

# Burke Centre Pickleball Association (BCPA)

## Board of Directors (BoD) Meeting Agenda for 1230-130, Dec 12, 2023

Various Attachments have been sent to support discussion. Meeting is being hosted by Mary Abney at her home. Thanks Mary and Kevin!

### BCPA Meeting

#### Attending: (I will edit this post meeting if necessary)

Jon Weber, President BCPA and Internet Chair BCPA

Mary Abney, Treasurer BCPA

John Simpson, Courts-At-Large BCPA

Fred Rothe, Strategy-At-Large BCPA

Genevieve Methvin, Membership, BCPA

Ed Verchot, Secretary, BCPA

**Welcome/Admin** if any (Jon/Mary)

**Discussion Items and New Business:** (time is limited we have a 5-minute goal per item). Most items will be discussion unless there is a clear decision to be made. If no decision can be made action will be levied and discussion moved off line so Board can complete as much work as possible.

#### 1. Membership

- 2024 Fees
- Converting a limited # of seasonal players to non-BC member status
- Collection of membership and seasonal fees

**Decision:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. BCPA Reports Due to BCC. (Jon & Mary) (10 min)

- Latest update from the Conservancy
- What is needed for each report and who is responsible for each one
- As a review the BCC precepts are at the following link  
[https://burkecentreweb.com/document\\_view.asp?id=1069](https://burkecentreweb.com/document_view.asp?id=1069)

#### **Discussion:**

- There are a lot of changes and adjustments BCC requires to continue as a chartered organization. These and other issues may require Charter and By-Law amendments. Additionally the due date is earlier than last year and potential penalty for late submission is losing Charter status (and thus potentially our reservations at the courts.)
- We need to divide and conquer to help Jon and Mary complete these actions.

**Decision:** \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Mary recommends saving this for a future meeting and the February newsletter edition (Jon?) Do the current Board Members intend to run to continue for 2024? Do we want to recruit replacements or additional board members to run for BOD in 2024. When should events leading up to the election occur and when should we send out the ballot? (10 min)**

**Discussion:**

- As we have learned, it is critical to have an engaged BOD if the club is to operate successfully. Numerous issues have arisen that required leadership to step up and make and support decisions made by the board. These have included but are not limited to Security of the equipment, Challenge Courts, how to equitably manage and balance league play with open play, providing additional play opportunities during the summer, active management and repair of existing equipment, ongoing interfaces with prospective BCC Resident and non resident players, continuing visible interaction by BCPA on issues of concern like Court renovation and new court contractor.
- If the current members are willing to continue do we want to present the slate to the club for approval or open a window for self nominations to fill the various posts or selectively recruit to fill and vacancies that occur or ???

**Decision:** \_\_\_\_\_

**4. November 14 Social and plan for an additional social (Mary)**

**Discussion:**

- Happy Hour was assessed as a huge hit. What plans do we desire to have for another one. How often? Venues? Other considerations?

**Decision:** \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Are we satisfied with the performance of the new PCKL balls selected for Winter play? Do we want to plan to move to a different ball when supply is exhausted? Do we want to plan to return to X-40s in the spring or continue with PCKL. Do we want to consider alternative balls such as the Selkirk S1 Pro being highly advertised this fall. (5 min)**

- (Ed/Mary) I deployed 50 balls each to the Woods and Landings at the beginning of November. We have been playing with them since with a very few vocal complaints (Con) about wobble. Andy believes they are great. Online reviews imply that perceived wobble is actually that, as high performance balls, they respond more strongly to applied spin.

