

## **Keowee Key Pickleball Club Board Minutes**

Monday, April 1, 2024

Lakeview Room

Present: Cindy Fisher, Debbie Lantz, Kim Shoulars, Chris Durick, Tom Beck, Jim 'JJ' Jacobs, Jaye Melanson, A.J. Koontz, Leslie Walker, John Walker, Larry VanderRoest, Jim Weinstein

Cindy called the meeting to order at 4:30.

March 2024 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **A. Finance**

Tom Beck sent the March budget spreadsheets to each Board member via email. It was noted that we are favorable to budget. There were no questions about the report. Tom Beck and JJ will work together to create an electronic payment option (QR Code) for the membership drive social.

#### **B. Social**

There was no response for volunteers to participate in brainstorming additional social events. Chris & Kim noted the broad list of different pickleball activities currently offered and anecdotally canvassed players to see if there was interest in offering more social events. Cindy suggested we should do 3 additional events for 2024 – Friday Night Lights; Adaptive Pickleball event, and the first new member event scheduled for April 3.

There are no volunteers to co-host the May 18 Membership Social. Many members and SPOND groups have been asked. **John Walker will see if the Starboard SPOND group can co-host.** Walkers and Shoulars will co-host if needed. JJ volunteered to help. It was noted that the main dish (BBQ) is provided courtesy of the Humphrey/Newton families, so the event only requires setup/cleanup coordination. Discussion followed regarding other ideas for small events.

Ladies Social that was rained out in March has been rescheduled to April 10.

Membership Drive Social on May 18 should be noted in upcoming newsletters and Scuttlebutt. We will need 8 people staffing two registration tables during the event. Leslie will email board members for their availability to take a shift.

<b>Membership Renewal</b>	Saturday May 18
<b>Halloween Social</b>	Saturday October 26
<b>Holiday Party</b>	Sunday December 8

JJ has communicated with Sandy Halkett regarding adaptive play. Friday nights are not a convenient time. This remains an event the Club is interested in sponsoring.

JJ created a QR Code for a link to a VAPTR Training Video

### **C. Communications**

Deadline for the Scuttlebutt article is April 12 which will hopefully include photos from the WHIST tournament. Tom D welcomes any suggestions for inclusion in the Scuttlebutt article. We should include comments and pics from April 3<sup>rd</sup> Pickleball 101 Session.

The next Pickleball Club FRC e-blast promoting orientation sessions will highlight the April 19 orientation. Larry will announce in Friday Flyer and confirm date with Cindy McKean.

### **D. Player Development**

Next Player Development session is April 17, 11 AM -1 PM. March player development worked well; separated into novice and intermediate player groups.

Jim W has scheduled play for novice players only with 4 – 6 players attending.

Jim W has become PPR coach certified by the Professional Pickleball Registry.

### **E. Club Membership**

Current Club membership is 458.

## **F. Competition**

Whist Tournament: April 6 8 AM-8 PM (12 courts, rain date April 7 )

There have been player withdrawals daily so 12 courts may not be needed. JJ will communicate with Larry on April 5 to determine if dual lined courts can be released. Brief discussion followed regarding charging participants a nominal fee to participate in hopes of increasing commitment/reduce number of cancellations. The issue was tabled for further consideration.

Spring Tournament: June 8, 8AM-8 PM (12 courts, rain date June 9) format to be determined following the Whist Tournament.

Keowee Key Fall Classic : October 4 & 5 8 AM – 8 PM (12 courts, rain date October 6). Save the date emails have been sent to both Keowee Key players and to outside Clubs. Planning meetings have begun. We have one definite sponsor and interest from another.

Greenville Smash Adaptive Pickleball play is looking for attendees to cheer on players in Greenville on April 25. Cindy will include in newsletter.

## **G. Pro**

Larry confirmed new owner PB Orientation to be April 19, 4:00-6:00 pm and May Orientation is planned for May 17.

Larry participated in a productive Steering Committee consisting of Tennis/Pickleball/FRC

## **H. Interclub**

Women's Intermediate first home match is Tuesday April 2. Women's Advanced play is taking place at other area courts. Social interclub is popular and well received.

## **I. KK PB Committee Liaison Report**

Concrete Slab construction by the upper pavilion is complete. Work has begun on drainage leading to lower courts.

New sound system has arrived; JJ and Mike S need to install 1 more speaker that is back ordered. The PA system can be used with the current installation.

FRC extravaganza is May 8 4-7 pm; participation is encouraged.

In AJ's absence, JJ will attend the next Committee meeting on April 8

**J. New Player Liaison:**

There are still some February orientation participants to be contacted. 6 out of 8 March participants became members; **Cindy F will contact the remaining 2.**

**New/old business:**

- The first review session for court equipment is scheduled for April 3 at 4 pm. **Cindy F will send out a schedule and reminder to attendees.** There are currently 25 participants signed up.
- CPR training opportunity is May 11, and **will be announced in the newsletter.**
- Sam S is resigning as Webmaster; Susan Brennan has volunteered to take on the role. **Cindy F will connect Susan and Sam for transition information.** Cindy has also communicated with KK employee Madison Bivins who can be an additional resource.
- Proposed summer block times discussed and are attached, along with rationale based on survey results. Note the trial period of one evening block time and date change to September 30.
- Some members have offered to donate additional patio furniture for the extended concrete area. Need to check with Bryan C.
- Lost and Found Box is full! Items not claimed by April 15 will be trashed or donated to Charity and **Cindy will announce in Newsletter.**
- **Chris Durick will contact Rob Nance about broken tables in the upper pavilion.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm

Next meeting scheduled on May 6 at 4:30pm

**Action items are highlighted in yellow.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Leslie Walker, Secretary

<b>Day</b>	<b>Proposed Summer Block Times</b> <b>Effective 5/1/2024 – 9/30/2024</b> Starting 5/1/2024 and every other week through 9/30/2024 alternating with Courts 5 - 8	<b>Courts</b>
Monday	Open Play 8-10 am	1 – 4 Or 5 - 8
Tuesday	Open Play 8-10 am  Open Play 6-8 pm (Trial for 4 weeks)	1 – 4 Or 5 – 8  1 – 2
Wednesday	<u>Facilitated</u> Player Development 8-10 am 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday only	1 – 4 Or 5 - 8
Thursday	Open Play 8-10 am	1 – 4 Or 5 - 8
Friday	Open Play 8-10 am	1 – 4 Or 5 - 8
Saturday	Open Play 8-10 am	1 – 4 Or 5 - 8

## Proposed Summer Block Time Rationale based on Survey Results

There were 234 respondents representing 54% of the Club membership. At the time of the survey there were 435 Club members.

1. 55% of respondents participate in Open Play
2. 26% of respondents play multiple times per week with an additional 43% who participate multiple times per month.
3. 61% of respondents indicated interest in “some weekday evening” times.  
**NOTE:** Currently there are SPOND groups that are playing virtually every weekday evening.  
Should we consider a trial of one weekday evening Open Play?
4. 71% of respondents want to continue Summer Open Play Start time at 8:00 am.
5. 61% of respondents indicated that they were NOT interested in Open Play on Sunday mornings.
6. 62% of respondents indicated that they were interested in Open Play on Sunday afternoons. **NOTE:** not likely during the summer.