

**Members Meeting
8th September 2019
Library of the Boys and Girls Club**

All board members were present along with 7 members.

Boys and Girls Club:

- **Lighting:** It was reported that the new lighting was more uniform. One member thought it was still too dark.
- **Summer use:** There was a discussion on paying for the use of the Boys and Girls club during the summer when few members use it. The Treasurer responded that it costs \$30 rental for each session and that over the course of a year the club makes a profit. **ACTION:** The Director of Court Operations will ask the Boys and Girls club director about giving up the times in the summer.
- **Novice use:** Frank Medger stated that many novices are unaware that play at the Boys and Girls club is available. It was noted that, with the increase in membership, there could be long waits for courts this winter. **ACTION:** The Director of Court Operations will ask the Boys and Girls club director if the club can get more time slots.
- **Storage:** Richard Cary suggested asking for a designated place to store the nets. It was noted that the storage room is not well ordered. **ACTION:** Gary Poor offered to build a rolling box to hold the nets and the items currently kept in the garbage can.

Courts:

- **Food:** Margie Rone asked about allowing food in the corridor. The Director of Court Operations has asked the city about the rules and their response is that they are not enforcing anything. There was general agreement that food should be allowed in the corridor with clean up as necessary, but no glass will be allowed. It was suggested that there be a clean up crew specifically for the corridor at tournaments. It was noted that the sign on the fence would have to be changed.
- **Pets:** Margie reported that PCOC recommends allowing only service pets in the corridor.
- **Cracks:** Gary Poor enquired about the cracks on court 4. The Director of Court Operations responded that two cracks have merged and pieces of the concrete are coming out. He has emailed Ty Brown at the city and is waiting for a response.
- **Umbrella:** One Saturday morning, the umbrella had been found left up. It was noted that a member of the public could have been responsible. **ACTION:** Send out an email to remind members that the umbrella should be closed on leaving the courts.
- **Tire marks on court 5:** It was reported that the park docent has chased skateboarders out of the courts. It is apparent that bicycles have also been used

on the courts. The President noted that we cannot enforce any rules during public time and the docent program terminates on October 1st. The The Director of Court Operations said that if anyone witnesses actual vandalism, they should first check for someone working in the park who can deal with it. Otherwise, the police should be called. **ACTION:** Ask the volunteer police to put the courts on their route.

- **City:** Mary Helen Benapfl asked how many complaints about the club there have been from members of the public and for an update on the situation with the contract with the city. The Secretary responded that there have been no complaints from the public. The Treasurer said that we are working on a response to the latest letter from the city, but that both the Board and the club's attorney consider that we are on solid ground.
- **Comment Box:** Gary Poor asked about a suggestion box at the courts. **ACTION:** A suggestion box will be put up.
- **Banner:** The Membership Chair announced that the new banner will be temporarily displayed for a photo op. It will be inside the courts on the fence near the shed.
- **Notices in the shed:** Mike Cooper will put up a cork board in the shed to make it easier to put up notices such as volunteer lists.
- **Ratings:** The welcome letter will be changed to ask that novices not take the self assessment test until they have had two months experience.

Web Site:

- Mary Helen suggested encouraging people to use the club web site. She likes the new news blog.

Parity Policy:

- It was suggested that when people complain about having to pay because of the parity policy, it should be explained to them that without the challenge grant and the resulting parity policy, there would be no courts at Carrie Blake Park.

The next members meeting will be in December 2019.