

SCPD PICKLEBALL CLUB GENERAL MEETING, OCTOBER 28, 2024

Board Attendees: Rich Allison, Bob Briedis, Sandy Berk, Taffy Golden

Absent: Jean Mylen, Todd Rainey, Vicky Harrison

Members in attendance: 127

- 1) Rich Allison, President called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.
- 2) Rich introduced the Board Members: Sandy Berk, VP Events Coordinator, Bob Briedis, Treasurer. At large Board Members: Taffy Golden, Memberships, Ron Golden, Webmaster, Devon Foster Heckert, Assistant to Events Coordinator. Not present at the meeting but mentioned in the introductions were Jean Mylen, Secretary; Toddy Rainey, VP; Vicky Harrison, Communications.
- 3) Minutes from the Board Meeting on 10/7/24 were approved.
- 4) Bob gave the Financial Report: Cash balance as of 10/24/24 is \$18,219. Membership dues received for the year 2025 is \$4,400. Financial Report was approved.
- 5) Steve Daw spoke on the upcoming elections. There are two open Board positions, President and Secretary. Nominations close on 2/15/2025 and the election will be held at the General Meeting on 2/27/2025.
- 6) Membership Report: Taffy announced that as of 10/24/2024 202 members have renewed for the 2025 calendar year.
- 7) Ramona Schraeder spoke about the East Coachella Valley Pickle Ball League. The Pickleball Club will be participating in this league again. Play starts in mid-January and runs to mid-March. The club desires to have 16 members on its team at various skill levels.
- 8) Sandy demonstrated how to access and navigate the Sun City Pickleball Club website maintained by Webmaster Ron Golden. Sandy also talked about all the Club clinics available to all members of the Pickleball Club.
- 9) Becky Cranford introduced the club to the new upcoming Tournament & Skills Challenge that will be held this season.

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- 10) Ladders: Sandy presented the ladder schedule (starting November 12th) and introduced the new ladder captains. Men's ladder will be held on Tuesdays, Tom Bradley, captain; Ladies ladder on Wednesdays, Ramona Schraeder, captain; Couples ladder to be held Thursday evening, Brenda Olivares, captain; and Mixed ladders on Friday, Jean Mylen captain.

- 11) Rich discussed the Pickleball Club Focus Group which was established last year and will continue this season. The Focus Group will be made up of members at different skill levels. The purpose is to provide membership involvement and feedback in a yearly joint meeting with the Board.

- 12) Sandy talked about the importance of volunteering for the club. The club cannot operate without volunteers. Social activities are being cut back this season due to lack of sufficient volunteers. Sandy made mention that Ramona was looking for a volunteer to assist with the Ladies ladder. Sandy is looking for a volunteer to train this year to become the organizer of mixers for next season.

- 13) Sandy presented the Horne Team as the official sponsor of the Pickleball Club.

- 14) Sandy held raffles and pickleballs were awarded as prizes to several winners. The grand prizes included one \$25 gift card to Cali Café and one \$25 gift card to Boulevards.

- 15) Rich talked about the new court signs, paddle rotation, paddle racks, including going back to having one paddle rack per court. Proper court etiquette was discussed including playing on courts designated for a player's skill level, observing the open play hours of 6:30 to 11:00, and not commandeering courts. Special Groups should plan their playing time when there are no scheduled Club events.

- 16) Q&A session – questions and comments were heard from club members and addressed by Rich.

- 17) The meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.