, 9a-11a and 11a-1p. Jeannie did a survey for the round robin. 60% of the players wanted to keep the round robin as it was and 40% wanted to have a more advanced group. She made the more advanced group in the early morning time slot. It is going well.

The Tuesday Advanced Play is going well. There are more than 30 players signed up.

Jeannie also mentioned that we need to have a dedication ceremony for the new MV courts, hopefully in September. She asked what do we want to do? She suggested having a ribbon cutting ceremony, refreshments and some kind of play. Will also need to have the press and City officials present. Lynn agreed to Jeannie's suggestions.

Eric asked what we need to do for the act of gifting the courts to the City. Maybe at the ceremony, we present to them something that makes it official. Lynn mentioned that in the donor agreement it states that we officially hand over the courts to the City as a donation. We can do a document or a scroll to present to them or a pickleball trophy. Lynn asked when should we have the ceremony? Mark mentioned that we should have it during the week when the City officials are available. It was decided to wait until the posts and nets are in. Jim mentioned the end of September would be a good time.

Jeannie talked to Mark and Patricia about doing an online system for the Tuesday Advanced Play and Friday Round Robin Play where the players would sign up online if they want to play instead of sending

out weekly texts. She would still need to be contacted as far as getting people into the various groups. Mark will look into it.

President – Lynn Pierle

Lynn mentioned on the Capital Campaign, we have 108 donors for a total pledge of \$39,305. So far, she has collected \$28,907.

Speaking for Annette Joyce, Lynn says there are 248 members in the PTPC. There were 37 new members since May as a result of our Beginner Instruction which we will continue into the Fall.

New Business

Lynn mentioned when we turn over the courts to the City, we will be able to ask them for dedicated hours for the Club. We need to work on a proposal for the hours before this happens. She would like to have a couple of Board members work on it. Eric mentioned the number of dedicated hours have already been defined in our Agreement which is 24 hours per week. This averages to 4 hrs. a day, 6 days a week. Lynn will ask Susan Seder and Jennie Hoskins if they would be willing to assist Jim in putting together a schedule for the dedicated hours at MV. We will hopefully have a proposal at the next Board Meeting.

Another topic Lynn would like to talk about is how we can boost our Rated Play participation. We have 2 days on the schedule for Rated Play and neither day is being used. She hears from players who want to have Drop In Rated Play which means players of all skill levels drop in and have 1 court for beginners, 2 courts for Intermediate and 1 court for Advanced or however it plays out for that day. For the current schedule, we have 1 day of Rated Play on Mondays. She would like ideas on how we can promote the Rated Play. One idea Lynn has is to invite some people to play via email. Jim mentioned that possibly the reason why not many people come to Rated Play is that there are so many other activities happening, like the Tuesday and Friday Round Robins.

Mark mentioned that maybe it can be announced on Friday's Round Robin that there is a Drop In Rated Play where all skill levels are invited. Jeannie will mention it.

About Covid Protocol, Lynn mentioned there was a situation where someone came to play and was asked to leave because she was not vaccinated. We've had a protocol that anybody who is playing and is vaccinated can refuse to play with someone who is unvaccinated. But we have not gone to the point of requiring that only vaccinated players can play or asking anyone to leave. The bottom line is we follow the CDC guidelines.

Lynn would like to have name tags for members. The initial outlay for the name tags would not be inexpensive. Carol Gartlan came up with an idea of using a machine that will put your name and logo on a button. The cost for the machine is \$245 and the cost for making buttons for the existing members would be around \$1,000. It was decided to wait until we know if we have any extra money after all our expenses from the Capital Campaign.

The Board of County Commissioners will have their second annual tournament called the Battle of BOCC on Aug. 31 from 1-3p at the Courthouse Courts. Lynn will be the referee and possibly have line judges.

Jim asked about the status of the 3rd court at the Courthouse. Eric mentioned he talked to Matt Tyler about it and Matt said that everyone still wants to do it, but the problem is his time. He is too busy this year. Also, he mentioned there is the Old Consulate Inn having an issue with the noise at certain times of the day, and having a 3rd court might exacerbate the issue. Matt asked Eric if we could put together some suggestions for anything else we would like to have done at the courts. Eric gave him suggestions.

Jeannie mentioned that the lock for the port-a-potty at the High School is an issue. The lock was found on the ground, and another time it was unlocked and the lock was sitting inside. Lynn will make a sign and put it inside stating to make sure to lock the port-a-potty.

Kirk moved to have the meeting adjourned. Mark seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:38p.

The next meeting will be held on September 13th at 3:00p at the Pink House at Port Townsend Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharlene Shiroma