



## Approved 4.6.23

### MINUTES – General Meeting & Election November 9, 2022

Meeting called to order at 4:30pm by Bob James, President.

Board members in attendance: Bob James, Ann Rike, Sid Saltzman, Lorraine Novellino, David Johnson, Dannica Wood. Absent: Carol Ann Ferrol.

Total present: 87

Minutes of 5/5/22 General Board minutes were approved by acclamation (Motion: Sid Saltzman Second: Sandy Reinhardt)

The Treasurer's Report provided by Sid Saltzman -\$7557.10 balance as of 10/31/22. Approved.

#### Sports Reports

Ann Rike reviewed year's pickleball activities:

- Four big tournaments, including the upcoming mixed doubles event.
- Small court events. Play and Stays were well received; more to be offered in 2023.
- Friday Night Mixed Level Play enjoys fairly regular attendance. Guests allowed and "It's wonderful to see groups playing and socializing."
- Herb Livsey and his volunteer instructional team successfully wrapped up another year of free lessons for beginners, advanced beginners, as well as a skills and strategy class. In 2023, Herb will focus exclusively on the skills and strategy group and a new, year-round program for beginner lessons will be introduced. The curriculum for a four session (90 minutes each) beginner class with groups of 4 – 6 students and one instructor is being experimented with this fall
- The board continues to try new ways to give more opportunities for residents to get involved in pickleball.
- The pickleball machine is getting good use in spite of recurring mechanical problems. In order to check out the machine, players are required to attend a short training class.

Dannica Wood discussed the growth of paddle tennis. There are 14 regular players who enjoy Monday morning drop-in and several scheduled games during the week. Others are always welcome to give it a try. Alan Singer or Sue Peterson

Bob James discussed badminton, assisted by Cliff Singh. Scheduled play is once weekly during the summer.

David Johnson discussed court scheduling. Pickleball committee members monitor utilization which is the basis for adjustments to the drop-in schedule; feedback is always welcome.

Drop-ins are assigned based on *recommended* playing ability levels:

- Novice – for those just beginning, Gives them the chance to build their skills and their confidence on the courts. It is also where those who prefer softer, less aggressive play to feel comfortable – a "social" pickleball space.
- Advanced – expect competitive, hard, fast-pace
- Intermediate – somewhere in between. The quality and intensity of play will vary depending on the foursome playing at the time

When Intermediate or Advanced players elect to participate in Novice drop-in, they are expected to moderate their play accordingly. Players are encouraged to try out higher levels of play as a way of improving their skills and determining for themselves where they best fit in.

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### New Business

Election of Officers. The Nominating Committee consisted of Ann Rike, John Lesser and Rob Schoonover. John conducted the election, starting with an explanation of the club bylaws and the voting process which requires two votes: one for President and one for board directors.

President: Bob James was the committee's nominee for president. There were no nominations from the floor. The committee's slate for six directors included Carol Ann Ferrol, John Gildner, Lorraine Novellino, Ann Rike, Sid Saltzman, and Dannica Wood. There were no nominations from the floor. John asked if there was anyone present who objected to electing the slates by acclamation; there was no opposition voiced. Tom Vaccaro moved to elect the candidates by acclamation, Susan Lesser seconded. The voice vote to approve the slates was unanimous, no nays and no abstentions. The 2023 board will meet later to elect officers (vice president, secretary, and treasurer). At their discretion, the bylaws also allow them to appoint up to two additional directors should they wish. John Lesser closed by recommending that the Board review the bylaws to streamline the election process prior to the next election.

### Volunteer Recognition

Bob James recognized and thanked the following volunteers for all their time and effort:

- Pele & Steve Pyle and Laura & Michael Urban - for the creative and well-executed parties
- Harvey Bernstein and Sue Bixler - monitoring the courts
- John Gildner and Felicity Swerdlow - coordinating tournaments and small court events
- Herb and Gerry Livsey - For their years of service and dedication to teaching pickleball
- Mike Hoggatt, Carol Alberts, and Charlie Cappello for developing a new framework for beginner pickleball classes
- Donna Ryan - for "game changer" interviews assessing the quality of events that the club hosts.
- Ann Rike and David Johnson -for the incredible amount of time and effort they give to make things happen. In 2021 they were honored as Volunteers of the Year by the Master Board.
- Guy James - For the pickleball skills lessons series he developed and coordinated this past summer

### Looking forward

Bob previewed some of the ideas under consideration for 2023 under the mantra "Failure leads to success."

- Working with Recreation Department on 2023 event dates.
- Negotiating for new pickleball machines and more storage space for the equipment needed for lessons and activities.
- Tracking 18 maintenance issues with John Manley
- Purchasing from the Columbia Sports Store. Members will have special access to the company store several times a year; information will be posted on the club website.
- Working with vendors for upgraded prizes and prices for tournaments
- Scheduling court safety educational events and new events for Game Day
- Requiring that any residents wishing to take free beginner lessons begin by attending a Mandatory Intro to Pickleball orientation session
- Enhancing and expanding our club website, such as creating and posting drill videos.
- Allowing the use of credit/debit cards for activity/event sign-ups.
- Bringing back the Pickleball challenge ladder
- Developing drill videos and posting on our website
- Giving the gift of a club membership (Racquet Club or other) to someone you know who could use encouragement to become more socially active
- Requesting volunteers to step up 4 hours of time (average 20 minutes a month) to support club activities
- Establishing a volunteer database to identify club members with expertise and interest in such areas as event planning skills, tournament experience, creating and using spreadsheets and databases, photography and videography, writing articles, team leadership, etc.

Meeting Adjourned 5:30pm

Lorraine Novellino, Secretary