

Burke Centre Pickleball Association (BCPA)

Board of Directors (BoD) Meeting Minutes for Dec 12, 2023

The meeting is being hosted by Mary Abney at her home. The refreshments were absolutely delicious. Thanks Mary and Kevin!

Attending: Jon Weber, President BCPA and Internet Chair BCPA
Mary Abney, Treasurer BCPA
John Simpson, At-Large/Equipment BCPA
Fred Rothe, At-Large/Strategy + Social BCPA
Genevieve Methvin, Membership, BCPA
Ed Verchot, Secretary, BCPA
Meeting was held from 1230-230pm.

Welcome/Admin if any (Jon/Mary)

Discussion Items and New Business: Jon began the agenda. Each item was discussed and if appropriate Decisions/Actions were made or levied.

1. Treasurer's Report

- Discussion began with a review of the Treasurer's report. It was noted that significant increases in expenses are expected in several areas. Although we have replaced nets significantly more people are using BCPA equipment. Ball usage is running at 60/month plus we are buying better balls. BCPA is sponsoring more activities for the club members and the costs of materials has climbed significantly. Dues have not changed since 2018.

ACTION: (Mary) Dec 23-07 Add projected Budget sheet to the Treasurer's report for 2024.

- Proposed 2024 Fees were discussed, and it was decided that BCC members would see no increase since their HOA fees support the overall courts. Non-BCC Members would be charged an additional \$10. Non-resident quarterly players who join us will be charged \$15/quarter due NLT the first day of each quarter. These fees are projected to sustain the club in 2024.
- BCPA is limited by charter to have no more than 50% of the membership be non-BCC. Due to recent increases in BCC membership the Board decided to invite limited additional non-BCC members to become members.
- Collection of membership and non-resident quarterly fees will commence as soon as the Treasurer can set up the pay links and send out the requests for payment. This is anticipated to go out before Christmas and needs to be completed by early January 2024.

DECISION: Dec 23-1 2024 Membership is set as follows: BCC = \$30/year, Non-BCC = \$40/year, Drop-In Players = \$15

ACTION: Dec 23-2 BCPA Treasurer/Membership (Mary/Genevieve) will send out bills/paylinks to both BCC and non BCC members ASAP before Christmas with early January Due dates.

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

- Updates from the Conservancy have been previously distributed and are summarized at https://burkecentreweb.com/document_view.asp?id=1069.

Discussion:

- BCC has changed many of the Chartered Organizations Charter and Report requirements and has moved up the due date to mid-January. It is important to meet these deadlines to keep our status as a BCC charter organization.
- Mary has drafted most of the necessary documentation and provided it to Jon for editing. Jon may reach out to other board members for additional information or editing to ensure we put out the best quality product we need before the due date.

ACTION: Dec 23-3 (Jon) Review and edit Charter and Annual Report as necessary. Other Board Members Mary and Genevieve primarily will provide any additional review data needed. Remaining Board members will stand by to provide additional review as needed.

3. 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) NOTE: Detailed discussion of election process was deferred to January meeting. One decision was logged.

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: Dec 23-02 All current board Members expressed their willingness to remain in their current position if BCPA election confirmed them.

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

Discussion:

- Happy Hour was assessed as a huge hit. What plans do we desire to have for another one. How often? Venues? Other considerations?
- Discussion from those attending the Social confirmed that although it was highly successful it was more expensive than anticipated and some changes would be needed for the future. Challenges included:
 - Better control of drink tickets (1/member) so that drink upgrades were not charged to BCPA.
 - Desire to work with Bandito's (or other venue) to ensure that both wine (by the glass) and beer were available for future.
 - Discussed finding a better time to accommodate both older and younger (with families) members. No decision.

DECISION: Dec 23-03 Board decided that planning socials for Spring (Feb) and Fall (Nov) would be the best plan. Additionally having a Summer Potluck Social in a BCC facility is desired.

ACTION: Dec 23-04 (Fred) Planning and coordinating the date (s) and arrangements for the next social.

5. Are BCPA purchased Pickleballs performing satisfactorily and what balls do we need to purchase for future?

- (Ed/Mary) Ed reported, and Mary confirmed that PCKL balls are not performing as well as hoped. Although much better for cold weather use than X-40s they bounce erratically after 1-2 weeks of use and crack shortly after. We are using about 60/month at the landings and hearing multiple complaints from players on the bounce issue.
- Other balls have been proposed (Selkirk S1, Crown, OSO) but none have been fully tested in our playing conditions and all are more expensive than our previous Franklin X-40s. The Board agreed that we would continue with the PCKLs until we have an alternative in place.
- We currently have 50 PCKLs that were deployed Dec 8 and 140 more PCKLs in stock to be used. Additionally, we have approximately 50 partially used X-40s and approximately 100 new ONYX balls in stock. At the current usage rate PCKLs will last until sometime in February 2024.
- Ed recommended that we not commit to any additional balls unless they have been fully tested on our courts by our members. Board concurred.

DECISION: Dec 23-04 Board decided to purchase 100 Selkirk S-1 to deploy at Landings only, immediately upon receipt. When those are used up, the Board will either redeploy PCKLs or decide how to proceed.

ACTION: Dec 23-05 Mary will order 100 Selkirk S-1 balls and provide them to Ed for marking and deploying to the Landings ASAP. John S will back up Ed if needed.

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.
- DUPR is being used to support tournament play at many clubs. Fred discussed that it could be useful for us in future, especially if inter club play, which has been discussed, begins. Cost to players is free but cost to Clubs to use is not clear.

DECISION: Dec 23-05 BOD decided that we should gather more information and discuss how we could implement it through our existing tournament system.

ACTION: Dec 23-06 (Fred) Gather more information and in particular investigate how much it would cost BCPA to use the system

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

- Limited Court Conversion Update
- Future Socials
- Anticipated membership increases along with justification and appeal to BCC members to limit participation to paying members. Heads up for Membership renewal
- Appeal to BCC members who host groups to ensure all are registered with liability waivers signed.
- Appeal for more caution on retaining balls on court.
- Winter League (???)
- 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.
- Impending rule changes
- Call for awareness on current rules: Foot Faults, Kitchen violations, line calls

DECISION: Dec 23-06 Newsletter is needed within the next week if possible.

ACTION: Dec 23-07 Ed/Jon draft newsletter for review and release ASAP.

AREA REPORTS/STATUS: These items were reviewed prior to meeting and needed discussion included in Discussion documented above.

1. President's Report: Jon

Accomplishments/ Items of Interest

- a. Still coordinating the Court Conversion with Stephanie Martin at BCC. One of the contractors has withdrawn from the bidding. We still await a bid that is within the BCC budget. Stephanie wants to have a meeting involving her, Jon and the bidding contractors and possibly Patrick Gloyd.
- b. Other items discussed elsewhere.

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 and circulated the income and expense reports for the December Board Meeting.

3. Membership Update: Genevieve

Accomplishments/ Items of Interest

- a. BCPA Membership is divided as follows:
 - total BC Res paid 85
 - tot non BC Paid 39
 - Total BCPA Players = 124
 - Quarterly paying Players 56

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 Central, because this would be interchangeable with 6 of our existing net 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

- No new internet reports. Normal maintenance updates.

Actions Review and Status:

The following is a resume of Actions done by various BOD members.

- *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: Closed*
- *Oct 23-2: Jon will attend meeting on Oct 20. Status: Closed, Jon attended and reported results by email. Closed*
- *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.*