

PICKLEBALL BOARD MINUTES

November 2, 2022

CALL TO ORDER-Meeting was called to order by President Gail Burton
ROLL

Present: Gail Burton, Gerry Blankenheim, Richard Bouie, Bob Tucker,
Mike Huber, Kathy Owen, Susie Buckingham

TREASURER'S REPORT-See attached

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Lessons-The lessons we offered for the summer & fall were quite successful with over 70 participants. We had several volunteers teaching. It is the recommendation by those involved and the Board that we will develop a sign-up for next year. This will help instructors better prepare for the lesson as well as giving people a confirmation that they are expected.
- B. Clinic-Bob's clinic received lots of compliments and he will plan to do more next season. We will get a schedule in the spring and make sure there is a sign on the courts to tell people that the courts are in use.
- C. City Updates-No new developments to report. The city is in the process of looking at options and getting cost analyses completed. The conversation continues!
- D. Winter net storage-We will be taking down the portable nets at the tennis courts soon and storing them in the shed. The frames will remain in place unless it looks like they need to be put in storage.
- E. Glow-Run: We had 6 people representing our club help with sections of the route. Encouraging the participants. We all had a good time, enjoyed the treats provided and watched over 550 people participate in supporting Dallas Christmas Cheer. We hope to encourage some of our members to participate as a team next year.
- F. Paddle Review-Mike and Susie have completed the requested paddle reviews and they are on our website. We also received a nice response from Pickleball Central regarding our comments.
- G. School's Lessons: We completed two lessons for The Dallas Community School for students ranging from 2nd grade to 8th. The kids had fun, loved learning about the game and want to come back for more! We received a nice Thank You from the school and our club did a great job of providing 8+ volunteers for each session!

- H. Rotation Levels-We will continue with this format and post the rotation at the beginning of the season. This is always a fluid challenge as it is never easy knowing how many people will eventually be playing on any given day. The easiest solution is to stick with the current plan.
- I. Non-Profit Progress-We have received the initial draft of the documents needed to apply for Non-profit. The Board is editing and getting clarification. We will be meeting with the Attorney next week. Once the documents are ready and submitted, we will have them available for members to read.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. WOU-Inside play option-We were contacted by WOU regarding the club's interest in scheduling times to play at WOU. (We did this prior-covid)
As a club, we are not interested in committing to a specific schedule as it requires a fair amount of set-up. Gail will let them know that if they schedule specific times for Pickleball, we will put that information out to our members and can even put it on our calendar.
- B. ATRIO-Banner & Tournament Sponsorship for "Senior Tournament"
We were contacted by ATRIO regarding putting a banner at our courts. Richard has sent them the information. They also are interested in sponsoring tournaments we have that involve the senior population. Kathy forwarded this information to Shane who runs our summer tournament, and he will let them know how that could work.
- C. Cameras-Due to recent vandalism attempt to our portable nets, we are looking into the possibility of mounting a camera. This will need to be approved by the city. Florian Dobson has been doing some research on camera options and we will continue to firm-up the total cost including monthly fees for cell tower use.
- D. Plaque-When the courts were constructed, we had planned to place a sign acknowledging the organizations involved. That got put on the back burner and we worked more on recognizing Bill White at the official court dedication. It is important to acknowledge all who contributed so we are in the process of creating a new sign that will both recognize Bill White and acknowledge those who helped build the courts. Susie presented a rough draft of the future sign and cost. The Board approved to finalize it. She will refine the sign and get it ordered. Bob will take care of the new stand that it will go on.

E. Richard-Board Member-This came up in the By-laws being developed by attorney for non-profit application. Since Richard is continuing to be responsible for Banners. We had to decide for the sake of the new by-laws whether he is officially a Board Member. The Board voted to make that official and the title is: Ad Banner Coordinator. This position will be included in future elections.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED-SUSIE BUCKINGHAM-
SECRETARY