Agenda for CF Pickleball Board Meeting

Tuesday March 17, 2020 @10:00am at Cheryl’s house

In attendance – Cheryl Manzone, Brad Caldwell, Deb Richter, Karen Wolf

Absent (but sent ideas via email) – Susan Gapen

1. Feedback on Chili Cook-Off event - maybe only need 2 hours next year if run the same; check on possibility of having a bar tender; depending on what is happening in the world in a year, we may not be having socials that involve community food of any kind as an ongoing policy
2. Feedback on putting specialty groups on the calendar – Cheryl checked in with Linda Clark and Glenn Hartson – neither have any ongoing concerns and play has not been impacted in any negative way since being put on the calendar; we will need to keep monitoring as folks return for the on-season and the number of people who want to be involved increases; it was suggested that Glenn begin to use the SignUp Genius format that Deb Richter made as soon as possible, so that people can get use to using it and bugs can be smoothed out before the on-season begins; it was further suggested that Pickles and Pairs may want to have 6-week sessions that folks commit to playing in and can be adjusted more easily as people travel or become injured. Cheryl will talk with him about these suggestions
3. Feedback on first shirt order – went smoothly, folks liked shirt quality and design; next round of orders will be after annual meeting and done the same way with paperwork and money up front. Cheryl will run again and Deb will place final order as before
4. Discussion of proposed etiquette rules to be shared at annual meeting and then posted at the courts (see attachment) – all the suggestions were accepted as written. Brad suggested adding a statement about “not always hitting to the weakest player”. Cheryl will revise and share at the June meeting
5. Financial report and update – Karen shared copies of our financial statement. We currently have $1986.12 for our club balance and $2154.36 for the POA balance. This past month money has gone out for maintenance supplies, communication needs and recent purchases of cleaning supplies
6. Maintenance updates -

* When to put wind/sun screens back up? Brad will speak with Spencer about doing this now, as the threat of snow and ice is most likely over. We may need to purchase one more screen for the social area side of the new courts (we couldn’t remember if there was already one for that side in the shed from last year)
* Clean court surface of back courts, not sure if they can be pressure washed - Brad will contact Spencer. We will also ask, if possible, they give us a heads up before completing this job so Cheryl can send an eblast letting people know ahead of time
* Upgrade wind indicators – not a priority, but Brad will work on changing these out with new materials as he has time
* Should we purchase a walk behind leaf vacuum ($600)? This type of unit allows the leaves and debris to be vacuumed up and mulched instead of blowing them around. The unit also has a hand held hose that would allow us to suck up leaves that get stuck up against the fence. One concern is where we could store it as it probably won’t fit well in the existing shed – we all agree this would be a great tool to have. We will wait until closer to the fall or the end of the fiscal year to make this decision and see how much money we have. We would also need to consider the purchase or building of a shed to store it in. This shed could sit behind court 2 in the back point of the blacktop parking area.
* New plantings to replace the pine tree. Brad will work with Kathy Cordier to have this completed
* Outside sheet of fabric on the BATT towels is showing some wear. Brad switched an inner sheet to the outside. Brad found an online video showing how to do this. It was pretty easy. We can do this several more times and then we would need to order some new replacement towels
* The paddle holder should be completed by the next board meeting. It will have space for 6 sets of 4 paddles and be mounted on the fence behind courts 3 and 4 in the social area. It would be used to help decide the order of play when the courts are busy and people need to wait/take turns. Brad is making this for us
* Discussion/decision about installing an informational kiosk where the pine tree was recently removed – it was decided that the space available is not large enough to warrant installing a kiosk. Brad will remove the plexiglass informational board that is currently behind court 3 and reposition it on the parking lot side of court 1 at a lower level. That way people can see it more easily and announcements will be clearly visible as you enter the pickleball area from the parking lot. Cheryl will look into changing out the internal mounting material to something more weather resistant, like Styrofoam instead of cork. Brad will look into making some type of awning also for more weather protection. Brad will also permanently mount the new guest fees collection box in this same area. This locked box will replace the current tabletop jar with marbles in it

1. Social updates – as of today, all socials will be cancelled until further notice
2. Player development –

* Update of pros during tournament – Deb has spoken to a few who may be interested. Given the current state of everything being cancelled, we will hold off on any decision about this until closer to September if the tournament will still be held

Deb will send letters to each of the following groups about postponing decisions about any of the follow until a later date:

* Keowee Key date for play here
* Discussion of proposal from Cummings Cove to play there
* Discussion of possible event for Boys & Girls club in July

Other business:

Our board had a lengthy discussion about whether or not we should be continuing to play pickleball given all of the cancellations regarding the Corona virus. For starters, we reached out to Jim Whitmore for guidance in order to stay aligned with what other amenity groups are doing. Due to the nature of our play being outside and consisting of groups of 4, at this point in time, he suggested we continue to offer pickleball as scheduled on the calendar. We agree. Individuals can make their own decisions about attending open play or arranging their own personal matches. Best Health Practices have been in place since March 6 and will continue to be utilized. One further enhancement we agreed upon was the use of bleach water to sanitize the pickleballs at the beginning of play each day. There will be a white 10 gallon bucket available on the table under the covered area. Bleach, as long as we can provide it, will be available in the brown cabinet. We are asking that the first person/persons to play each day fill the bucket halfway from the faucet in the pool area under the clock, add a ½ cup of bleach and put the pickleballs in the solution. There will also be a pair of yellow Playtex gloves for use to dunk and/or remove the balls. At the end of the day, if you are in the last group to play, please dump the water down the storm drain in the blacktop at the front of the planter in the social area and leave ALL THE PICKLEBALLS IN THE BUCKET (do not redistribute them in the tubes). That way the pickleballs will be ready for sanitizing the next day. Please do not leave the pickleballs overnight in the bleach water solution, as we do not know how this will eventually change the integrity of the plastic. Return the bucket with the balls, gloves and rags to the table under the covered area. For the time being, please place broken pickleballs on the lower shelf of the right side brown cabinet (since we are using that bucket for the bleach water now). This will be helpful for still keeping track of how many are breaking.

If you want bring your own personal pickleballs to use, that is always another option.

We are further asking all individuals to consider wiping down hard surfaces including the tables, chairs and gate latches at the start of each day. A few rags will be included in the bleach water bucket to be used for this purpose.

We know that this is asking a lot, but at the same time, we are trying to be as proactive as possible to allow those that choose to continue to play pickleball the safest environment that is possible. EVERYONE WHO PLAYS HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP ONE ANOTHER STAY HEALTHY.

The meeting concluded at 12:08pm. The next meeting of the board will be held on Tuesday, April 7th at 10am at Cheryl’s house.

Update since meeting was held: As of Wednesday, March 18, 2020, following recommendations from the USAPA, we have cancelled all social events and community play at the courts until at least April 30, 2020