- I have purchased 12 S-1s that a number of you have tried out. Both the PCKL and S1 are more expensive balls running between \$2.10-\$2.30. Although advertised by Pickleball Central as far as I was able to discern they are not actually available except from Selkirk at full price.
- I suspect we are fighting a losing battle between durability and performance since every durable ball (Pro Penn, Joola, Selkirk SLK Pro, Onyx) I have personally tested plays more like the Onyx with a slightly heavier, softer feel. The performance balls (PCKL, X-40, Dura and so on) play faster and respond to spin more and, in some cases (Dura and X-40) crack at a high rate below 50 degrees. (not really 40 like some have said. We started losing X-40s rapidly every time we got below 50 this year. We are cracking PCKLs now it is colder but perhaps at a lower rate than X-40. I don't think they are as durable as the ONYX. I put out 50 at the Landings, Dec 7 as the previous supply was exhausted. That leaves 140 in reserve. At that rate we will need to order additional balls of some type in January.
- For future, I see no reason to adopt anything new. X-40s have served us well since we started with them and they are much cheaper (with PC discounts) than other alternatives. We have limited experience with alternative balls in the hard usage environment BCPA experiences. IMO, PCKLs are adequate but don't justify their increased cost since they don't play as well as the X-40s as they wear. 60 last about 4-5 weeks although I have no way of knowing if attrition is all breakage or if they are going home with people. My recommendation is to order 300 X-40s in late Feb or early March so I can mark them and put them out as the PCKLs are exhausted. If we run short I have a bag of partially used X-40s left from fall.
- Ed's Recommendation 1: Continue with PCKL until exhausted. Buy more X-40s in February to use in Spring.

**Decision:** \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. DUPR (Dynamic Universal Pickleball Rating). (Fred)

- Fred proposes that we look into and discuss whether we want to use DUPR in BCPA. The website is <https://mydupr.com/> if you want to take a look.

**Decision:** \_\_\_\_\_

## 7. What is desired to be in the next Newsletter?

- Court Conversion Update (if any)
- Future Social
- PCKL Ball deployment.
- Winter League

- Election plans [Mary proposes we Hold for February edition ?](#)
- Membership renewal discussion
- Review of benefits of from BCC along with appeal to BCC key/combo holders to stop making BCPA equipment available to any Tom, Dick, and Harry that plays pickleball but doesn't want to share the expense of maintaining it. (Probably won't work unless we start expelling offenders. Do we want a bylaw amendment to make this penalty system clear?)
- Not sure there is much need for a newsletter before January since Mary recommends we defer elections and membership renewal discussion to January. Winter league would be only item in it and Andy has adequately circulated info on this.

**Decision:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AREA REPORTS/STATUS: (Please review prior to the meeting and direct additional comment(s) to the relevant Board Member(s) and copy me so I can update any corrections). If time remains we may discuss at end of Board Meeting.**

**1. President's Report: Jon**

Accomplishments/ Items of Interest

a.

**2. Treasurer's Report: Mary**

Accomplishments/Items of Interest

- a. Requested and received the liability insurance quote and paid the invoice.
- b. For the BCPA Happy Hour, prepared an email announcing the event, developed an RSVP form which captured responses and provided a headcount to Fred who arranged/coordinated the hour hour.
- c. Prepared the income and expense reports for the December Board Meeting.

**3. Membership Update: Genevieve**

Accomplishments/ Items of Interest

- a. BCPA Membership is 118 players divided as follows:
  - BC residents 78
  - total BC Res paid 78
  - tot non BC Paid 40
  
  - seasonal buyers 49
  - Total BCPA Players = 167

**4. Courts/Equipment Update: John S**

Accomplishments/ Items of Interest

- a. Landings: 1 new system (net/frame) plus 7 new nets.
- b. Woods: 4 new nets. plus 3 older, but good, "black" nets. Because they are not interchangeable with any of the other nets, When we need to replace these "black" nets, we will need to buy a complete Frame/Net system. Our turnout on Sundays at the Woods is always less than Sat AM at the Landings. I do not see a need to replace any of the nets at the Woods in 2024.

We do have 1 extra, new net. It will fit one of the Green, Pickle-Ball, Inc Frames.

(If we do choose to replace a "Black" net/frame at the Woods, I strongly suggest that we purchase a "Green" Pickle-Ball, Inc net/frame system, from

Pickleball  
existing net

Central, because this would be interchangeable with 6 of our  
systems. Cost= \$200 per net System.)

