

PTPC Board Meeting

March 8, 2022

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by President, Lynn Pierle at the Port Townsend Community Center. Present were Jim Dow, Jim Geren, Patti Rowdabaugh, Eric Seder and Sharlene Shiroma. Absent were Kim Anderson, Jeannie Ramsey and Craig Walls.

The minutes of the February 8th Board Meeting were submitted and corrected online. Jim G. moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Jim D. seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Officers' Reports

Treasurer – Patti R. for Craig W.

Patti reported as of Feb. 8th there was \$6,421.50 in our checking account. Since Feb. 8th for income, we had 1 new membership via PayPal of \$38.31. We had an expense for Goodman Sanitation of \$103. We have a net income of \$6,438.21 in our checking account as of March 8th.

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

Mountain View Project Update – Facilities Committee

Eric mentioned the Facilities Committee met on March 3rd with Steve King, the City Attorney and the newly hired Parks, Facilities and Recreation Director, Michael Todd. He seems like an enthusiastic person who will do what can be done in our future endeavors. In the meeting, we went through the MOU and the Donor Agreement and raised some questions that we had and what the City legally can and can't do. It was good to have the City Attorney present. She was extremely helpful. We also have our own attorney that will review the Donor Agreement and MOU before it goes to the City Council which Steve agreed would be appropriate if we can get the revisions and additions made before the March 21st Council meeting. Lynn mentioned Steve is going to send to her the wording for the slight tweaks for the Donor Agreement. When she gets it, she will run it by the Board and our attorney. If we can get all this done by March 16th we will be on the agenda for March 21st. Jim D. is putting together a presentation to present to the City Council on why we should have pickleball courts and also a diagram of what the site will look like.

Lynn mentioned that the bill to make pickleball the State sport has gone through both Houses of the Legislature and it is now with Governor Inslee for his approval. This would be another good addition to present at the meeting.

President's Report – Lynn

Lynn asked for volunteers to lead organizing a ladder and round robin play. We need to, as a club, initiate some activities that will bring our members together. Jeannie Ramsey has graciously volunteered to do both, a ladder and a round robin play. She also mentioned that she has experienced these types of play when she is in Mexico and knows how to do them. For the round robin play, Lynn wants to start small, about 16 – 20 players at a certain skill range. It was suggested to start with a mixed doubles group at 2 skill level sets of play, an advanced beginner/intermediate level and an intermediate/advanced level. The way round robin play works is everyone signs up individually and you would rotate partners and track your own scores which Jeannie would compile on a spreadsheet for the next round of play.

For the challenge ladder play, you sign up with a partner, then Jeannie would put each team in a ladder from what she thinks is the top skill to the bottom skill. You set up your own matches. You challenge people who are above you. The idea is, you set up your own matches and see where you fall in the scheme of things. If you work your way up the ladder, it gives you a good sense of where you are at. We could do it for a time limit, i.e., 4-6 weeks. Patti suggested to possibly have other members that can assist with assigning the skill levels for ladder play. Jeannie might not know some of the players that sign up to assign them a certain skill level. Lynn and Patti suggested Mary Critchlow might be a good candidate to help Jeannie organizing levels of play for ladder play. It might start on April 1st.

New Business

Schedules – Jim D.

Jim mentioned he received a message from Logan at the high school that we have the courts for the next 5 – 6 weeks. Jim told Logan that the high school can use the portable nets if he wants to.

Jim G. asked if the schedule at the high school reflects what the questionnaire that went out for the people's preferences. Lynn mentioned that the majority of the people preferred reserved play, but the question of how we should schedule, the majority chose open play. They put aside their own preferences to what they thought would be better for the group as a whole.

Jim D. will post the existing schedule for the high school courts at the high school. Then he and Jim G. are going to look at the survey and come up with a new schedule to present to the Board.

Lynn mentioned that Eric asked about having a challenge court on Social Saturdays. She wanted to know from the Board on this. Jim D. and Patti answered that it seems like it is working fine as it is now, we don't need a challenge court. The attendance is going well and it will probably get busier when the weather gets better. Lynn mentioned that there are quite a few newbies that attend and want to learn how to play. There have been a few experienced players, Lynn, Stan, Toni and Darryl that attend and help with the beginners.

There were 6 players that showed up on the last Social Saturday that didn't know how to play. Lynn used one of the courts for lessons. If they show up again, she will take them to Mountain View and give lessons. Social Saturdays is for people who know how to play. It's not a place for people who do not know how to play. She will do a Blast and put it on the website to that effect.

Patti mentioned to encourage Board members to start attending Social Saturdays so we can be more visible. Not sure if some of the players who go to Social Saturdays at the high school know that the reason there are nets and lines are due to the efforts of the club. It will help us in the pledge drive if we are more visible.

Beginner Lessons – Lynn

Newbies are starting to attend Social Saturdays. We need to start up beginner lessons. Saturday mornings seem like a good day to have it. It would be better for the people that work during the week and want to learn.

Capital Campaign – Lynn, Patti

Lynn mentioned they had a Capital Campaign Committee meeting on 3/7. She would like to congratulate all the Board members for making a contribution to the Capital Campaign. Right now we have almost \$6,000. She would like to acknowledge Susan Green and Craig Walls who are contributing

\$1,000 each and they want their names listed as an encouragement to get other people to donate. We have also reached out to other leadership donors to ask them for pledges. If we can get more committed donations before the March 21st meeting with the City Council, we can let them know that we already have an x-amount of money and that we have only this much more to raise. She thinks that would help us in our efforts.

The committee would like to tweak the Donor Form. There is no longer a place for couples. If a couple wants to donate, they can donate separately. The reason is because the donor levels could be different. The committee wanted feedback from the board on the complimentary gifts for making a donation. Lynn suggested that the simplest thing to do is to give free membership as a complimentary gift. If we give gift items like a water bottle or a paddle case or a bag, it would cost money.

Eric also suggested to make another change on the form. To have a box to opt out for free membership and use all the money towards the donation. Lynn will add that option.

The changes were unanimously approved by the Board.

The Launch Party for the Capital Campaign will be held on April 9th at Mountain View. Jeannie, Mary Critchlow and Susan Green will be in charge of organizing the Launch Party. It is going to be a social, potluck, fun and games and have a presentation about the site and our proposal.

Lynn would like to acknowledge Susan Green as stepping up to be the Volunteer Manager. She is going to manage all of our volunteers whenever we need anything. She is the point of contact and will recruit the volunteers. She is also managing the volunteers for the Capital Campaign.

Lynn needs approval from the Board to fund some expenses for the Capital Campaign. She is anticipating \$500 for the lawyer, expenses for printing and for other things that might come up. She would like to approve \$750. Eric moved to approve the \$750 expense. Jim G. seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Odds and Ends – Lynn

Lynn sent out to the Board the terms of the officers as some of the Board members' terms will be up soon. Patti will be convening a nominating committee. If we know of anyone that can take over these jobs, give their names to Patti. One of the things Lynn would like us to do is to look at our job descriptions and send any changes to her.

Announcements for the Blast are, to restart the Beginner Lessons, to do a 'Save the Date' for April 9th and to watch for a revised schedule for timeslots at the high school. If we lose the high school, then that schedule will move to Mountain View.

Jim Dow moved to have the meeting adjourned. Jim G. seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm.

The next Board Meeting will be held at 3:00 pm on April 12th, place to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharlene Shiroma