

## SCHH Pickleball Board Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2025 FINAL

Present – Rick Wright President, Sandy Donaldson Vice President, Doug Findlay Treasurer, Andy Robinson Secretary and Kathi Fleming, Bob Grueser and Stan Burzacki Members at Large

Rick called the meeting to order at 2:00.

December Board meeting minutes were approved

**Financial report** – Doug reported \$116,208 in main account with \$75,000 of that in CD's and \$10,151 in Tournament account.

**Membership report** – Rick reported for Brian that 2025 current membership is 1,549 with 362 not yet renewed from 2024.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Projects** – Rick and Stan reported that they have a meeting with Bill Martin scheduled for the week of Jan 13. They intend to present club wishes by priority repainting of north courts, north side storage shed, foam collars for south lower fences and water/ice on north side to be shared with tennis club. Also, Stan is investigating drying equipment that could be used on the west courts.

**Web page/Facebook updates** – Sandy reported both external and internal club web pages are up to date. The club does not have a facebook page. The SCHHPickleball Facebook page is owned by a club member, Burt Lewis.

**Open Rated Play adjustments** – Sandy reported that there are no changes after the November meeting.

**Training** – Sandy reported that there are typically 12-18 players attending the twice monthly Beginner Orientation Clinics. Additionally, a total of 90 club members participated in club sponsored lessons/clinics during December conducted by four volunteer coaches/instructors.

**Low Country Tournament** – Registration to begin Jan 13 for club members with a capacity of 420 total players and an age limit of 50+. There will also be a social event that will be open to club members after players have registered.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Contractor payment procedure** – Doug explained that the club will not accept checks from participants and that Brian Fenlon will need to submit a digital file of participants to Brian Gilroy in a format designated by Brian Gilroy. This is to allow the club to submit CC121 required by the Association in order to facilitate payment to Brian Fenlon.

**Lottery** – Kathi and Rick met with Joanne to transition lottery to Kathi. There is a potential need to shorten time in the process to better utilize the time needed for the process.

**Uncancelled court reservations** – Club has the ability to punish lottery courts but possibly not Chelsea reservations. Rick wants to work on education as opposed to punishment. Sandy noted that we have control of the Chelsea pb welcome page and that is a place to post information on court cancellation policy.

**Member survey for court utilization** – Rick wants club input on how the membership wishes board to allocate court utilization. This would begin for the May lottery time period. Questions to focus on how members play – lottery, Chelsea, open play or rated open play. Also, what part of SC do they live in and what time do they prefer to play. Rick to send questions to the board before they are sent to membership for vote.

**Nomination committee** – The 2025 nominating committee will consist of board members not up for election – Andy, Bob and Kathi.

**Volunteer Coordinator** - Rick asked for a person to serve as coordinator for the volunteer needs that come up throughout the year. Bob said that he would take that on unless another person turns up.

**Social/Activities coordinator** – Rick wants to ask membership for someone will step up and assume this role. He will send an email to the membership to gauge interest.

**Charitable Events** – Andy wants to include charitable events with the membership of a club this size. The first event will be a sneaker recycling program through GotSneakers that should be able to begin in late January or early February. He will coordinate. Other possibilities are food drives and any other ideas that the board or membership want to undertake.

**March event** – Doug and Stan are planning a glow pickleball event for the first week of March. Glow Pickleball is played in the dark with fluorescent-colored taped lines, a fluorescent-colored ball and high powered black lights.

Meeting adjourned at 3:24 pm

