

Keowee Key Pickleball Club Board Minutes

Monday, February 5, 2024

Lakeview Room

Present: A.J. Koontz, Debbie Lantz, Tom Donegan, Leslie Walker, John Walker, Kim Shoulars, Chris Durick, Larry Vander Roest, {Jaye Melanson, Jim Weinstein & Jim Jacobs via phone}.

AJ called the meeting to order at 4:30.

January 2024 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Pickleball Committee member Wendy Pohlmann presented a draft survey regarding open/social play which will be sent to all pickleball members by the Committee. **Revisions or comments should be sent to Wendy by Friday 2/9 at: wendy@123pohlmann.com**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance

Tom Beck sent the January budget spreadsheets to each Board member via email. It was noted that we are favorable to budget. There were no questions about the report.

B. Social

The Pickleball Committee has approved the following social dates:

Ladies Social	Wednesday February 28 4-6 pm (currently 40 players have responded, so 8 courts are needed)
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St. Patrick's Day celebration (Rowe hosts)	Sunday March 10
Estimated cost is \$750 - \$1,000	

Membership Renewal	Saturday May 18
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AJ will present request for Halloween social on Saturday October 26 and rain date Sunday October 27 at next PB Committee meeting.

Halloween Social	Saturday October 26
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Holiday Party	Sunday December 8
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Rain date venues have been secured for most of the socials. Co-chairs will continue to finalize dates and locations, and will confirm remaining

Ladies Social dates and times. Discussion followed regarding new ideas for future social events. Chris and Kim will report back with suggestions.

C. Communications

Deadline for the Scuttlebutt article is February 13th. Tom D welcomes any suggestions for inclusion in the Scuttlebutt article.

The next Pickleball Club FRC e-blast promoting orientation sessions will be distributed on Tuesday February 6, and will highlight the February 16 orientation. **Larry will provide FRC staff member Cindy M with orientation dates and Cindy M will send “standing” e-blast out to promote orientation sessions. Appears March 15th will be the next orientation. Larry will also submit orientation dates for the Friday Flyer.** Process for welcoming new members was reviewed...**when Tom D sends out the new member welcome letter, he will copy Debbie L and Larry. Larry to ensure new members get ICE bag tags. Debbie will then contact each new member and help with their transition into the club.**

D. Competition

Pending approval of the Pickleball Committee, the following dates are requested:

Singles Tournament : February 24 1-5 pm (4 courts, Rain Date Sunday February 25, 2024).

Whist Tournament: April 6 8 AM-8 PM (12 courts, rain date April 7)

Spring Tournament: June 8 8AM-8 PM (12 courts, rain date June 9)

Keowee Key Fall Classic : October 4 & 5 8 AM – 8 PM (12 courts, rain date October 6)

Fall classic dates have been coordinated with the Greenville Smash organizers, to avoid conflicting dates.

JJ to decline offer for cross promotion of Greenville Smash.

E. Interclub

Interclub guidelines have been approved by P/B Committee and distributed. **Cindy F to confirm with Sam they have been posted to our P/B website.** Women’s advanced interclub teams will be made up of several players from each community, instead of players from each community fielding a team. Only the finals will be played at Keowee Key.

Women's intermediate teams will be comprised of players from their home community. It was requested that the schedule be posted by Larry on the bulletin board, and published in the newsletter and Scuttlebutt.

F. Membership

As of 2/3/24, we have 433 members. 11 new members since 1/1/24.

G. Liaison Report

FRC's 2024 budget includes purchasing a new shed for VAPTR located on lower courts and adding a concrete slab by the upper pavilion. New sound system is still a work in progress. Please include a reminder in the next newsletter to clean griddle after use. FRC has added several part-time employees to care for grounds and courts. Please include in the next newsletter that any court, equipment, or condition issues should be addressed with PB Committee member Rob Nance at: rgnance4@gmail.com

SWOT analysis created by the PB committee was presented for review. Any revisions and input should be provided to AJ by Friday.

H. Training

Next Player Development session is February 21 11 AM -1 PM. One court will be for novice/beginner players, 2 courts for intermediate players. Registration is via Spond, which raises concern that we are missing players (especially new members) who have not joined Spond. Please promote player development in next newsletter, with Jim W as contact (jbwdad@gmail.com). Debbie to encourage new members to sign up for appropriate SPOND groups.

Selkirk and Engage Tour balls have been in use for about a month. There appears to be little to no cracking of the Selkirk balls, however they are unpopular due to an inconsistent bounce. Engage Tour balls seem to crack less than the Franklin balls, but more than the Selkirk, and have been well received. Jim has just ordered an additional 100 Engage Tour balls, to be delivered in a week.

There was little to no interest expressed in a Men's Keowee Key Intermediate interclub team (only 5 positive responses), so this will not be pursued at this time. Jim is waiting to hear interest level from other local communities.

Jim reports that the battery on the ball machine seems to be very weak, lasting only about 15 minutes. Jim will follow up with Bryan C .

New/old business:

Draft goals reviewed and discussed. The following changes were approved. Any further revisions should be sent to AJ and Cindy by Friday:

Change membership goal to align with membership year (July 1 through June 30)...(400 members as of July 1, 2023, 5% increase by July 1, 2024)

Reword financial alignment process

Pro to continue providing guidance in player development sessions.

Offer training sessions quarterly on proper use of VAPTR, ball machine, etc. Create videos demonstrating proper use of equipment and post on PB Club website.

Larry announced a Dink Master has been purchased and assembled. It is currently in the middle pavilion. Larry will determine best storage location, and it will be mentioned in the next newsletter and Scuttlebutt.

Larry will revise his announcement to club members and will send to John for distribution.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm

Next meeting scheduled on March 4 at 4:30pm

Action items are highlighted in yellow

Respectfully Submitted,
Leslie Walker, Secretary