## 5. Strategy Update - Fred

Accomplishments/ Items of Interest

- a. Investigating use of DUPR (**Dynamic Universal Pickleball Rating**) in BCPA.  
The website is <https://mydupr.com/>

## 6. Secretary Update - Ed

Accomplishments/Items of Interest:

- a. Playtime Scheduler: There are 135 invitees who see each invitation. About 2-5 people actually sign up each session. Conclusion: It probably serves as a reminder but isn't actually very useful for anticipating attendance or even Key holder presence (other than Jon and Kathy who are very reliable about signing up when they plan to attend.
- b. Newsletter: Last Newsletter was published Oct 3. No comments received outside of the Board members. Date of next newsletter is a discussion item.
- c. Availability: I will be away from 19 Jan 24 to at least 15 February ( I am considering adding a week) Snowbirding in Florida. I could participate in a Zoom meeting but in person would have to occur without me or outside that window. I can continue to manage PTS and I will leave marked balls with another board member while I am gone.
- d. As stated in the discussion item...we are using approximately 60 PCKL balls per month at Cove Landing, a lesser amount at the woods. Current supply may be exhausted in early Feb. There are about 135 PCKL in stock. I also have a bag of X-40 partially used balls left from Fall.

## 7. Internet Update: Jon.

Accomplishments/ Items of Interest

## **Actions Review and Status:**

Formal actions were not levied in June due to delays in issuing minutes. The following is a resume of Actions done by various BOD members. Please submit edits or additions and I will work these with you offline.

- *Oct 23-1(Jon) Jon will attempt to engage Trustees Steve Shapiro and Denis Gulakowski to help interface with Patrick to get better information on available funding and what can be funded with available funding. BCPA desire is to complete at least the perimeter lighting for all 4 courts. Status: ???*
- *Oct 23-2: Jon will attend meeting on Oct 20. Status: Closed, Jon attended and reported results by email.*
- *Oct 23-3: Mary will immediately order 300 balls. When received Ed will mark and divide up for use at the Landings ASAP after the October Tournament. Franklins will remain at the Woods until current supply is exhausted. Status: Closed. Balls ordered, received, marked and deployed. Ed has 200 on shelf.*
- *Oct 23-4 Mary is ordering 1 replacement Picklenet for the Landings and 3 replacements nets. Two will be used to replace current nets on Black frames at the Woods, the third will be a reserve for use as nets at the Landing need repair. Status: Closed, Done and deployed. Thanks Mary and Jon.*
- *Oct 23-5 Jon will continue to post Tennis DNA flyers on our website, Genevieve will incorporate a recommendation in our membership emails for beginning players, and we will continue to add links to newsletters and etc as appropriate so BCPA players are aware of this avenue for improving their games. Status: closed, done and done.*
- *Oct 23-6 Ed complete the newsletter ASAP. Release goal is mid week in order to help promote Oct tournament. Jon will complete his input ASAP and draft will be out ASAP. Result will be circulated from Burke Pickleball master account and posted on website. Status: Closed, Newsletter completed by Ed with massive help from Jon and Mary and circulated to membership 3 Oct.*
- *Oct 23-7 (added): Mary is looking into Bandito's or an alternate location to invite BCPA players and plus-1s to gather informally and socialize. Status. Event was arranged and held Oct 5 and although I didn't attend was a massive success. Thanks Mary and Banditos.*
- *June 23-3: There were several security incidents of the Landings Equipment Box being left unsecured (closed but unlocked). Various Board members worked together to send several security alerts to the membership along with detailed procedures for packing and closing the boxes, and instructions for who secures the courts. Reminders are being included in Playtime Scheduler each week. Update: Due to numerous issues Jon again changed the combination. BOD members need to remain alert and report breaches. Ed and others have found unauthorized players using our equipment. Be prepared to talk to them and if*

*appropriate request that this cease. Also report to other BOD members. Status:  
Needs continuous monitoring.*