

## **GVR PICKLEBALL CLUB BOARD MEETING**

**December 13, 2017 6 PM East Center Lounge**

President Jeff Harrell called the meeting to order. Board members attending were Pres. Jeff Harrell, VP Mark Robertson, Secretary Virginia Smith, Members Paul Serra and Marsha Olson (by phone) and non-voting member Donna Coon. Absent were Treasurer Donna Talarski and Member at Large Carol Hammerle. 41 other Pickleball club members attended.

Minutes from the November 2017 meeting were approved as posted.

Jeff reported the Club checking account balance is \$23,875.25, reserve account balance is \$20,016.23 for a total of \$43,891.48.

**OLD BUSINESS** The possibility of having used pickleball paddles be donated to the Club for re-sale to new members at a reduced price or having members list them for sale on Facebook was discussed and will be considered further.

The Club appreciates donations. The membership form has a line for adding a donation to the annual dues. These donations will be forwarded to the GVR Foundation Account designated for the Pickleball Center. This is a 503c entity which qualifies the donations to be tax deductible. Connie Griffin is on the GVR Foundation Board and will facilitate donations.

**NEW BUSINESS** We have a request to allow “**stacking**” of 4 paddles during Focus Play. Currently the limit is stacking 2 paddles which enables members to practice with a tournament partner or friends to play together. Many members spoke in opposition to changing the policy as Focus Play is intended to be welcoming and inclusive and encourages members to play with a variety of other members. Open Play and Reserve Courts give members the opportunity to play with a chosen group. The Board voted 4 to 1 to leave the current policy in place.

Challenge Courts are not being used at this time, however we left the wording in the manual so if they are implemented in the future there will be a framework to build on. Kathy Palese suggests we not use challenge courts until the Pickleball Center is built.

**Suzanne and Lee Nordhagen of the rating committee** proposed a change to the Rating process to a performance based format. Members being rated would play 3 games to 11, win by 1, with 3 players at the level they wish to advance to during Focus Play and would be monitored/refereed by a rating committee member. They would rotate and play with/against each advanced player. They would need to score 21 points or more points in the 3 games. If they do not score 21 points, they can sign up again after a designated time. The 2.5 players who are on the waiting list will have the option to choose to be rated by the Committee or use the new rating system. Advantages include being less subjective and hopefully less stressful. The Committee feels they can accommodate more members as only 1 committee member will be monitoring each match. Members will enroll on Sign Up Genius and will be contacted to set up a time. For this purpose, stacking of 4 paddles is allowed so the members being rated will play one game with each of the three advanced players. Suzanne feels the rating system is a work in progress and has consulted with other clubs to develop the best system for our Club. The Board unanimously approved the change.

Members who have been evaluated and had their skill level advanced at another Club may request their current GVRPC rating be changed to the same level by the rating committee.

**COURT USE SCHEDULES** are evaluated and modified throughout the year. The recent change giving 4.0+ players their own time slot for Focus Play was discussed. There has been some confusion with those players still playing during the 3.5 Focus Play time slots. The intent is to give each group 6 slots each week for Focus Play which means the 3.5 and 4.0+ players share 2 mornings. Due to the disparity of number of members in each group and the amount of time members in each group wish to play the scheduling committee faces a continuing challenge. They would welcome a representative from each Focus Play group to assist with evaluating the schedule.

Compensation for exhibition Pro's was discussed. The recent exhibition match was enjoyed by many members and was also a good fund-raising event. The Board voted to authorize compensation for visiting Pro's up to \$100 each to help cover their expenses.

Election for Board members is coming up in March. We need volunteers for a nominating committee.

Dean Olson reminds us of the Texas Hold'Em Tournament fund raising event on January 17<sup>th</sup>.

Status of the Proposed GVR Pickleball Center was addressed by Donna Coon. Due to the "Dark Skies" rules the site GVR had selected was abandoned as NO Sports Lighting would be allowed. WSM Architects are evaluating other sites.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Virginia Smith, Club secretary