

PICKLEBALL CLUB ANNUAL MEETING
MINUTES FROM 11/7/2017

1. President Rick Wright called the meeting to order at 4:10pm. We had a quorum. Those who didn't vote for new officers on-line did so at the meeting.
2. Officer and Committee Reports followed, beginning with our Treasurer, Barb Pierson. She reported that we have \$24,110.33 in the Treasury as of 9/17/2017. The financial report and the new budget were presented to the membership. The new budget was approved by a hand vote.
3. Thanks were given to Jim McNamara, who is now taking care of membership. We have collected \$2,795.00 in dues so far, and estimate collecting \$5-6,000 more. As of today we have 896 members. Many current members need to renew, and Jim asked that they renew before the end of the year. He will send a mass email to remind people to renew, especially in time for the March Lottery.
4. Rick Wright proposed buying Barb Pierson's laptop, which she purchased to use as Treasurer, so that we would have a smooth transition of programs for the new Treasurer. This was approved by a hand vote.
5. Rick Wright spoke about the Cap-Ex Improvements coming to the north and south courts. There is a SCHH Board Meeting next Wednesday at 1:00pm in Magnolia Hall. The improvements will be unveiled at this time. Some of the proposed improvements for the south side include: parking for approximately 20 cars, more golf cart parking, rest rooms, ice machine, new poured surface for volleyball, 2 more pickleball courts. These are all proposals, and the club would be assessed for a portion of the improvements. On the north, proposals included a shed for storage, and doors between the courts. A question was asked about lost and found on the north side. Right now there is no place to put lost items because we're not allowed to put out containers like we have on the south side. The Lakehouse desk will take items, but it is not manned in the evening. For now, email Rick when you find lost items, and he'll put out an email.
6. Vice-President Reuben Oder spoke about the Lowcountry Tournament, coming up on April 13-15 next year. This tournament continues to be a very popular one, and committee heads have already been named and are getting to work. Ed Frederickson will be the new director of the tournament. He spoke about some changes, including having food for purchase only, and putting up more shade tents. Many volunteers will be needed to insure the success again next year.
7. Sue Howell has agreed to fill in the term of Cathy Taylor as Secretary, which runs for 1 ½ years.

8. Jean McNamara spoke about the next Lottery coming up on November 10 in Pinckney Hall. Sue Howell will be working with Jean on future lotteries. This time we have 106 groups and 171 numbers. Jean asked that group leaders have second and third choices ready in case they don't get their first one. Any changes that need to be made will be made after the initial schedule is published.
9. Terri Wright announced 2 dates for upcoming social activities. They are Bowling on February 13 and the Dinner Dance on April 22, with the band Palmetto Soul. Details are coming.
10. Joan LaSpina asked for members to let her know if there are any court maintenance issues. Right now, fire ants on the south side are a problem that is being worked on.
11. Joan and Tony LaSpina are taking orders for club shirts and jackets. They sent out an email with the specifics, and need orders by December 1. We must have 50 orders to get the prices stated.
12. There will be a ball-machine training session by the end of December.
13. Reuben Oder reminded us that there is a free CPR class at the Bluffton Firehouse, facilitated by Mike Brennan. There are a few spots left.
14. A question was asked about the Pickle Tennis players not using the courts that have been blocked out for them. Rick said that it's really just like any pickleball players not showing up for their assigned courts. If it persists, please let him know.
15. The results of the election are: Vice-President, Ed Frederickson, Treasurer, Doug Diamond and Member-at-Large, Mary Ellen Wallick.
16. The meeting was adjourned at 5:05pm.