

Minutes for the Albany Pickleball Club General Membership Meeting
Meeting Date: May 20, 2017
G3 Sport and Fitness
1:00 – 3:00

Attending:

Members: Jim Morrison, Angie Morrison, Joyce Torresdal, Dennis Dahlen, Susan Dahlen, Bob VanderLinden, Jim Abbott, Dennis Muscato, Louise Muscato, Sabastian Masias, Dee Rathbun, Lee Rathbun, Florence Allen, Rhonda Vandehey, Susan Wattles, Loren Humphrey, Matilda Novak, Pam Olson, Stephanie Low, John Morey, Alexis Rist, Tony Scaltreto, Dell Alexander, Anneke Gallagher, Jeff Megy

Guests: Mike Huber, Ken Vandehey, Kimberly Strong, Garrett Campbell, Jake Bates, Brian Morey, Mike Peterschmidt

The meeting started off with discussion on having a quorum in order to vote on changes to the Club By-Laws. There were not enough Paid Members in attendance to vote on the changes.

Dell Alexander made a motion to change the quorum requirement from 30% to 20% Dennis seconded then the motion was withdrawn.

There was discussion on how any changes to the By-Laws need to be presented as an amendment in writing to the President, and then presented to the membership to be voted on. Jim Morrison asked that the suggested amendments to Article IV – Section B Quorum be submitted to him.

An unofficial vote was taken and a show of hands presented 8 negative votes on keeping Article IV – Section B Quorum as it is currently written.

Discussion was held at dropping the quorum requirement to 20% or even 15%.

Voting on these changes was tabled and President Jim asked members to submit amendments to him by email to be look at by the Board and then voted on in the future.

General consensus was to include email voting in the By-Laws.

Minutes of 9/28/16

Minutes were read in brief. Joyce Torresdal made a motion to accept minutes, Dennis Dahlen seconded, motion carried.

Treasurers Report:

Alexis Rist reported that she has updated the “Paid Member” list.

Because our club does not have a system of keeping track of membership payment/renewal dates, Bob VanderLinden is looking at two software programs that will

help keep track and send out renewal notices. Track-it Hub and Club Master are the two software programs.

Alexis Rist reported Club account balances as:

Pickleball Club Checking Acct.	\$3139.50
Tournament Checking Acct.	\$5552.87

Dell Alexander made a motion accept the Treasurer's report and Angie Morrison seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

There has been no response from the City after multiple tries to find out about the status of new Pickleball Courts.

NEW BUSINESS

Hackleman Park

In talking with Ed Hodney, Jim Morrison passed on information about the courts at Hackleman Park having set hours for Club Members only. Because of our Club's monetary help in the past with the upkeep of the courts, MWF 9:00am - Noon and Sundays 1:00pm – 5:00pm will be for our exclusive use. Jim compared this to the City of Albany's arrangement with the softball league that use Timber Linn Park during softball season. Ed Hodney said the City would make signs to hang at the Hackleman courts that inform the public of these hours.

Membership Benefits

The Board's idea of each paid member getting 2 guests passes each year was discussed. The pass would allow a non-member to play at Hackleman Park on MWF or Sunday. The pass would include a place for the guests contact information so that an Albany Club Membership could be offered to them.

John Morey suggested that the Club look into hiring Pickleball professionals to come and hold clinics for paid members. For example Mark Renneson or Steve Paranto. Maybe do a couple a year. Another benefit of being an Albany Pickleball Club member. The Board will look into this.

Hackleman Court Maintenance

John Morey has called Gary Carlson (our court maintenance - city liaison) about the holes that appeared in the courts over the winter. He has not heard back from him yet.

A suggestion was made to put netting up between the tennis net and the chain link fence to keep balls from going to the other side of the courts during play. Lee Rathbun said that he has some netting we could use for this purpose.

A reminder to move the AED from the Boys and Girls Club was brought up by Stephanie Low.

John Morey suggested that during the months we are playing at Hackleman, the club should have once a month potlucks during play hours.

RALLY IN THE VALLEY 6!

58 participants have signed up so far. We had 165 last year and hope to get that many again. Pam Olson mentioned that she has not been able to sign up because of a problem with renewal timing of her USAPA membership and wondered if others were having the same problem.

It was mentioned that we may not have any 5.0 players register because there are so many tournaments that now have cash prizes for these level of players.

Discussion and thoughts were shared about not sanctioning our tournament. Sanctioning requires Referees at all matches. In the past, getting enough volunteers to ref has been a problem. The venue liability insurance plus player injury insurance provided by USAPA when having a sanctioned event was an important benefit discussed.

Bob VanderLinden and Angie Morrison volunteered to put on a couple of Referee Clinics before our tournament. All are invited to participate. It's not a requirement that you ref at our tournament after taking these clinics, but training will surely make attendees ready to take on the task; plus feel much more confident if they decide to try.

Bob VanderLinden pointed out that our tournament is one of just a couple of the longest running tournaments in the Northwest.

Jim Morrison added that tournaments are a money maker and could provide funds for wind screens at the time we decide to make that purchase.

Committees for the tournament were named and Florence Allen will send an email to everyone with a list of these committees so that players can volunteer for a task or two in order to put on a successful Rally **again** this year! RITV is a popular tournament and draws players from all over the USA every year.

Meeting was adjourned 2:15

Respectfully submitted,
Florence, Allen Secretary Albany Pickleball Club