

## **GVR PICKLEBALL CLUB ANNUAL MEETING**

**March 20, 2019 – East Center Auditorium – 3:00 p.m.**

President, Jeff Harrell, called the meeting to order. Additional Board members present were: Vice President Mark Robertson, Treasurer Donna Talarski, Secretary Pam Goodrich, Members at Large Paul Serra and Mark McIntosh which constituted a quorum.

Minutes from the March 21, 2018 annual meeting were approved.

It was noted that our current club membership is 677 and over 80 were in attendance which constituted a quorum.

**Bylaw Revision:** Jeff explained the existing bylaw related to the term definitions for the Board of Directors and outlined the proposed addition. The addition to this bylaw provides a process by which a standing board member can become a candidate for a different board position. Ballots were collected and it was reported later in the meeting that the revision was unanimously approved.

**Introduction of Candidates:** Mark R. introduced the candidates for each office and the candidates provided a short synopsis of their background, club involvement, and vision for the future of our club. The candidates were Mike McCarry and Gina Rowsam for Vice President, Donna Talarski for Treasurer, and Irene Robinson, Barb Mauser, Paul Serra and Sandy Heintz for Members at Large. Ballots were collected for counting.

### **Reports:**

**President's Report .** Jeff reflected on the past year and spoke about our future endeavors. 1) The pickleball complex advisory team has adopted a best practice/best design philosophy. 1.25 million dollars has been approved by the GVR Board to be utilized on this project. The advisory team will work with the GVR board regarding the final plan. 2) The renovation of the East Center Courts will be completed tomorrow with the addition of the hitting wall. We now have 8 lit courts to enjoy. 3) New members to the pickleball club were acknowledged. 4) Our working relationship with the GVR Foundation was highlighted. Connie Griffin, Foundation Vice President, spoke about those specifics later in the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report -** Donna Talarski reported the following year-to-date figures for our accounts: checking - \$7,887.02; saving reserve - \$71,871.70; total - \$79,758.81. She noted that from January, 2018 through December, 2018 our total revenue grew from \$44,000 to \$70,177. Donna referred those in attendance to a more detailed report that was available.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Southern Arizona Senior Games (SASG) .** Louise Bouck reported and thanked all who were involved in making this such a successful event. She stressed the importance of and increase in new members taking on leadership roles. 340 players participated at Quail Creek. Of the 340, 107 participated from our pickleball club. 383 matches were played in 3 days. 58 of the 174 medals were earned by members of our club. Additionally, 29 of our 2.0/2.5 pickleball members played round robins for 2 days at the East Center. These round robins were designated for mixed and men's doubles.

Education . Jeff gave a report that was produced by Carol Hammerle who was playing in a Utah pickleball tournament. We were reminded that educational opportunities include orientation, 101, developing skills, improve your game, 201 and 202, smart pickleball, and 3.5+ Friday drills. Additionally, approximately 200 individuals participated in the Romney Clinic. Most recently, Helle Sparre was with us for an evening exhibition followed by 10 sessions the following 2 days which were completely filled. Likewise, Mark Renneson's classes were full. Plans for future classes include topics such as foot work yoga, court coaches clinic, and Helle Sparre techniques. Jeff also highlighted the upcoming golf tournament which is a fundraiser for our new complex.

Ratings . Bev Cote reminded us of our current rating system process. To-date since October, 2018, 69 members have been monitored. Of those, 27 moved from 2.5-3.0 while 28 went from 3.0-3.5. Bev provided some statistics of club membership by rating: 38% are 2.0/2.5; 30% are 3.0; 27% are 3.5; and, 10% are 4.0+.

Social . Deb McPartland reported 3 social events since last year which included our picnic, the ice cream social, and the Winter dance (118 in attendance). Upcoming events are anticipated: 1) an East center courts celebration on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2) ice cream social on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 3) the pickleball olympics projected for November 17<sup>th</sup> (date to be confirmed). She stated that more volunteers are needed for these events and welcomed any/all ideas for future opportunities to socialize.

**GVR Staff:** Kent Blumenthal, CEO, began by thanking the pickleball design team for their involvement in the developmental design of the pickleball complex. He also acknowledged Nina Campfield and Donna Coon for their dedication to the GVR Board. Following the sharing of a professional and personal development story, Kent talked about the competing club demands on GVR. He encouraged us not to be complacent. During the question/answer period, Kent suggested that repurposing courts for pickleball could be considered if the pickleball complex should fail.

**GVR Foundation:** Connie Griffin stated that a GVR grant application is being reviewed by a Tucson attorney. Hopefully, this item will be on the April GVR Board agenda. She shared that Foundation representatives were present at the SASG to answer any/all questions. They received 15 pledges totaling approximately \$15,000. To-date, Foundation dedicated funds total \$77,313 which includes the \$50,000 Freeport grant. This does not include the amount in the pickleball saving reserve account. Their reserve account totals \$71,871.79; cash on hand equals \$27,313 for a total of \$99,184.79. With the Freeport grant of 50,000 included, the total is \$149,184.79.

**Election Results:** Mark R. asked for a recount due to a 1 vote difference for the position of Vice President. The Board voted to allow the late votes. The results were announced as follows: Gina Rowsam, Vice President; Donna Talarski, Treasurer; Paul Serra and Sandy Heintz, Members at Large.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Goodrich, Secretary

