Board meeting – Tuesday, January 7, 2020 10:00am – 12:00pm

Present – Cheryl Manzone, Brad Caldwell, Karen Wolf, Deb Richter

Absent – Susan Gapen

Budget (Karen) – current balance is $1883.36 without new 2020 funds from POA (Karen will check on how much money we are actually getting now that the budget was passed)

* Still need to pay Bill Buchler for spray paint (Karen)
* Cheryl recommended making donation in memory of Rick Reed. Board agreed. We will contribute $100 toward his pickleball club in Charleston or one of his other charities from his obituary (Cheryl)
* Anyone with funds needs to contact Karen when they have money (from lessons, or the guest jar, etc.) Deposits should be made at least every two weeks
* Brad will check on the idea of using a “drop tube” to collect guest donations in lieu of the jar
* Next year we would like to give $500 to the employee fund
* Cheryl will check with the golf shop regarding paddle rentals (should be $5 for a 24 hour period, with our club getting $2 and they keep $3. People need to return these paddles to the pro shop and not leave them at the courts) If this service is still being offered, it needs to be publicized on the courtside bulletin board and an arrangement made for our club to receive it’s cut of the funds.

Maintenance (Brad) –

* Building new paddle holder for busy play times – in progress (Brad)
* Cleaning ball machine – in progress (Brad)
* Cheryl suggested adding long hooks under the covered area to hang BATT towels. Brad will install. We also need instruction on how to properly use BATT towels. Brad will watch video and then post steps on courtside bulletin board in place of the “ad” that is currently there. It seems to be most effective to squeegee water off courts and then use BATT towels. (Brad)
* Brad needs to check about court locks – Deb has some keys to try. If these don’t work, we will need to purchase new locks (Brad and Deb)

Chili Cook Off (Cheryl) –

 Date is set for Tuesday February 4th 12:00 – 3:00pm at the Grill. BYOB beverage, bowl and spoon. If entering a chili, have a written copy of ingredients so folks with allergies can see what is in it. Cheryl will provide multiplug strips, a cooler with ice, extra utensils for serving, cardboard number tents to put by crock pots and ballots for voting. There is a trophy at Rick Clark’s house. Cheryl will get it. Cheryl will invite Nancy Roberts, Jim Whitmore, and Spencer to participate as judges. If not entering a chili, ask folks to bring something to share (bread, dessert, etc.) Cheryl will check if folks can bring alcohol into the grill if they choose. We will also begin selling club shirts during the event.

Club shirt sales – (Deb/Cheryl) –

 Initial sales went well. We will charge $20 for each shirt, long or short sleeved. Folks who purchased them already will pick them up today at the end of this meeting. Cheryl will take over sales starting during the chili cook off event. We made a list of what info needs to be on an ordering sheet. Cheryl will make these. We will be placing orders on at least a quarterly basis (end of March, June, September and November). We will only accept cash or checks, no member charges.

Player development (Deb) –

* Cheryl needs to check wording in Friday Flyer to be sure it doesn’t say that lessons are given on Fridays
* Discussion of starting a ladder league was positive. Mark Malvin has volunteered to run. Would run for 6 week period.
* Discussion of how to handle lessons with Deb for non-Connestee Falls people. Decided it would be okay in the off-season with a $5 charge to stay and play that day. Need to emphasize that they can not just come back and play anytime they want to, but would need to have a CF amenities membership of some type. Cheryl will check on what these are and how much they cost to pass along to folks. We will revisit this topic in April as needed prior to on-season people returning.
* Tournament expansion ideas for exhibition game, a clinic with pros, etc. Deb will get written proposals for us to discuss. All of these should somehow enhance our ability to raise funds for the Student Scholarship

Special group play (all) –

 Deb Snyder came to represent Sweet Picklers. Glenn and Jackie Hartson were unable to attend (we will try to meet with them in the next two weeks). Discussion of what this group is, how people are invited to play, play times/days, etc. took place. It was decided that this group would be included on the CF club calendar. Deb Snyder (or someone in the group) will write a brief description of who they are and how they operate to include with their schedule. It should also include a contact name and number (Linda Clark?) When Cheryl gets this, she will add them onto the club calendar and post their information. Deb Richter suggested setting up Jill Smith as a liaison for player development for this group.

Web cam (Cheryl) –

 This item was left over from 2019 board action. Cheryl will check with Jim Whitmore about the current status of this topic.