

# **Burke Centre Pickleball Association (BCPA)**

## **Board of Directors (BoD) Meeting**

The Board met on Thursday, 19 May 2022, via Google, starting at 800P.

Attendees: John Vaught, Fred Rothe, Mary Abney, Jon Weber, and Ed Verchot.

President John Vaught presided.

Agenda:

Initial Discussion: John welcomed everyone and asked Ed to lead us through the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Jon and Mary reported that Tennis Task Force had not met again since the submission of the revised plan for the Landings but that they felt that the TF was leaning towards approving the two stage plan for converting the courts first and installing improved lighting later. Main question seems to be whether the funds are available. There are two proposed plans for layout but the Board agreed that it would support the plan submitted by Gary Hill. Both plans preserve Court 12 as a lighted tennis court but Gary's plan has a more balanced use of the space. Intention with either plan would be to continue to use Court 1 with lights for pickle ball in the winter or when lights are needed.
2. Question was raised about previous meeting concern about splinter groups playing on non-BCPS days with club equipment. Board agreed that it was fine for groups to use equipment as long as they met the requirements of both being primarily members of BCPA and having a Burke Conservancy Keyholder member present.
3. There was discussion of whether transitioning to some form of multilevel play versus our current single paddle stack system would rebuild attendance. There was no consensus on how a new approach would be implemented. John proposed we watch attendance for next few weeks and if attendance does not improve from present 2-3 courts to revisit with the intent of trying alternative approaches. Ed expressed concern about how a new system would be communicated to all to avoid drama on court. Issue will be revised at next meeting.
4. BCPA currently has approximately 40 Burke Conservancy Paying members, 37 non Burke permanent members and 24 paying seasonal members. Board did not feel that more permanent non Burke members should be added at this time.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Future Focus: Ideas were exchanged on how to build attendance and whether the social focus (everyone plays with everyone) we have had in past was still viable. This will be revisited. There was also discussion of adding a Social Chairman to the Board to see if we could build more interest by having periodic social events. It was mentioned what a success the two events run by Mary Dundon preCovid and possibly asking if she would be interested in taking this on to help build back more camaraderie and participation. This will be discussed again at future meeting.
2. We did not specifically discuss adding additional playing times but John mentioned that he could not play weekends but would try to attend most weekday events. He encouraged Board members to attend as often as possible so that someone was present at most events.
3. Drafting and sending out a periodic newsletter to the broader membership was discussed and John took as an action to draft the first version and send a draft to the Board.

Meeting concluded at 8pm. While no specific date was agreed John will coordinate a future date within a few weeks.