

PEAK TO PEAK BOARD MEETING

January 14, 2021

PRESENT:

Officers: Marnie Knapp, Rick Hum, Clint Lawrence, Stephanie McDonald

Board: Tom Knapp, Alex Ware, Jennifer Eggleston, Brad Leach, David Sackman

Club Members: Cheryl McBride

Absent: Rhonda Davis

President Marnie Knapp called the meeting to order. The minutes of the November 12, 2020 meeting were approved. Brad Leach and David Sackmann were welcomed to the board of directors.

TREASURER: Clint answered Jennifer's question about the club's court pledge; it has not been allocated to the court fund at this time, and is included in the general fund balance. Jen noted that this money can be spent only on BV's dedicated pickleball courts. Clint noted that a CD had matured and was put back into the checking account. When the time comes, Clint will invoice the city \$250 for balls. His report was approved and seconded.

MEMBERSHIP: Tom reported that as of January 14, there were 126 members. David started a discussion about ways to increase membership. He'll design a business card to hand out to newcomers that will lead them to the web site.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU): In Rick's discussion with Sarah of the Salida Rec Department, it was noted that pickleball court maintenance would be included in the city's budget. Further discussion between Sarah and Rick will continue, particularly about insurance and liability on the part of Peak to Peak. Marnie will continue to be the liaison with Sarah of Salida Rec.

BV COURTS COMMITTEE: Jennifer reported that the pickleball court plan will not be included in the next cycle for a GOCO grant. The city will be resubmitting the trails portion of the grant. The summer cycle may be a better time to apply again because the GOCO grants will no longer be tied to Covid-relief. Jennifer is holding off on applying for other grant monies. No one has asked for their donation back.

INDOOR PLAY: Miki with Chaffee County Fairgrounds says that pickleball is a top priority to play indoors again. There will not be as many competing entities for the indoor space because the school district has apparently reduced the fees they are asking for facility use. So some groups will be able to use school facilities rather than the North Building at the fairgrounds. The fairgrounds is not yet writing contracts for building use, but when they do, pickleball will have priority.

JOB DESCRIPTIONS: Because meeting time was running short, Marnie will send out electronic copies of the officer and committee chair descriptions. Board members should review them and send suggestions to Marnie. These descriptions are intended to make transitions easier. It was decided that the Honorary Board Member position will be for one year, and can be renewed annually. The non-voting, honorary position may be offered to Past Presidents and/or Pickleball Ambassadors.

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS: Jennifer Eggleston – President, Rick Hum – Vice-President, Treasurer – Clint Lawrence, Stephanie McDonald – Secretary were nominated and voted as the 2021 slate of officers. Tom Knapp will continue as Membership.

AUDIT FOR 2021: Clint, Rick and Alex will decide on a date to review the Treasurer's accounting.

NEW ITEM FOR WEBSITE STORE: Stephanie showed pictures of a water bottle, personalized with the club logo and her name. The board agreed that this would be a good item to add to the website store. Stephanie will double check to be sure the water bottle is insulated, and then will work with the local businessman to set up an order. Marnie will add the water bottle to the website store when they are ready to be sold. They should sell for \$30 and Stephanie will find out if they can be ordered directly from the source.

2021 ACTIVITIES: There was discussion about 2021 clinics/tournaments and Covid. The club will move forward with planning outdoor events, knowing that Covid will play a factor on if/when they can be held. The Spring Break indoor tournament at DPCA will not be held this year because of Covid.

Stephanie has been in discussion with two professional pickleball players about an advanced clinic and exhibition game. She is tentatively looking at June 14 for this event. The club will make plans for ongoing, weekly two-hour clinics to be taught by local certified instructors. Members and non-members could sign up for these classes. Members would be given a discounted price. The club will move forward with Learn-to-Play clinics, regular round robins and ladder leagues.

A decision about moving forward to start planning the fall tournament at Centennial Park Courts will be made in March.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 11 at 10:00.

This meeting was adjourned at 11:50.