

Pickleball Association of Sun City  
Texas Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, September 16, 2015 @ 9:30 a.m.  
Texas Drive-meeting rooms 3 & 4

I. Call to Order- A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Gary Pinkston in the absence of Nancy Grafton.

II. Welcoming Remarks were made by Gary Pinkston.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Minutes of the Previous Meeting - they were approved.

V. Reports of the Officers

a. Report of the Treasurer-our total assets are \$11, 437.08. We must not carry a balance of money received this year of more than \$2500. We will be looking into buying a bigger upright storage building for Simon at a cost of approximately \$299. We are also looking into buying six new benches.

b. Membership report-as of 9/15/15 we have 478 members. That is 28 new since 8/23/15. Twenty-two people went through training class and 11 of those joined. Forty people signed up for training class at the New Resident Orientation.

VI. Report of Special Committees-

a. Fall tournament update- scheduled for October 31st.

b. Update on introductory classes in August & September. New teachers: Barb Patterson and Joe Torres. There were three classes in August and 22 players were trained. There are two scheduled classes in September on the 19<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will not be any classes in November. The next classes will be offered at the New Resident Orientation on November 19 for December 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>.

c. League play after one week - Players: Women-28, Men-28 & Mixed-14 teams. There are 20 subs for the women/mixed league and 23 subs for the men/mixed league. Game times are 1pm on courts 1-6 and 2pm on court 1. Each league has a ladder captain. Women: Kim Stout/primary and Sharon Campbell/back-up. Men: Steve Timmons/primary and Richard Bradley/back-up. Mixed: Grant Leslie/primary and Kathy Carr/back-up. If inclement weather exists, the ladder captains will meet at the courts at 11am and give a decision to Kathy Carr by 11:30 to post

online.

## VII Unfinished Business and General

a. Status of the light situation on courts 5 & 6- a solution has not been reached.

b. Unused Funds at Pickleball Central- these funds will be used for door prizes.

## VIII. New Business

a. Volunteer of Month for September- Peg O'toole

b. Report of the meeting with the expansion committee- not responsible for pickleball courts.

c. Fall social- October 31<sup>st</sup> following the tournament at Cowen Creek Pavillion.

1. Catering prices- participants will be charged \$6/person and the rest will be covered by the club.

2. Theme- Halloween

d. Damage to Simon- Simon needed a replacement wire harness and a new charger. The cost was \$72.00. On September 1<sup>st</sup> the parts arrived, the repairs were made and Simon was up and running.

e. Retraining for Simon use- it was decided that anyone trained can reserve Simon. We no longer have to have a equipment manager present.

f. Member suggestions -

1. Vickie's recommendation that in place of "Ladies Time" that we have a dedicated "Social Pickleball" period set aside on the schedule. Vickie presented some compelling reasons for this change. It would enable us to move those players who have been nesting on Courts 5 & 6 during Beginner's Mentoring for way too long, and allow us to focus on the newcomers. It would provide an outlet for those players who have no desire or ability to progress beyond a 2.5 level of play to experience "Fun, Friends and Fitness" without intimidation by higher level players. By calling it Social Pickleball, we would open Courts 5 & 6 to both male and female members, thereby eliminating any perception of partiality. And lastly, by assigning Social Pickleball to a non peak period, we would potentially relieve some of the congestion during rush hour(s)

2. Pocket recommended that we eliminate the requirement to reserve Simon no earlier than 48 hours from the time a member wants to use the machine. Her point was she wouldn't know 2 days in advance whether or not she wanted to practice with Simon. If she went down to the courts and saw that no one was using Simon, she'd like the flexibility to just go and use him. She said she'd even be willing to take on the responsibility

of scheduling Simon. Although she does not own a computer, Pocket said she could take reservations telephonically. It was explained that we need to maintain an audit trail of who is trained (and thereby authorized) to use Simon, and then who actually uses Simon to make sure the machine is not abused or damaged. Since the meeting, I have reduced the reservation period to 24 hours for those members who are trained. This gives the Scheduler a day to check email and verify a member's authorization to use Simon.

3. Pocket also recommended that Simon be used on Court 5 instead of Court 6. She felt it was an imposition to players on Court 5 when the machine was pulled from storage and pushed through Court 5 to get to Court 6. There was a minor discussion about the location of the rack system and why the decision was originally made to use Court 6.

IX. Announcements- please check out the new display in the display case. Kim Stout and Kathy Carr worked very hard on it.

4. Gary reported to us that expenditures exceeding \$2500 require a vote by the members. Kathy Carr asked if it would be feasible to use the survey capability in the Sun City web system to conduct a vote. Gary reminded her that current bylaws say that it must be a majority vote by members present. To do otherwise would require a change to the bylaws. Kathy then recommended that we consider a change to the club's bylaws and allow club members to do an "absentee vote" on issues that require a membership vote.

X. Adjournment- the meeting was adjourned by Gary Pinkston