**October 7, 2019**

**Pickleball Board Meeting Minutes**

Attendees: Jim Cooney, Justin Griffin, Rich Loose, Greg Krier, Christina Ingalls, Marjo Peters, Scott Gullickson

**Euro Court Participation Concern**

Larry Stimac was invited to the meeting to present his concerns with the current Thursday morning “Euro Court” play that is scheduled. He had voiced his opinion to some other members, that it was not liked by a number of players. After discussion it was confirmed that we would continue the same structure for those interested in competitive play, that there was plenty of other times scheduled for those who preferred open play. There have been a smaller number of participants for a period this summer because many playing outdoors. Larry agreed with the board’s decision and stated that he would continue to be a promoter of our organization.

**2019 Spearfish Slammer Summary**

The tournament was a great success with many comments made that we had run a well organized tournament. The board agreed that we should make a few improvements; 1) provide water in bulk instead of bottled water due to the excessive number of empty bottles being thrown in the trash, 2) identifying someone other than the tournament chairman to insure all medalists receive their medals and that a photo is taken soon after each event is finished, 3) try to add additional vendors and, 4) have the round robin on Sunday so that participants will get done a little earlier. Some players traveled a long ways and wanted to get on the road for home earlier.

Christina presented the following tournament financial summary:

Donations: $850.00

Entries: $5,150.00

Raffle: $234.00

Expenses -$1,324.18

Net profit: $4,909.82

Net profit of the 2018 tournament was $2,164.94.

Current checking account balance: $7,146.69. Savings account (from donations received) $1165.36.

**Scheduled Weekly Play Changes**

Structured Play on Saturday mornings continues to be very popular among many members. It has been filling up 5-6 days in advance because it is limited to the first 18 participants who have signed up. The current schedule starts at 8:30am and ends at about 10:00, with a number of players staying longer for open play. The Board agreed to schedule a second session from 10:30am to 12:30pm due to the popularity. We will communicate this to all members once we have it set up on SignUp Genius.

A number of the Board members and other club members have received inquiries from the general public and rec center users interested in learning the game. We have held successful informational/training sessions in the past and will work with the rec center to get some beginner sessions going again this Fall.

**Outdoor Courts**

Justin Griffith and Scott Gullickson are working with the City to break up the court construction into separate bids based on a number of phases of construction; ie. surface prep, concrete, fencing and landscaping. This will allow the bidders to bid on all or part of the project. We should be able to reduce the cost of the overall project by doing it this way. The City will let bids this Spring. With the grants received and matching funds from the city we are very close to meeting our funding goal.

The next meeting will be on Nov. 18, 2019.

Jim Cooney

Secretary