Pickleball Board Meeting on Thursday, June 9, 2022 at Cheryl’s house from 1:00pm – 3:45pm

In attendance: Cheryl Manzone, Brad Caldwell (Zoom), Karen Wolf, Bob Bennett, Betsey Merriken

Financial committee report (Karen)

* Pickleball Club fund - $1963.31 (expenses = donations for Reitman and Wolf families, gift cards for Deb Richter; income= lesson and guest fees)
* POA fund - $1399.61 (expenses to be taken out = Franklin pickleballs purchase, office supplies; income = paddle rentals)
* We project future expenses for more BATT towels, plastic snow shovels, weather proof whiteboards and weather proof bulletin board (to replace the existing one).

Maintenance (Bob and Brad)

* All maintenance projects are complete at this time. Just waiting for the court replacement project to finish. Bob Bennett and/or Brad Caldwell visit the courts on a daily basis checking in with the progress and speaking with the workers. The poles are all cemented in the ground. Cross bars are being installed. The asphalt “trough” along the pool fence line is filled in. The low spots in the asphalt have been smoothed out. There will be a 4-5 foot fence with a gate separating the front and back courts. The sealant has been laid and cured. The rubberized surface layers will be completed as the weather allows.
* Pool enhancement proposal – Bob suggested that we send a letter to the POA/Jim Whitmore asking to be included in the discussion of the pool enhancement project. It is important since our amenity is connected to the pool area. He and others are concerned about possible impacts from reflectivity, added noise, shading, wind tunneling and the like if a roof is built. Cheryl will send an email voicing our desire. We will also be in attendance at the June 22 POA Board meeting to hear the latest updates. We encourage everyone who has ideas/suggestions/concerns to do the same.

Old agenda items (Cheryl)

* Activities Showcase (Betsey) – at the clubhouse on Saturday, June 25 from 10am – 1pm. We will have photos and equipment at the table. There will be 2-3 members present to answer questions. A contact list will be kept and follow up with those interested completed once the court replacement project is complete.
* Court expansion/roof proposal (Cheryl) – we heard back from the Facilities Planning Committee regarding our proposal for consideration in the long range plan to add an additional pickleball court (into the parking lot next to court 1) and put some type of a cover/roof over the front courts. The cost to put a load bearing roof with interior pillars was said to be approximately $350,000. We feel that with the current court replacement project in progress and the upcoming vote for a new A&W Center/pool enhancement, now is not the time to pursue this. We will leave it in the “cue” for future consideration. Cheryl will contact Chip Weber regarding our decision.

New agenda items (Cheryl)

* Intra club play at Sapphire Valley and Cummings Cove (Cheryl) – Sapphire Valley will be on Saturday, July 9 from 10am-12pm. 8 Advanced level members will go.

Cummings Cove will be on Friday, June 24th in the morning. We have 18 members for both 3.5 and 3.0/2.5 levels ready to go.

* Design on-season schedule once we have 6 playable courts (Cheryl) – we are continuing to work on a final schedule. We feel that we are taking all suggestions into account during our discussions, although not all of them can be implemented. Below are the plans to be included from Jose Galan, Chairperson of the Player Development Committee:

1. Instructional Clinics (replacing Daily Dose) – Specific Topics are presented below. Up to 10 community members with a prior reservation on Sign Up Genius can participate. Clinics will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays with instruction taking place from 3:00 – 4:00pm and an opportunity to stay and play/practice the focus skill on one or two courts from 4:00 – 5:00pm. You may pick and choose what area(s) you want to focus on, but for maximum results participating in each of the six sessions will help you become a more complete player. Topics will be repeated and possibly geared toward different player skill levels.
2. Introductory Lessons - He has a list of members who have taught/will teach these. He will work with these folks so all instructors know the content to cover and provide consistent lessons.
3. Performance analysis – Jose will come, watch you/your group play, and then provide feedback/coaching. Individuals should contact him directly to set this up.

Connestee Falls Pickleball Club Clinics

Whether you are brand new to the game, or you are ready to take your game to the next level, these series of clinics are designed to give you an overview of the different aspects and elements of the game so that you can build a strong foundation. Ultimately, by learning, practicing and drilling these skills, your game will improve, and you will understand the sport on a deeper level.

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**Session 1 – Serves and Returns** – Learn how to start the game, and how to return the ball to set up play. Types of serves, strategy and desired locations will be covered.

**Session 2 – Third Shots (Drops/Drives/Lobs)** – These critical shots will take your game to the next level, and learning them will be the trick up your sleeve!

**Session 3 – Drives/Fifth Shots/Blocks** – Learning these shots are a real game changer! Learn how and when to use them.

**Session 4 – Dinking** –It’s what the game of Pickleball is all about! If you don’t know how to dink, then you aren’t playing the game!

**Session 5 – Resetting the Point** – This is where we will learn how to change the speed of the game. Once you understand the importance of slowing down the game, and how to put the brakes on the tempo you will start learning that YOU are in control!

**Session 6 – Game Strategy and Shot Selection** –Even if you are a more advanced player, understanding that every shot you make has an impact and an effect on the next shot will help you determine what shot to use. Don’t worry, you don’t need to be Einstein to learn how to use strategy to rattle your opponent!

**Session 7 – The Ball Machine** – Did you know that the club owns a ball machine? Now is your chance to learn how to access it, set it up, and operate it. Drills and suggestions for use will also be included so you or your group have a new way to practice!