**December 16, 2019**

**Pickleball Board Meeting Minutes**

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

Justin Griffin participated via cellphone. Greg Krier chaired the meeting. The minutes of the November meeting were approved as submitted.

**Use of Different Pickleball Color & Brand**

The Rec Center Manager had ordered some pickleballs manufactured by Jugs and asked that we evaluate them against the current orange ball made by Onix. The Onix ball seems to be breaking after a week or two of use and the Center is going through a lot of balls. They currently pay for our balls. They ordered a light blue and black Jugs ball. The cost is about the same but the ball is expected to be more durable. Unfortunately we cannot get the Jugs ball in orange. We agreed to give the blue ball a try and if members do not like it we discussed having members bringing their own preferred balls or possibly asking members for donations to continue buying the orange Onix balls.

**Update on Letting Bids for Outdoor Courts Construction**

Justin stated that the City planned to let bids in January. They had made some changes to the specs that should reduce the cost.

**2020 Spring Indoor Pickleball Tournament**

The tentative date for our Spring pickleball tournament will be April 4th. Justin is waiting to hear from the high school to insure there is no conflict with the gym schedule. We agreed to go with the 15 game round robin format again; with the possibility of adding a division for those who would like to participate, but are not able to physically play that many games. We need someone to chair the event. None of the board members volunteered to do so.

**2020 Membership Dues**

2010 annual membership fee will remain at $10.00 per person with no fee for those members under age 18. A notice will be sent out soon. Members will be asked to pay their dues by January 31st. We currently have 124 members, of which fourteen have not paid their 2019 fee.

**Treasurer’s Report**

We have $26, 166.42 in our savings account and $7,131.69 in our checking account.

**Fundraising**

We have received the $25,000 matching grant from the Wellmark BCBS Foundation. We submitted a grant request to the Spearfish Community Foundation. We were notified that there is no money available at this time.

**Social Event**

The last social event held at the Guadalajuar Mexican Restaurant was well attended with a number of first-time members attending.

Submitted by:

Jim Cooney

Secretary