

# Sun City Hilton Head Pickleball Club

## Executive Board Minutes

Bayside Room

January 9, 2023

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

**Attending:** Jim Paulbeck, Sandy Donaldson, Stan Burzacki, Brian Gilroy

**Treasurer's Report:**

Main acct: \$99,244, including CD's: \$65,000

Low Country Pickleball Classic ("LCPC") account: \$8,977.

**Membership report:**

2024 membership so far: 1,437, with 100 Pickle Tennis SIG members.

**Projects:**

North Courts Lighting Improvement: The President reported that the electronic vote by the general membership overwhelming approved spending the estimated \$40,000 to replace the lights on courts 7 to 14. An order for the necessary equipment has been placed with Torrence Electric.

North Court Shed: Stan Burzacki agreed to submit a 2024 Sun City Capital Expenditure Request for this project.

Padding Fence Top on South Courts: Stan Burzacki agreed to submit a 2024 Sun City Capital Expenditure Request for this project.

Court Surfaces/Net Issues: Nothing to report.

Golf Ball Protection North Courts: This issue has been informally communicated to the community members of the Sun City Board of Directors.

**Activities:**

Dink and Drink: Due to inclement weather, this event has been rescheduled for January 26<sup>th</sup>. 92 members have signed up to date.

Winter League: Winter League has commenced and is proceeding on schedule.

Low Country Pickleball Classic: Planning for this event is on schedule. Registration is scheduled to open on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Due to the high cost of renting tents, the Event Committee has decided to purchase tents.

**Training:**

Rick Ezrol has formed an ad-hoc committee to prepare a curriculum/skills path for the Club's various training options.

**Lottery:**

The President reported that the next lottery is scheduled to start April 29th. Tentatively, group applications will close March 6<sup>th</sup>, the draw will be March 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Web Page:**

Sandy Donaldson reported that the Club web page has been revamped and updated. The addition of more historical pictures and a FAQ section is planned.

**Chelsea Clean-up:**

Jim Paulbeck reported that the clean-up of the Chelsea reservation system has been delayed by the inconsistency of information in the system database.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Court Utilization Committee:** The president informed the Board he was forming an ad-hoc committee to review court utilization. As per the attached, this Committee is intended to evaluate the play structure in Sun City and propose changes in court utilization to accommodate the various styles of play. Sandy Donaldson agreed to chair the Committee.

**Membership Software:** Brian Gilroy agreed to begin evaluating available commercial software packages to manage the Club's membership.

**Volunteer Appreciation:** After discussion, there was general agreement that the Club should do more to recognize the contribution of volunteers to Club activities. Exactly how to do so will be considered at future meetings.

**Adjournment:**

The President adjourned the meeting at 3:45 PM.

**Brian Gilroy,  
Secretary**

## **Court Utilization Committee**

Create an ad-hoc committee to review and identify the current play structure and propose changes that will accommodate the various styles of play in Sun City.

The subcommittee output should include:

- A format of play that accommodates CLUB MEMBERS and their play structures, i.e.:
  - Neighborhood social groups
  - Small Friend groups
  - Competitive groups
  - Training
  - Competition events
  - Open play
  - Skill / age / gender groups
  - Challenge play
  - Open reservations
  - SIG(s)
- How to fairly utilize our current courts and what may be available in the future.
  - Sports park courts
  - Lakehouse courts
  - East Argent outdoor and indoor courts
- Communication and implementation plans
- Phasing of changes if needed
- Funding requirements if needed

The committee should include a review of the scheduling software, current use and potential capabilities.

- Can we have 30/60/90/120-hour blocks, i.e.:
  - 30-minute drill only
  - 60/90/120-minute slots for groups and competition
    - Many groups are only 1 hour.
      - Would they want the extra 90 mins?
    - Many groups 1.5 hours would be optimum.
      - Some 2-hour groups drop off after 90 minutes.
      - A limited number of groups would go for up to 3 hours.
- Identify the changes required and the impacts.
  - Chelsea data load and reporting
  - Can this eliminate the need for “finding names” to fill out a roster?

The committee needs to abide by the Sun City and Pickleball Club governing documents in developing their proposal. The committee should consider the input from the 2 most recent club surveys.