

SCHH Pickleball Board meeting minutes 3/19/2025

Rick called the meeting to order at 1:58 pm with all members in attendance – Rick Wright President, Sandy Donaldson Vice President, Doug Findlay Treasurer, Andy Robinson Secretary and members at large Kathi Fleming, Stan Burzacki and Bob Grueser.

February meeting minutes were reviewed and Stan moved to approve, seconded by Bob and passed on unanimous voice vote.

Financial Report – Doug provided the current financials for the board and tournament accounts. As of Feb 28, the club has \$114,892 in the main account which includes \$105,000 in CDs. In addition, there is \$45,390 in the tournament account for a total of \$160,282. This is a \$5,310 increase over prior month end balance and is primarily due to the receipt of tournament sponsorship fees. Kathi moved to accept report, seconded by Bob and passed on unanimous voice vote.

Membership Report – Total club membership is 1,682 including 115 members of pickle tennis SIG with 14 of those exclusive to pickle tennis.

OLD BUSINESS

Projects – Stan reported that south side fence toppers were installed and that we have paid our portion of the water fountain on the north side. He is working with Bill Martin on the north side visit to look at shed locations. Stan is also working with Shade Canvas to determine possibilities for courts 3 and 4. Stan has put in a work order for the net poles on court 4 which are now too low and need to be raised so the net is at proper height before the tournament. Court repainting continues to be an issue with the previous board setting aside not nearly enough to complete the work. North side has around \$30,000 possibly available but cost is now being estimated at \$67,000 South side would cost \$34,000 as well. Stan will continue to work with Brad Phillips toward resolution.

Training Report – Sandy reported that there were 130 players trained in February and there was an addition of another clinic. There seems to be a consistent list of 30 people in the queue for the beginner class. Year to date through 3/18 - 3 and Me had 63 participants with 59 unique, PB201 had 28 with 24 unique and PB301 had 38 with 29 unique for a total of 129 with 102 unique.

Sneaker Drive – Andy reported that it came to an end based on the unethical treatment by Got Sneakers. We shipped 115 pairs of shoes in February and were not credited with a single pair in excellent condition although many of the shoes were brand new. If

we revive the program it will be with intent to provide shoes to needy in the area as well as a recycling aspect for the unusable.

Social/Activities – Bob reported that the Pickle Talk scheduled with Jeff Conradi is closed with 30 participants with hope that it will be a continuing event with differing topics. Bob plans to have a dinking tournament on April 19. The May 4 cruise currently has 28 people signed up. Pickle Talk and dinking tournament to have SunSations coverage.

Volunteer Coordinator – Bob hopes to find someone interested in position, possibly from all the volunteers that have signed up for Low Country tournament.

NEW BUSINESS

Lottery Registration – Kathi reported 153 requests are in and 40% of those arrived with errors. The registration period ends 3-23.

Club Logo – Sandy talked about the previous effort that stalled and that it is time to move forward with one logo as an identity for the club. Sandy will assist with getting a few design companies to submit designs for the board and then the board will review before asking the membership to vote on which logo moving forward. Rick will ask Pulte/Sun City if they want to be involved, and Sandy will assist with identifying graphic companies to pursue. There may be interest in helping with the design from within the club and Sandy will follow up.

Court Utilization Grid – Club survey gave the needed information to base court allocation from. Doug and Rick started to look at how a grid would look. Much discussion on how that should look for the four distinct groups that want courts. Until we have our additional courts there will be sacrifices by all to accommodate all players in all groups. Andy questioned what open play was sacrificing if they have 6 prime courts in prime time 7 days a week. We reviewed 2 grids that addressed the allocation. Doug walked through his rationale to assign courts based strictly on the club vote results. The A grid hits the vote percentages while grid B allows for more flexibility for changes. Discussion between the 2 different grids resulted in Bob moving to accept grid A with minor changes, moving the lottery courts from 13/14 to 15/16 so there is flexibility. Stan seconded motion and a vote was taken with 3 yes, 2 no and 1 abstain.

Rick adjourned the meeting at 4:05 pm.