Saturday, October 30, 2021

Update from – Cheryl Manzone, Brad Caldwell, Deb Richter, Bob Bennett, Karen Wolf

(during September and October we did not have a face-to-face Board meeting, but took care of the following items through courtside conversations, phone calls and email exchanges)

Financial report – Karen

* Club balance and expenses as of October 2021 = $2028.25

(expenses included pickleballs, maintenance and first aid supplies, a donation in memory of David Tait, tournament food, Sign Up Genius fee and a donation to the CF employee holiday fund. Income included club shirt sales, paddle rentals, guest and lesson fees. Our club balance will be reduced by possibly a few hundred dollars when the final bill for the shirt sales arrives following completion of our order – we are still waiting for some shirts on backorder)

* POA balance and expenses as of October 2021 = $306.13 (there is a discrepancy between what the POA budget office thinks we have and what we think we have in this account. Fortunately, they think we have more than we believe we do. Karen will work with them to solve this issue.)

Maintenance report – Brad/Bob

projects update –

* All projects on the maintenance list were completed prior to the Scholarship Tournament
* Brad has formed a court cleaning crew schedule made up of volunteers. Each person was assigned a particular day to blow/clear the courts before the first scheduled community play session of the day. There are also alternate people as subs
* Cheryl and Bob met with Jim Whitmore and Spencer Brown on Monday, Oct 25 from 10-11am regarding the proposed court replacement project. Bob Bennett and Chuck Walsey will be our club liaisons for this when it begins. Expected date is mid-April to May 2022. See new business for a summary of this meeting

Old agenda items –

* Bylaw Committee work update – Cheryl – Public comment period was held. Cheryl attended online Zoom POA Board meeting to answer questions and clarify changes. Both the Charter and the Rules and Regs were approved as submitted with one addition for the General Manager to also approve requests for commercial use of the courts (not just the pickleball club committee)
* Club shirt order – placed and received, but several shirts are missing and on backorder. Deb will keep in touch with Pickleball Rocks about them. If they do not arrive soon, those people will be offered a refund if they choose.
* New Specialty Group – Lucio Rodrigues submitted a proposal for singles play. The Board approved this new specialty group. Given they play at 5pm, it will not be placed on the off-season calendar, but will be included in the spring when the weather and light permit play. A dedicated Sign Up Genius link will be developed then. Please contact Lucio at lumaro55@gmail.com if you are interested in participating. Both men and women welcome.
* The Student Scholarship Tournament was held September 24-26. The weather cooperated and things went smoothly. Thanks again to Jose Galan and all the volunteers for doing such a great job! Participants were highly complementary.

New agenda items –

* Off-season Schedule – on November 1, we will move to the off-season schedule. It will include All Play M-Sat 11-1pm, Sun 1-3pm; Daily Dose T,Th,Sat 10-11am; Advanced Drills Th 1-3pm (for those in the Advanced Play group); Developing Ladies M 1-3pm; Introductory Lessons 1st and 3rd Monday of the month 3-4:30pm. Reservations on Sign Up Genius will be required for participation in any of these community play groups. This allows the opportunity for contact tracing if needed. No guests/visitors will be included in community play. There will also continue to be the opportunity for making court reservations when community play is not in session. Walk-on courts will be available for both community members and visitors/guests to use for up to 2 hours at a time.
* The Social Committee will plan and host the Halloween Social on Wed. Oct 27th from 3-5pm. They will also spearhead our annual Share the Season fundraiser for Sharing House on Wed. December 3rd from 11-3pm.There will of course be pickleball, and some mixer games. BYOB and a snack to share if you choose to. Deb has spoken with the staff at Sharing House about their needs. Specific needs include: functioning camping equipment (minus tents) - camp stoves, sleeping bags. flashlights, lanterns, etc., men's underwear, gently used winter wear, blankets and linens. You can also make a monetary contribution. Please bring cash or checks (made out to Sharing House). No member account charges will be accepted. Contact Betsey Merriken if you would like to be involved in planning or preperation at bmmerriken55@comcast.net
* We have switched over from using Franklins to Core pickleballs in the colder weather. Deb ordered more Cores since they were on sale.
* Cheryl and Bob met with Jim Whitmore and Spencer Brown regarding the court replacement project. Below is a summary of the items we agreed on:
	+ remove all existing fencing, asphalt, bushes, wooden benches/decking between the golf course side retaining wall and the fencing for the front two courts
	+ move the back storage shed to the front parking lot next to the new one (temporarily during the project, but it will be placed back in the retaining wall corner once everything is finished)
	+ grade with correct pitch to drain toward the pool and away from the cement retaining wall
	+ replace with four courts by matching color and material surface of the front two courts
	+ replace and install shorter fencing (we wondered if we should keep tall fencing on the pool side to eliminate balls going over??) (Cheryl will order new wind screens as needed, to fit the new fencing)
	+ add additional taller poles in order to allow installation of sun sails in the back seating area (Bob will work with you to determine how many and what height)
	+ replace back wooden decking/benches with a paved seating area (Cheryl will order new tables and chairs)
	+ make sure we still have access to electrical outlets in the back area, but do not place the electrical boxes within the court playing area
	+ we would like to have two separate entrance gates, one to each court from the back seating area (right now there is only one gate to access both courts)
	+ resurface the existing social area (leaving the existing covered structure and possibly the planter??)
	+ communication leading up to the project and during the work phase will be critical. We will decide closer to the beginning of the project who those points of contact will be
	+ the anticipated project beginning date may be mid-April??
	+ On a side note, the pickleball committee will work on developing a proposal for additional courts for the future. We may submit a one court expansion proposal (using the existing space we have) and a multi-court proposal that may include more space being located (as for parking, etc.)

So as you can see, the replacement project will be quite expansive. It will be weather dependent. Contractors and materials in the supply chain during Covid have been an issue. They may be during this as well. Our goal during construction will be to try to keep club members in the loop as much as possible since we will all need to work together when sharing just two courts and no social area. The pickleball Board is speaking with the management at the Brevard Racquet Club about the possibility of offering a club membership for CF pickleball players to help fill the gap. NO DECISION regarding this partnership has been made at this time. Deb did remind us that if folks have access to the Silver Sneakers program as a benefit of their Medicare/Medicaid membership, they should explore options for pickleball access on their own as well. Please keep the Board in the loop of your findings so we can pass that information along to others.

Cheryl would like to hear thoughts regarding the possible removal of the planter in the current social area. Removing it would make the repaving of the social area easier and more cost effective. It would also add valuable space for tables and chairs or just enhance the ability to spread out. If it is removed, all the existing plants would be offered to the beautification committee to repurpose as they see fit. On the flip side, we also understand that it is great for curb appeal and nice to have something green as opposed to an entire area of asphalt. If you have a strong opinion for or against its removal, send them to cherylmanzone59@gmail.com.

We have had a lot of new people coming out for lessons and beginning to play during the Novice time in the last few months. We don’t know how many of these folks will actually stay during the winter and continue to play. We can monitor participation numbers through Sign Up Genius. If we find that one session of All Play is too crowded, or if there is an expressed desire to add an afternoon session, the Board is open to doing that. Please send comments to Cheryl at cherylmanzone59@gmail.com.