

Burke Centre Pickleball Association (BCPA)

Board of Directors (BoD) Meeting Minutes for July 28, 2022, 7-8 PM

Present Via Zoom: John Vaught, Fred Rothe, Mary Abney, Jon Weber, and Ed Verchot. President John Vaught presided.

Old Business:

- 1. Tennis Task Force Proposal Updates/comments** - Jon reported continued pushback from the Landings Trustee Mr. Gulakowski who has rejected the work of the TTF and pushed for a full community survey. Survey is being released mid August and John will time newsletter to alert Burke members to the need to fill it out in support of their desired outcome. It appears that the Trustee board is either supportive or neutral on adding a substantial amenity to the Burke community except for Mr. Gulakowski. The club will again have a booth at the Burke Festival and will be soliciting member to participate and staff both it and other festival booths in accordance with our status as a Burke Conservancy Chartered Group. Jon is working to coordinate Festival activities and registration while John V. will prepare and send the newsletter. After discussion, the Board felt that the newsletter should be close in time to Survey release to get maximum participation. Fred noted that the Board Presentation was of good quality and effective and the board thanks Jon for the significant effort he put in.
- 2. Newsletter:** The Board felt that the newsletter had been well received and was affected and thanked John for doing the heavy lifting and getting it out.
- 3. BCPA Future Focus:** Mary noted that attendance was improving. (Secretary's note: It has continued to improve since the meeting with typical evenings supporting 2 or three courts and Saturdays hitting at least 4 courts playing).
- 4. Social Program Update:** John reported that so far there were no takers for Social Chairman or to plan a club social event. The board is still in the hunt for a new board member to fill this role.

New Business:

- 5. Treasurers Report:** Mary provided a full report of expenditures along with upcoming expected outlays. She proposed that we switch to Franklin X=40 balls for next purchase since that now seems to be many club member preferred balls due to them being used in local tournaments. The proposal was approved. (Secretary's note: Balls have since been purchased and deployed to courts).

submitted: Ed Verchot, Secretary

6. **Fees:** After much discussion, the board decided that current fees for seasonal member were out of line with the local market (Many of which are free) so decided that we could lower the fee to \$10/quarter and move to refund members who had paid ahead at the higher rate. (Treasurer's note: all refunds were dispersed).
7. **Court Signup and Access:** After debating the merits of alternative proposals including Facebook (META), Meetup and Playtime Scheduler, the Board decided to schedule club play via Playtime Scheduler. Detailed instructions to the club will be sent out when ready. The intent is to inform and remind the club at large of scheduled club events and to assure members that both sufficient players and players with key access will be at each session to avoid traveling to play only to find not enough players or keyholders were attending. It is a tool to help communicate better with the Club at large and we discussed that members should feel free to attend and play even if they had not "signed up" but it would provide additional information to those who wanted to use it.
8. **Should we establish a Facebook Page?** The Board did not see utility in established a Facebook Page or Group at this time since we are adopting Playtime Scheduler.
9. **Internet issues:** Jon had completed deployment of our new SSL certificate and the Club website is fully operational.
10. **Meeting ended at 8 PM as usual.**

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