Tuesday, July 7, 2020 10am – 12:15pm – Susan Gapen’s house

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

Financial report – Karen

* Club balance and expenses since June – credits for lessons and shirt sales; expenses for shirt sales; current balance = $2289.49
* POA balance and expenses since June – expense for Franklin pickleballs; current balance = $1797.45

Maintenance report – Brad

* update of projects from last meeting –
  + cleaning back court surfaces – completed on July 7 & 8
  + status of paddle holder – Brad redesigned and is still working to complete
  + guest fees box – Brad is ready to hang

Deb also asked about getting the gatelock behind court 2 tightened so that it stays closed. Brad will look into it.

Old agenda items to finish – Cheryl

* Scholarship tournament officially cancelled; asked for donations in email sent out – there was a suggestion to send a reminder email close to the tournament date and set an ending date for donation collection – Cheryl to communicate with Jose Galan and Bear Baila
* Annual meeting/Social in July – officially cancelled idea of a social event due to extended Phase 2; also cancelled annual meeting; Cheryl to call admin and cancel pavilion reservation

Scheduling on the calendar – Cheryl

* Consider addition of specialty groups and Daily Dose –
  + Sweet Picklers – Linda Clark said they are okay waiting a while longer to be put back on calendar – could be in Phase 3 as stated previously
  + Pickles and Pairs – Glenn Hartson said group is ready to be added to calendar. They will play on Saturdays from 12:00 – 1:30pm using courts 1-4 beginning July 11. Deb Richtor to adjust Sign Up Genius court schedule. Glenn to get his group to start using a separate Sign Up Genius link for reserving playing spots.
  + Developing Ladies – reviewed and approved the written proposal from Deb Richter for this group. They will be added to the calendar on Thursdays from 3-4:30. See written proposal below:
    - “The purpose and goal of this weekly event is to provide serious and competitive play for the interested women of Connestee Falls. The program will include drills, strategic discussions and opportunities to use developing skills and knowledge with like-minded players. More successful skills and play will increase enjoyment of the game for these women. Membership is open to interested women, but only 16 can actively participate each week. Sign Up Genius is being utilized and those 16 slots are first come, first serve. There are also 3 reserve slots for situations where a person has to cancel. Our event occurs once a week, right now for 90 minutes.”
  + Board members spoke with a few men who had expressed an interest in possibly facilitating a men’s program. They are no longer interested in doing that. If someone is, please let us know.
  + Daily Dose – leave on hold for now

We reviewed the numbers of player sign ups for Advanced, Novice and All Play times to see if adjustments needed to be made. There are usually no more than 4 courts being used for Advanced time. Therefore, we will update Sign Up Genius to offer court 5 & 6 as reserve courts on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00-11:00. Deb will work on this.

We also had a short discussion of our concerns regarding the recent spike in positive Covid cases reported in Transylvania County. Deb will continue to offer introductory lessons for those new to pickleball, but this may change soon as it is a risk to work with people you don’t know.

Budget items and proposal for POA – Cheryl

Spending the 2020 money –

With our current funds we had discussed purchasing the items listed below. However, today’s discussion has raised the issue of what “the club” should be buying and what “the POA” should be buying to maintain the amenity. Cheryl and Brad will set up a meeting with Jim Whitmore and Spencer to discuss and clarify. (Meeting held on July 9th with Jim Whitmore – basically if something costs $2500 and/or has at least a 5 year life expectancy, then it can be submitted as a capital improvement item. However, if we purchase equipment from our budget, like the leaf vacuum, maintenance costs/repairs would be become the responsibility of the POA)

* Troy Bilt Walk Behind Leaf Vacuum – model #24B-060F766 - $600

39”Lx26.5”Wx26”H 115pounds

Not self-propelled

Chipper/shredder/vacuum 24”vacuum width

Can use as hand vacuum 2 bushel capacity

2yr warranty

* Lifetime 7ft x 4.5ft Outdoor Storage Shed Desert Sand - $865

4.7’/5’

Steel reinforced roof/walls/doors

(After our July 9th meeting with Jim Whitmore, we are going to pursue getting the existing shed enlarged instead of purchasing a new one and housing it in the parking lot area. Cheryl and Brad will work on the proposal to submit to Jim/maintenance)

* Sun-screen rollers for the front of the covered area - quick research may be $400 at most

Budget proposal ideas for 2021 –

These are the ideas that came from members –

* Wringer for towels- commercial grade ($200-$300) – we put in budget
* Washer/dryer for towels - we didn’t feel this was practical – did not include
* Sunscreen on the top of the fences to make shade on the rockwall/bench area – we will do some experimenting to see the best dimensions to achieve the desired shade effect – thought might cost up to $1,000 for decorative design – we put in budget
* AED ($1500 - $2000) – we felt this should be purchased by the POA so it could match others found in the community – did not include
* Courtside webcam to view courts – we spoke with Jim Whitmore during our July 9th meeting about this. There are some privacy issues involved, but he believes it is doable. He asked us to submit this request as part of our budget proposal
* More Franklin pickleballs ($150) – we put in budget
* Professional designed app for sign up - we did not feel this was necessary – did not include

We also calculated the ongoing expenses for the 2021 proposal - playing equipment such as pickleballs and replacement paddles, additional windscreens, cleaning supplies (such as bleach), office supplies for printing and laminating; maintenance equipment/costs (fuel, replacement parts, etc); Sign Up Genius fees; and BATT towel replacement and additional purchase. Therefore, we felt that proposing $2200 (the same amount as awarded this year) was appropriate.

At the July 9th meeting with Jim Whitmore, we also discussed the status of the court repair/replacement. There is to be an evaluation completed this year. The POA is working with Whalen Company. The final surface would be the same as what was used for courts 1 & 2. Jim asked us to include this request in our budget proposal so it could be placed in the capital improvement cycle.

General discussion points –

* Back shed left unlocked – please double check to be sure the shed is correctly relocked after opening it. We have been judicious with giving out the code. Please do not pass it along to others.
* For those who are interested in breathable face masks for athletes – check out Under Armour’s website. As a reminder, face coverings are required when you are unable to maintain 6 feet of social distancing and while entering/exiting the courts.