

**Pickleball Court Operations Committee (PCOC)**

**Meeting Minutes: Sunday, November 3, 2024**

**Attendance: Lettie Flerchinger, Abigail Berg, Rodney Diseker, Sage Chandrasoma, Chris Jafay, Joy Jay, (not in attendance Sara Laughlin)**

<b>Who</b>	<b>Description/Action Items/Notes</b>	<b>Due</b>
Group	<p>Boys &amp; Girls Club:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Debrief – Clarification of the hours was needed: Wednesday nights are 6:30-9:15 p.m. (<i>no earlier!</i>), Saturday and Sunday are 9:00-12:00 p.m., but arrivals can be earlier than 9:00 a.m. if the person opening chooses.</li><li>2. There were discussions about managing the keys for access to the club.</li><li>3. Programming – after much discussion we decided to hold a Draft &amp; Go MiLP, open to all on Wednesday night, January 15<sup>th</sup> 2025 and hold a King/Queen of the Hill on Saturday morning, February 15<sup>th</sup>. The Draft &amp; Go will hold up to 40 players + subs, and the King/Queen of the Hill will be open the players ranked from 2.5 to 3.4.</li><li>4. Lettie will contact the club to see if these dates will be available.</li></ol>	
Group	<p>Winter Holiday Potluck:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. We determined December 11<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> would be best – both are Wednesday nights. Lettie will check with the club to see if they're both available and if we can rent the other area outside the gym for the food and drinks. The preference is for the 11<sup>th</sup>.</li><li>2. This will be an open play mixer, no fees will be due that night, instead players should bring food to share; costumes are encouraged, but optional.</li></ol>	
Chris	<p>Chris's Clinics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. He has been holding free pickleball skill clinics to club members. These are weather dependent and spaces are filled on a first come/first serve basis.</li><li>2. Chris posts these on the board of the shed and Tanya puts them on the virtual bulletin board of the Picklers' website and Facebook.</li><li>3. These clinics have been very well received, and he is encouraging other club members to offer a clinic, too! Chris provided some guidelines for holding them.</li></ol>	
Sage	<p>Injury Prevention Class:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. As discussed at an earlier PCOC meeting, Sage has been in communication with Eric a Peak Performance. Eric has he</li></ol>	

	<p>insurance to cover holding such a class.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. It was decided that we could hold these classes on Saturdays at the Boys &amp; Girls Club in the eating area.</li> <li>3. Cost would be \$35/per person for a 3-session class. If someone wants to only commit to one class, they can participate for \$15.</li> <li>4. Once a location is confirmed, the size of each session can be determined.</li> </ol>	
Lettie	<p>Leaf Blower:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. As previously discussed at earlier PCOC meetings, and review of the options available, Lettie purchased the blower researched and recommended by Sage.</li> <li>2. She put the instructions for use in a zip lock bag by the blower in the shed, though it is very user friendly and instructions may not be necessary.</li> <li>3. After much discussion, it was determined that the blower should be plugged in only until the light turns green, then it can be attached to the blower for use. The charger with the battery inserted should not be kept plugged in once it is fully charged.</li> <li>4. Lettie noted that a full charge works well to clean off 4 courts before the battery needs recharging.</li> <li>5. There was some discussion regarding the incorrect use of the large squeegee equipment, but it was decided to table that discussion for now.</li> </ol>	
Lettie	<p>Wind Sock:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The sock is tattered from the wind however, it was decided that we should wait until the spring to replace it since it will only get more battered throughout the winter.</li> </ol>	
Lettie	<p>Epoxy Fill on Cracked Courts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The City was supposed to do this work prior to the Blue Hole Bash in September, but it wasn't done.</li> <li>2. Lettie has been in communication with the City several times on this topic, to no avail.</li> <li>3. Sage said he would talk to his friend, Gary, who works in the City's maintenance department to see if he can get this done. However, it may be that it is too late in the season to have the epoxy work done due to the wet and cold of winter. He'll let us know, hopefully, at the December meeting.</li> </ol>	
Lettie	<p>Youth Programming:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. She's been in contact with the YMCA to see if we can coordinate some pickleball programs for youth.</li> </ol>	

Group	<p>Big Dill:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. After much discussion and review of calendars, we determined Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> would be the best day to hold this event.</li> <li>2. Abigail said she would oversee the event again next year and would reach out to Cris and Denise to see if they are available and interested in helping in the same capacity next year.</li> </ol>	
Group	<p>Wind Screens:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Abigail stated she's discussed the ability of the courts' fence footings to hold up if wind screens were added to the fences with the engineers who engineered and oversaw the building of these courts, as well as the architect who designed them. All three of these people stated that wind screens would work with the originally installed fence footing, as long as these were the type of screens with scalloped openings that allow the wind through the screens.</li> <li>2. Lettie said the City agreed to allow these last year, though we do not know that they researched it themselves. It appears that even with the engineers' and architect's assurances, we need to gain an understanding of how much pressure the fence footing will allow for these screens.</li> <li>3. Next, we would need to follow-up with the Picklers' Board.</li> <li>4. We discussed putting them only on the West and South sides of the courts. It was suggested this might help for glare as well as wind.</li> </ol>	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Backlog for future discussion</b></li> </ol>	
11/9/2023	Referee training	
10/1/2024	Idea of holding a Wooden Paddle Festival and invite other area clubs to join.	
10/1/2024	Bringing idea of offering a HS scholarship to the Board.	
10/1/2024	Still in discussions and consideration of replacement ball machine	

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