

PICKLEBALL BOARD MINUTES

November 18, 2015

In attendance: Mike Peterson, Ron Doering, Deb Davis, Naughty Melrose, Greg Haugen, and Joanne Crapisi

1. Plans for new pickleball courts were discussed. The number one feedback that board members have received on the proposed layout of the new courts was that the 2 sets of courts were too far apart. The general consensus is it would divide the players and also make it more difficult to run a tournament. If the new courts were laid adjacent to the existing courts there would be potential to save \$5000 on the cost of fencing. Also discussed was a possibility to have a lower fence around the courts. The courts in Casa Grande AZ, where the National Pickleball Tournament was held, have a lower fences.
2. Parks and Recreation director Phil Fieber has scheduled 2 meetings in regards to the new courts. The first meeting is December 2, 2015 with the McDonough neighborhood. Several board members will be attending this meeting. The second meeting is December 9, 2015 with the Waterways and Park Commission. The board feels they would like a large membership turnout for the December 9th meeting.
3. It looks like it will be the clubs responsibility to raise the funds needed, which could be \$50,000, to construct the new courts. The board discussed several options for raising the monies needed. One is to apply for a grant which would be worth \$5000. The Eau Claire Community Center Foundation also has funds available for programs for Women and Children and New Initiatives. Charter Bank may be willing to donate a large sum. Other potential companies that need to be looked at are JAMF, Mayo Clinic and Kwik Trip. We will be looking for a club member who has experience applying for grants.
4. Ron reported to the board the cost of two different training machines. One machine is named Simon which requires specific balls. This machine, the balls and a device to pick up the balls runs about \$1400. The other machine is called Pickleball Tutor which runs about \$800. Ron has been reading the pickleball ambassadors form on the discussion and reviews on both machines. The board agreed that due to the cost we would bring the information to the general meeting and get the feedback from the club members.
5. Once the plan for new courts is finalized a brochure will be printed to assist with the fundraising.
6. **GENERAL MEETING FOR ALL CLUB MEMBERS WAS SET FOR NOVEMBER 30, 2015 AT 7:00 pm AT JAMF.** We will be discussing the plans for the new courts, fundraising for the new courts and feedback on the training machines
7. Financial report was given by Naughty.
8. Webpage was updated by Greg.