

March 16, 2020

Pickleball Board Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Jim Cooney, Justin Griffin, Rich Loose, Greg Krier, Christina Ingalls, Alan Bonde

Justin Griffin opened the meeting. Minutes of the last meeting were approved, as submitted. Justin introduced a guest, Alan Bonde, an employee of the Spearfish Rec Center. Justin suggested that we consider adding a representative of the Rec Center to our Board since we use the facility daily and will be also using the outdoor pickleball courts, managed by the Spearfish Parks/Rec Department. Alan would attend our monthly meetings and take concerns and ideas back to the Rec. He also has first-hand knowledge of what scheduling conflicts we may have, etc. The Board members all agreed to the addition and welcomed Alan.

2020 Spring Indoor Pickleball Tournament

Unfortunately, with the coronavirus restrictions, we decided to cancel our pickleball tournament scheduled for the end of April. No decision was made to reschedule at this point.

Social Event

We had planned on having a social event this Spring or early Summer. We have put this on hold for the foreseeable future.

Saturday Structured Play

The Saturday 10:30 structured play session continues to fill up by Monday. A number of intermediate/advanced players are unable to get in. We have players at all levels signing up at this time. We will establish three sessions as follows:

<u>Intermediate level</u>	(+2.50 thru 3.50)	@ 8:30-10:30
<u>Beginners level</u>	(1 thru 2.50)	@10:30-12:30
<u>Advanced level</u>	(+3.50 & above)	@12:30-2:30.

Justin and Greg have played in a number of tournaments and have rated players in our past tournaments. They have agreed to post a list of some of our regular players with their rating. This will help players identify what session they should be signing up in and help others determine where they fit in this rating system. We also discussed having players document their scores to help them determine what level of play they are at.

New Beginner Scheduled Play Times

Two additional playtimes will be scheduled for those recently taking up the sport. This will give those inexperienced players an opportunity to play against others at a similar level.

Monday @8:30-10:30am

Tuesday @6:00-8:00pm

Note: For a period of time an intermediate/advanced player will attend to help those wanting additional training.

Update on Outdoor Courts Construction

The City has completed the removal of the fence and the old asphalt from the current tennis/basketball courts.

Financial Data

The combined bank balance is \$34,466.50. This includes the \$25,000 grant received from the Wellmark Foundation. This grant money will be transferred to the City when they request it.

Communications

We currently have 121 members who have paid their 2020 dues. Rich sent out two notices reminding players to pay dues. If a member has not paid dues in the next week they will be removed from our email and SignUp Genius lists. We will reinstate them if they pay their dues at a later date.

Jim Cooney
Secretary