

January 20, 2020 Pickleball Board Meeting Minutes

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

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

Update on Letting Bids for Outdoor Courts Construction

Justin stated that the date to open the bids is Wednesday, January 22nd. He will communicate the results.

2020 Spring Indoor Pickleball Tournament

The April date we had in mind for our indoor tournament is not available. We are waiting to hear from the high school to see if March will work. If we cannot have it in March, the next available time will be in late April.

2019 Revenue/Expenses & 2020 Budget Forecast

Justin and Christina presented the 2019 financials and a preliminary 2020 budget/forecast. Justin will review the 2019 results and then they will be made available to the membership. We will do a second review the 2020 budget/forecast again at our February meeting. The current savings balance is \$26,171.98, This includes the \$25,000 grant received from the Wellmark Foundation. The checking balance is \$7,353.90.

The Learn to Play Pickleball Clinic

On January 18th we held a clinic for those interested in learning how to play pickleball. We were pleasantly surprised to have 35 adults and children participate. After the clinic we asked each participant for their phone and email address so that we could follow up with them. The Board agreed that we need to follow up soon, communicating more about our organization, the times that are available to play, and additional training that we can provide. Thank you to the many members who stayed after the Saturday Structured Play to assist with the clinic. Cooney also made the Board aware that Justin was contacted by a representative of the Spearfish Regional Hospital interested in us providing training for their employees who want to learn how to play. Justin communicated back that we would be happy to do so. Justin will follow up with them.

Communications

Rich Loose stated that we currently have 129 members. Nineteen have not paid 2019 dues; however, a number of them have not been a participant for that long. We have 38 who have paid their annual dues for 2020. Rich will send out a reminder to those who have not paid, next month. Cooney will follow up, one-on-one, if needed, prior to March 31st. If members have not paid the annual \$10.00 membership fee by March 31 we will need to drop them from the social activities and the Signup Genius communications tool that we provide.

Fundraising

We tabled future fundraising until after we receive the bid results.

Outcome of Using Different Pickleball Colors & Brands

Cooney informed the Board that the players have been using all of the different balls the Rec Center have provided; however, the majority prefer to use the orange onix, unless we can find another brand that has similar play and is as easy to see. A number of our regular players are bringing their own orange balls at this point. Cooney will follow up with Justin to see if he has discussed this with the Rec Center and then we can let the members know what we plan to do.

Social Event

Marjo is working on a March social event to be tentatively held at the Spearfish Golf Course clubhouse.

Jim Cooney
Secretary