

Sun City Hilton Head Pickleball Club

Executive Board Minutes

Bayside Room
December 13, 2023

Call to Order: The President called the meeting to order at 2PM.

Attending: Jim Paulbeck, Rob Grimaud, Doug Findlay, Jacquie Hart, Brian Gilroy, Rick Ezrol, Sandy Donaldson

Treasurer's Report:

Main acct: \$88,596, including CD's: \$65,000
Low Country Pickleball Classic ("LCPC") account: \$7,477

Membership report:

2024 membership so far: 1,353, with 182 SIG members.

Projects:

North Courts Lighting Improvement: The President informed the Board that bids to purchase and install improved light on courts 7 to 14 had been received. After discussion and upon motion made and seconded, it was

Resolved: That the Board recommend to the Membership accepting bids from Torrence Electric to provide replacement lights at a cost of \$30,440, and from Bluffton Electric to install the lights at a cost of \$8,300.

The Board then discussed the process for obtaining the approval of the Membership so the Project could proceed in a timely manner. After discussion and upon motion made and seconded, it was

Resolved: That a vote, authorizing the Club to accept the Torrence Electric and Bluffton Electric bids to provide and install the replacement lights at a cost of \$30,440 and \$8,300, respectively, be solicited by electronic voting using Google Forms.

Activities:

It was reported that the *Drink & Dink* event would be held December 16th and that the Winter League would start January 6th.

It was reported that various members of the Club have requested scheduled court time to participate in 'informal leagues' with other communities in the Sun City area. The issue was tabled pending further clarification of what is proposed.

Training

Doug Findlay reported that the training with Deb Harrison had been fully subscribed to and was successfully completed.

Rick Ezrol agreed to form an ad hoc committee to prepare a curriculum/skills path for the Club's various training options. This committee would also consider if a fee for introductory training should be imposed. Such fee would be intended to encourage those enrolling in introductory level courses to actually attend and possibly be offset against a person's initial Club membership dues assuming they decide to join the Club.

Non-resident guest court utilization

The Board then considered a proposal from the ad hoc committee on the impact of non-resident guest use on court availability. Since this issue was brought to the attention of the Board by one individual

and the proposal cited no practical method to monitor the situation or collect proposed usage fees, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was,

Resolved: That the Club does not adopt the Ad hoc Committee's proposal but continue to monitor this issue in future Club surveys.

New Business

Lottery Rules. The Board next discussed Proposed Lottery Rules and Procedures. After discussion, and on motion made and seconded, it was:

Resolved that Members can only be scheduled through the Lottery once per day, and further

Resolved: That Members may only be in two groups in any one Lottery, and further

Resolved: That, with the inclusion of these two changes, the Lottery Rules and Procedures are approved.

Membership Software. It was agreed that the President is authorized to form an ad hoc committee to consider and report to the Board if purchasing software to record and monitor Club membership and other activities is warranted.

Adjournment

The President adjourned the meeting at 3 PM.

Non Resident Guests

Due to the increased use of courts at Sun City, it's thought that limiting the times that non-resident guests would be permitted to play would assist in court availability for Sun City residents. A small committee met to review solutions for this initiative. The committee consisted of Heather Brougham-Cook, Kevin McManus, Bob Tortolani, Jacqueline Hart and Rob Grimaud.

Below outlines the ideas that the committee feels should be implemented for the residents of Sun City. There are 2 assumptions that were made in the development of these policies.

- 1st that non-resident guests will not be permitted on courts that have been reserved via the lottery.
- 2nd, that given whatever policies may be put in place, that the committee can reconvene in the future to review results and decide if any further changes may be necessary.

1. Primetime – The busiest time of the day for pickleball play varies depending on the time of the year. It's thought that non-resident guests should not be permitted to play during primetime. Primetime should be defined based on the data from Chelsea. Currently this might be from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 8:00pm

2. Non-resident guests should be charged a fee to play at Sun City. As many other communities are considering this same thing, they realize that not just the residents should bear the burden of court upkeep. Example of the fee would be \$10.00.

- a. Non-resident guests should not be able to play longer than 2 hours.
- b. Can Primetime courts be color coded on Chelsea?

Enforcement of any policy implemented should be very important. Help with enforcement will need to come from all pickleball players. In order to help players obey whatever policies are put into place, strict penalties should be considered. (It's thought that players will try and game this...put friends names in Chelsea but then have NRGs play instead – the penalties below are to discourage this). For example

- 1st offense – Take away Chelsea reservation ability for 1 month
- 2nd offense - \$100.00 fine
- 3rd offense - \$200.00 fine and no Chelsea for 6 months
- 4th offense - worse