Voyager Pickleball Board Minutes

# November 15, 2018

## Opening

The regular meeting of the Voyager Pickleball Board Minutes was called to order at 10:10 AM on November 15, 2018 by President Gary Meldrum.

## Present

Gary Meldrum (President), Dave Hart (Court Maintenance), Richard Hyde (Court Schedule), Tammie Brown (Treasurer), Larry Rauh (Structured Play), Nancy Heebsh (Player Improvement), Dale Secord (Communications & Secretary)

**Attendance**

There were 14 club members present

**Agenda**

The Volunteer of the Month was added to the agenda. A request was made for new Board members for next year.

## Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed. Motion to approve by Tammy Brown and seconded by Larry Rauh.

## Old Business

Rated courts – Richard Hyde presented a proposal to have self-rated and rated courts beginning after the Holiday Tournament. There will be one 3.0, two 3.5 and one 4.0 rated courts from 7 am to 10 am.

Weekend reserved courts will begin next week.

We will continue to use the present Onix balls until they are used up and then will switch to new type of balls. The G2 balls remaining from the Holiday Tournament will be used for normal club usage with the pickleball machine. Rating of the courts will start after the tournament.

Dale Secord made a motion that all courts be designated as self-rated courts during the 7 – 10 am period. There was no second to the motion.

Tutor ball machine - No resolution on whether to charge a fee for non-instructors to use the Club’s Tutor Pickleball machine and to be used by non-instructors.

Projects completed during the summer - Dan explained that he replaced the gates on Courts 5 & 10 to avoid the previous problems of breaking the hinges. Now the gates can only be swung one way. Dan is also installing screens under the court 9 & 10 benches to keep the balls from traveling into the gravel under the benches.

## New Business

## November Volunteer of the Month – the Board approved the selection of Dan Galvin. Dan was presented with a paddle given to the Voyager Pickleball Club by GAMMA.

## Report of meeting with new Voyager Manager Geoffrey Campbell – Gary asked him to consider adding some shade for the new benches near court 3 and to add a new safety fence between courts 3 & 4. Gary also asked about converting the old volleyball court into two new pickleball courts. Gary also pointed out the one light over court 13 that has been out for over a year.

Shirts for Instructors - Gary suggested that the Club purchase tee shirts for all instructors. This would help identify who the instructors. Gary made a motion to look into purchase of tee shirts and badges. The motion was seconded by Dale Secord. The motion was tabled.

Mentors for new players at Courts 1 & 2 - Gary would like to have the more experienced players or instructors occasionally go over to the 2.5 courts to offer help or suggestions..

**Board Member Reports**

**Treasure’s Report** – Tammy Brown

The income for the fiscal year (October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018) was $11,828.96. Total expenses for the year were $8,310.14 and the net income for the year was $3,518.82.

The income for the period of October 1, 2018 to November 15, 2018 was $20.00. The total expenses for the period were $303.96 for a net loss of $283.96.

The bank balances at year-end as of September 30, 2018 was $9,315.62, a savings account balance of $50 and an additional $438.18 available in our Voyager account at the Activity Office.

The bank balances as of November 15, 2018 was $8,956.66 in the checking account, $50.00 in the savings account and $438.18 in the Voyager account at the Activity Office.

Current liabilities include $454.00 for insurance. Dale Secord moved to authorize the payment. It was seconded by Larry Rauh. The motion was approved.

Tammy requested an approval of up to $1000 for tournament expenses. Motion was approved.

The Treasures report was approved by the Board. The motion was by Dale Secord and seconded by Larry Rauh.

**Structured Play** – Larry Rauh

Larry will be preparing the schedule in the spring in the future. One change was to have the 3.0 and the 3.5/4.0 structured play at the same time period. Also changed was to have 2.5 players play on courts 1-4 where they are more familiar since the open play and lessons are on courts 1-3. A motion to approve the Structured Play Schedule was made by Tammy Brown and seconded by Richard Hyde. The Schedule was approved. Next year’s schedule will be released/approved in the spring.

**Court Maintenance** – Dave Hart

Two new wind socks have been purchased and installed. Bulletin boards have been moved around to better utilize them. New windscreens were put up on Courts 1 & 4. Dave will be looking a replacing some of the storage boxes in the future

**Court Usage** – Richard Hyde

See old business

**Player Improvement** – Nancy Heebsh

Not doing drills this year, the player improvement program is focused on clinics.

Three different mentoring sessions: Dale Secord with 2.5 players to become 3.0 players, Dan Galvin with 3.0 to become 3.5 players, and Dave Hart for 3.5 players to learn the 4.0 skills. Those who take the three week long clinics would be required to pay for all three clinics at the first session. Motion by Nancy Heebsh and seconded by Dave Hart to charge $5 for each clinic. The three week clinics would be $15. Players who have taken a clinic previously should hold back and allow others to take the clinic. Clinics will be held to 8 to 10 players depending on the clinic and instructor.

Craig Palermo will be coming back to Voyager to put on a couple clinics in late January.

Mark Renneson of Third Shot Sports is available to come to Voyager in mid-March to conduct a special clinic(s). There will be more information available later.

The club will be using Sign Up Genius for all signing up for clinics, drills, reserved courts and rating requests.

**Tournament Coordinator** – Sandy Black represented by Priscilla Scott. The Holiday Tournament is December 6-8th. There are 230 players registered and more are anticipated. The Onix Fuse G2 ball will be used for the tournament. A request for volunteers has been sent out. There will be no meet and greet this year. There was a motion to approve expenditures of $551.41 for medals by Sandy Brown and seconded by Larry Rauh. Motion approved. A motion to cover expenditures of $136.48 for 50 wrist bands was approved. Onix donated the tournament balls. The referees and line judges will be paid for their services.

**Communication**s – Dale Secord

The pickleball bulletin boards were repainted and rain shields installed. The Facebook page continues to grow (200 members) with 50-100 members viewing the posts. Facebook is one method to provide information about the Voyager pickleball activities and other pickleball related items of interest.

The new Voyager Pickleball web site was launched this fall to provide general information regarding the club and specific information about our programs. There have been over 300 visitors to date.

## Two Voyager pickleball player discount programs where our players can get a 5-10% discount on purchases was initiated. GAMMA sports and Pickleball Central are the two companies. GAMMA also gave us 4 new paddles which we are using for our monthly club volunteer award.

**Social Coordinators** – Char Quandt and Peggy Douglas

Our co-chair Social Coordinators were not present.    It can be reported that Peggy will be hosting weekly TGIF in the courtyard with the dates to be determined by Peggy.

Gary Meldrum spoke about the annual award banquet.   Gary suggested the club could sell cards from a deck for $5 each at the January and February social events.   There could be $100 worth of merchandise for people to win.  The Club would give the vendor $100 and retain the remaining monies.

**Rating Committee Coordinator** – Dave Bobenack

The sign-up for a skill rating will be done thru the Sign Up Genius system and will start in January.

**Public Comments**

Dan Galvin mentioned that the IPTA certification will be held at Voyager on December 1st and 2nd and several of our Voyager players will be involved.

## Adjournment Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM by President Gary Meldrum. The next general meeting will be at 10:00 AM on December 15, 2018 in the Santa Rita room.

| Minutes submitted by: | Dale Secord, Board Communication Coordinator & Secretary |
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| Approved by: | Gary Meldrum, President |