

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

## **Board of Directors (BoD) Meeting for January 9, 2025**

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

### **BCPA Meeting**

#### **Attending:**

Jon Weber, President BCPA and  
Webmaster 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)

The discussion meeting began at 12:30 as planned. Jon began by reporting that he had attended the BCC BOT working meeting on Jan 8 and spoken to them about several topics of interest to BCPA. Note this is a working meeting so no decisions were made. Decisions will be made potentially at the decision meeting on Jan 23.

The topics were,

1. A request to reserve Tennis Court 1 for BCPA on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5-9pm (along with the usual courts 2-4) because only Courts 1 and 2
2. A request to install up to 10 borrowed solar lights (offered to us by Andy Forsyth) on a trial basis to see if they would be adequate for lighting courts 3 and 4 sufficiently to play pickleball during the dark months.

**Discussion Items and New Business:** (5 minutes per topic goal) We then began the regular Agenda.

#### **1. BCPA Annual Report and Rechartering Status (Mary and Jon)**

- Annual Report and Annual Recharter status. - Jon has drafted both the Annual Report and the Annual Recharter and passed a copy of the report for comment. Mary also sent Jon the required proof of insurance. Jon will email the drafts to the board for any further comment. **Action: Jan 2025 1-1 (Jon)**
- It was noted that the charter on the website is not the 2024 charter but rather from the previous year. Jon will check to make sure the correct documents are posted and available. **Action Jan 2025 1-2 (Jon)**
- A current membership roster with name, address, and city is required for the Annual Report. Mary shall update and send the required roster to Jon. **Action Jan 2025 1-3 (Mary)**

#### **2. Finance Status (Mary)**

- Finance Report - Was circulated by email by Mary. All agreed that it was a complete and excellent report. There was discussion of the 2025 budget and anticipated dues assessment.
- Budget was amended to update budgeted amounts for some items.
  - 2025 Dues shall be BCC residents \$20, Permanent Non-Burke Members \$40 and Quarterly players (nonmembers) \$15 per quarter played.
  - The budgeted amount for Balls shall be \$1500 for the year
  - The Budget for 4 socials shall be \$1000 (\$250 each)

**Decision: Mary's proposed budget was approved with the following amendments:**

**1. 2025 Dues shall be BCC residents \$20, Permanent Non Burke Members \$40 and Quarterly players (nonmembers) \$15 per quarter played.**

**2. The budgeted amount for Balls shall be \$1500 for the year. 3. The Budget for 4 socials shall be \$1000 (\$250 each)**

### **3. Membership (Mary and Genevieve)**

- Current status: BC: 87, Permanent Non-res: 44, Quarterly - varies. No dues have been collected for Q1 2025).
- Genevieve and Mary will send out Paylink to collect current 2025 dues to all BCC and Permanent Non-Res members on file. Similarly, Paylinks will be sent for Q1 to quarterly payers. **Action 2025 Jan 1-4 (Genevieve and Mary)**

### **4. Elections (Jon and all)**

- Board discussed if BCPA should continue with the current Board Structure and whether to recruit new board members. All board members expressed willingness to continue if needed but also expressed willingness to step down in favor of other members who were willing and able to step up. It was agreed that it would be desirable to increase BCC resident membership on the board and all three non-resident members agreed to step down if BCC residents were found to do the job.
- President Jon will draft and send out letter to BCC members (with copy to Board members) explaining the board functions and soliciting additional BCC resident participation in the BCPA Board. **Action 2025 Jan 1-5 (Jon) (see Action 1.6 also)**

**Decision: An election shall be held early Spring to ratify board membership.**

### **6. How Can BCPA Recruit a member to run for BCC Trustee (Jon)**

- Self-nominations for Burke Conservancy BOT are open now until Jan 22, 2025. Jon and Mary pointed out that it would be helpful with the upcoming courts upgrades to have a knowledgeable BCPA member on the BOT. Of course, that is a much larger job than just BCPA.
- Jon suggested that we simply advise the BCC-resident members that this opportunity was open and mention BCPA support for having a member serving as Trustee.
- Jon agreed to include this information and the deadline date in his letter being sent in response (Action 2025 Jan 1-5) Action **2025 Jan 1-6 (Jon)**

## **7. Strategy for New Courts (Jon/Mary et.al.)**

- What planning is needed at this time? It is unclear but Jon and Mary expressed a need for strategy to be planned. Items discussed include,
  - Mary feels that we should not have any responsibility for supporting Pickleball at the Woods after the new Courts open. Also, at the appropriate time, we should obtain BC BOT approval to shift Sunday play from the Woods to the Landings when the new courts are installed. In the meantime, we need to develop a strategy that considers requesting the BC BOT for some reserved court time on Tues/Thurs when the new courts are installed. (Action - Fred will draft a strategy that includes expanding additional days for BCPA play (Tues/Thurs) and potentially featuring ladies' play and men's play on designated courts.)
  - Ed mentioned that disposal plans for the equipment boxes at both locations as well as nets would be needed. He suggested that alternative storage for balls, loaner paddles and signage would be needed at the Landings.
  - There was discussion of whether BCPA could contribute any fixtures or other support from club resources. Mary felt that all support for public amenities should come from BCC and not the club.
  - General discussions on various reservation strategies to maintain the current play schedule and/or add other play days ensued but no decisions were made.
  - Ed mentioned that we need to re-approach the BOT to get firm reservations for M, W, S, and SU for the Woods during the shutdown of the Landings courts until they are fully available for reservations and play.

**Decision: We should continue to discuss and plan but probably need to get more firm information on when exactly the conversion will occur.**

## **8. Do We Want to Schedule more Socials? (Fred/Mary)**

- Everyone agreed that Banditos socials were desired. Fred mentioned that they require hands-on, in-person planning to avoid excess financial problems.
- Genevieve suggested we try to find at least one venue closer to Burke Centre and suggested we could periodically encourage people to bring items on a Saturday morning where we could invite beginners to play on a designated court and potentially participate in a clinic.
- No decision was made on the date of the next social, but the board agreed to plan for up to 4 socials per year.
- Mary mentioned that we should also consider on-court-playing socials and/or potluck picnics as we have had in past years.

**Decision: Plan and budget for up to 4 socials per year and consider alternative types of on-court socials.**

## 9. Equipment (John and Ed)

- Equipment status - John stated that we did not need any additional nets and that we had a spare if needed.
- Balls Status
  - Ed stated that we have one more batch of PCKL Elite 40s that could be used. We also have 50 new and several used Selkirk S1's. Board wants to deploy new Selkirks at the Landings immediately and withdraw Elite 40s. Plan is to use S1's until March when it is warm enough to return to Franklin X-40s. There are 200 new Franklin X-40s in hand and a few used balls that remained when we put out the Elite 40s.
  - Balls at the Woods are mostly elite 40 with a few additional "found" balls of mixed manufacture. We did not discuss but we can either put out a few Elite 40s or a few of the older Selkirk S-1s or a mixture. I also still have a supply of ONYX balls in reserve. Ball usage that the Woods has been minimal, so I just need to know what is desired.
  - We don't need to buy anything at present but if a real bargain appears of either Franklin or Selkirk we probably should jump on it because we will need them eventually.

## 10. Clinics and Tournaments (Jon and all)?

- We all agreed that Clinics are desirable but are not agreed on how to get them done. TennisDNA was only doing lessons and not clinics. They do not seem to still be in operation.
- Should we discuss getting with Andy to do up to 3 Beginner and possibly 3 advance clinics as he has done in past Springs. We really didn't discuss.
- Do we want to do a Spring Tournament? (Did not discuss)

**Decision: NO Decision was made**