Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 2:00 – 3:45pm – Cheryl’s house

In attendance: Brad Caldwell, Leanne Ely, Cheryl Manzone, Betsey Merriken; Bob Bennett (on FaceTime)

Financial report – Leanne

* Club balance and expenses since January 2023 – balance is $957.37
  + Expenses: gift card for Karen Wolf; supplies for Chili Cookoff; pickleballs; gas; ball picker-upper scoop
  + Deposits: guest fees
* POA balance and expenses since January 2023 – balance is $2500
  + Leanne is submitting paperwork for funds to be reimbursed

Leanne updated and brought a financial report to the meeting

Maintenance report – Brad/Bob

projects update –

* Maintenance project update – wind screens secured; foam pole covers installed; tennis balls on back chair legs completed; paving of social area on hold according to email from Jim Whitmore as they work through pool project proposal; Brad will work on building a new ramp for easier access to the shed with equipment
* Pickleball inventory – we have about 110 Core balls left. Brad will monitor and order new stock when needed. We will now be using Core balls year-round. If anyone sees a good sale, let Brad know bradcaldwell56@outlook.com
* Vaptr Rollr (court drying system) – a CFPOA Facility Planning meeting was held. It appears that group supports purchase of a Vaptr Rollr vs putting a commercial washer/dryer in the new pool project. Since the cost is around $3200, it would be put into next year’s budget and we would have to wait a year to get it. However, if our club contributes to the cost (or covers the whole cost), we could purchase it sooner. So, we have decided to solicit personal donations toward its purchase. People can contribute via cash or check (made out to Mountain Picklers) given to a Pickleball Club Board member; by putting cash or check (made out to Mountain Picklers) in an envelope marked “For Vaptr Rollr” and dropped into the guest fees box by the communication board on the fence; or via a link that we will be setting up to use Pay Pal. No member charges can be accepted. Cheryl will design an informational flyer and we can start collecting donations during our upcoming social. Cheryl will send the flyer with a link to the Vaptr Rollr website via our email communication system and also post the flyer in the CF newsletter for April. Leanne will set up the Pay Pal account in conjunction with our club account at First Citizens Bank.

Old agenda items –

* Bob Reitman memorial event – the update received from Chris Wunder read, “I plan to get the first announcement out this week. We’ve decided to go with the name: Bob Reitman Memorial PickleFest. I’ll send you more details later this week.” Brad will follow-up with the group for more details.

New agenda items –

* Intra-club events – Brad - Cummings Cove (Sandro), Keowee Key (Leslie) and Sapphire Valley (not contacted us yet) – we discussed dates for each club to attend and the format that we wanted to use. We decided on a social round robin mixing members from both clubs during a 2-hour event. You will probably play 6-7 games (about 12 mins each with 2 mins in between). We will get 6 men and 6 women from each club to play. The time frame would be either 4-6pm or 6-8pm. Our club would provide snacks and beverages. Brad will check back with Cummings Cove to lock in Friday, July 21st. He will secure either an April or August date with Keowee Key. We will wait until later in the season to work with Sapphire Valley, as their group is mostly higher-level players who are seasonals.
* On-season calendar – Cheryl – we will begin the **on-season schedule on Monday, May 1st.** We will use the same schedule as we did last year (see attached chart). Jose will once again offer clinics on Tuesday and Thursday for those with prior reservations on Sign Up Genius. He is also looking for some more people who are willing to teach Introductory Lessons to new players. If you are interested, please let him know at vjg66@yahoo.com
* Social events for the year – Betsey – we will have monthly socials on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 3-5pm in the off-season and 4-6pm in the on-season. Other dates that were added to the club calendar include:
  + March – St. Patrick’s Day social – MOVED TO WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22 DUE TO PREDICTED BAD WEATHER (there will also be the first opportunity to donate toward our Vaptr Rollr at this event!)
  + April – Transylvania County Senior Games Jack Plunkert Memorial fundraiser clinics Saturday, April 1 and tournament Saturday, April 15; intraclub round robin with Keowee Key (date pending); club monthly social Wednesday, April 19
  + May – Land of Waterfalls Senior Games pickleball tournament Tuesday, May 2; Scott Tingley Bootcamp May 19,20,21; club monthly social Wednesday, May 17
  + June – Bob Reitman Memorial PickleFest June 2,3,4; CF Activities Showcase June 17; club monthly social Wednesday, June 21
  + July – Cummings Cove Social Round Robin Friday, July 21; Brevard Health and Racquet Club tournament July 28,29,30; club monthly social Wednesday, July 19
  + August – intraclub round robin with Sapphire Valley (TBD); club monthly social Wednesday, August 16
  + September – CF Student Scholarship Pickleball Tournament September 22,23,24; club monthly social Wednesday, September 20
  + October – club monthly social Wednesday, October 18
  + November – annual Share the Season event (date to be determined); club monthly social Wednesday, November 15
  + December – TBD
* Scott Tingley Bootcamp – update from Deb Richter (email) – “As of right now, I have 15 committed with money collected, 5 others with checks on the way and 2 of 4 private lessons spoken for. That leaves 10 slots open.” We will keep registration open **only to CF members until Monday, April 10th**. After that, if there are still spaces available, we will open it up to the public. Contact Deb Richter for more information and cost at [sacredspace2003@yahoo.com](mailto:sacredspace2003@yahoo.com)
* Monday Ladies Round Robin – we now have a waitlist feature on Sign Up Genius. **It is the responsibility of the player who is not coming to contact the person at the top of the waitlist to substitute for her**
* Club shirts/hats/visor sales – Deb Richter volunteered to contact Rodney at Pickleball Rocks to see what new shirt colors/designs are available, cost and possibility of adding hats/visors to our sale items
* AJ Longware purchased some large microfiber towels to try out when drying courts. They will be available in the tall grey towel cabinet. Let her know what you think of them ajlongware@gmail.com