Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at 1:00pm- 3:00pm – Cheryl’s house

In attendance: Bob Bennett, Brad Caldwell, Cheryl Manzone, Betsey Merriken and Karen Wolf

Financial report – Karen

* Club balance and expenses since June 2022

Balance = $1983.31 (expenses for plants for Bob Reitman; income from guest fees and lessons)

* POA balance and expenses since June 2022

Balance = $937.97 (expenses for pickleballs, gas, printer ink, paddle rack materials and tournament medals; income from paddle rentals)

Maintenance report – Brad/Bob

projects update –

* All our maintenance projects are complete at this time. Just waiting on the court replacement project to finish – they have laid 4 of the 8 rubberized layers, fencing is complete except for installation of two gates, net pole stabilizers are set
* Guest fees box – needs new signage – Cheryl made and replaced
* Replace the existing bulletin board with a weatherproof message center – Cheryl ordered Aarco PLD3645T single door with top hinge message center in green. This is advertised as a weatherproof unit. It is close to the size of our existing board. It should arrive within a few weeks. Bob/Brad will install on Court 1 fencing where the bulletin board is now.

Old agenda items –

* Intra club play at Sapphire Valley was rescheduled for 10am-12pm on Saturday, July 9th. Cheryl sent participants a reminder and also will have them take registration paperwork copies for our tournament. Attending will be Jose Galan, Todd Metcalfe, Bob and Niki Andrews, Lucio Rodrigues, Pax Tolosi, Andy Mack, Steve McKown. Best of luck all!

New agenda items –

* Discussion regarding a “when will the courts be finished?” pool – Cheryl –
  + use as fundraiser - $5 per entry. Half goes to scholarship fund and half goes to winner(s). Guess correct date courts are completed. Advertise by eblast and by word of mouth. Entry forms with envelopes are at the courts in a Rubbermaid container by the pickleball baskets. Complete an entry form, put it and $5 exact change (cash) in envelope provided. Can give to a Board member or drop envelope in Guest fees box on the parking lot side fence by the bulletin board. Have to have guess and money in by 8pm on Saturday, July 16 to be eligible.
* Discussion regarding online presence – Cheryl – should we pull together a tech team to search for CF Pickleball Club, see what comes up on what sites, and update/correct information?
  + this question was prompted by a member’s email when he/she found inaccurate information at Places2Play. Cheryl updated/corrected that site information. After some discussion, our Board felt this was not a high priority for the time being. Most online hits direct you to information from the CF POA. We can revisit in the future if needed.
* What should we do with the 41 names collected from the Activities Showcase? and 4 others received since then? Should we try to hold some lessons while we just have 2 courts? Or hold everything and have one bigger event once we are back to 6 courts? – Cheryl
  + Cheryl has already emailed all of them to say thanks for signing up and we will be in touch regarding next steps.
  + Board decided to email everyone and ask them to put themselves into one of three categories for follow-up:
    - One – I am curious about pickleball and would like to see a demonstration/hear more about the game. I would be interested in trying to hit the ball
    - Two – I am sure I would like to take an introductory lesson. I am not sure how I would do, but predict it will take me a while and some coaching to be able to begin to play
    - Three – I am sure I would like to take an introductory lesson. I have background to bring from another racquet sport (tennis, squash, etc.) and feel that I am athletic enough to get out there and get playing quickly.

Once we get their responses, we can see how many people are in which category and plan accordingly. If our court replacement project is not finished soon, we might consider working with the Transylvania Rec Center to do some of our intro lessons at their outside public courts. Cheryl will send the email and collect responses through Saturday, July 16th.

* POA budget paperwork – Cheryl – what should we include for 2023? Had a few member suggestions:
  + Umbrellas – “The umbrella canvases are faded and look tired. I’d love to see an approved budget item for new fade resistant commercial canvases in a bright fun color to complete the look of our fresh court area! Thinking aqua blue, turquoise or lime green” – Cheryl responded – “Thanks for sending. We used to work with Nancy Roberts at the clubhouse to get new umbrellas along with the pool, bocce, tennis and clubhouse. That was the most economical way to do it. Not sure what the status is of hiring a replacement for her, but will look into it. Two umbrellas are new from last year. Two are older. Not sure what the colors are on the ones that are saved for the back patio area. But I do know that the POA prefer they all match. I will follow through when it is time to get the furniture on the back area.” Member responded – “thank you.”
  + Webcam – “Consideration for budget. Web Cam at the courts. This has been in discussion for a number of years. This allows members to see a live shot at courts to check status after rain or snow. Golf course has a web cam.” Cheryl sent question to Jim Whitmore. He responded – “The webcam idea should be doable. The tennis players requested one as well, so we will work on trying to get both set up.” Cheryl submitted a Facilities Planning Committee form for this request, along with a copy of Jim’s email. It will now be up to them to consider this item.
  + Washer/dryer for court towels – 3 members suggested that the new/renovated pool area should have a commercial grade washer and dryer for our towels. Cheryl sent this suggestion to Jim Whitmore/POA Board as part of the pool plan. It was accepted for consideration.
  + Lighting – A member wrote, “why not LED lights on some courts just for winter hours with a cutoff at 8pm?” Cheryl emailed Jim Whitmore to ask his thoughts and if there were any written policies prohibiting them. He responded, “Lights obviously are doable, but I have some concern about some people complaining about more noise at night. The only light policy is all exterior lights off by 11pm, except parking lot lights for safety.” Cheryl submitted a Facilities Planning Committee form for this request to the POA admin office, along with a copy of Jim’s email, on 7/8/2022. It will now be up to them to consider this item.
  + We discussed and totaled our ongoing/recurring costs and looked back at actual expenses from the last 3 years. Since the cost of everything is going up, we asked for $2500 for 2023, a $300 increase. Cheryl submitted the budget proposal paperwork to the POA admin office on 7/8/2022.
* Possible pickleball bootcamp with Helle Sparre in October – Cheryl
  + Deb Richter will be hosting former Denmark pro tennis player turned senior tour pickleball player Helle Sparre when she comes to hold pickleball bootcamps at the Brevard Racquet Club in October. Deb wanted to know if she should approach Helle about possibly holding some for pay bootcamps here in CF as well. We are open to that idea, but would need further details. Deb will ask Helle and if she is interested. If she is, Helle should submit a written proposal to the Board for consideration. Per our club guidelines, the Board and Jim Whitmore would need to review and approve this activity since this is a for profit, business use of the courts.