

Pickleball Officers' Meeting

July 19, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 5:00PM. Officers present were Jim Hisman, Marian Gallagher and Nancy Hunt. Don Blasberg, was absent.

Treasurers Report: Balance is \$2472.39 in the treasury. There are currently 70 members.

Treasurer's Report approved. (3-0)

Old Business: Minutes from May 22, 2012 were approved. (3-0)

Note: Still pending - Photos on the Del Webb Website and ladder league managers Accomplished: Newsletter article by Terry Meek, Newsletter delivery and final payment, Don is the new pickleball ambassador, and extra benches are stored.

New Business:

- **Rename the groups for the Drop-in tournament:** We decided to use Wood Storks, Herons and Egrets as the group names to replace competitive, non-competitive, and beginner labels.
- **Safety:** Discussed creating an Emergency-to-do List to keep at the courts. A short list of steps to take in an emergency. Marian suggested contacting the new lifestyle director (when hired) to discuss the possibility of having that person contact Rochelle L. about the 4 hour class offered by the county for basic emergency training. Possibly several members from each DW club could take the class to prepare for an emergency situation.
- **Scoreboard:** Discussed comments about the new scoreboard and the purchase of a second scoreboard. (50/50 Raffle at the pool party) Bill Scott did a great job researching and obtaining the scoreboard.
- **Ratings:** Discussion about PB ratings and the pros and cons. We voted to publish the rating and allow the members to review and become familiar with them. No further action regarding rating players will be taken at this time. (See ratings below: US Pickleball Assoc website and list Ed Beattie sent from his community in FL)
- **Club Sanctioned Events:** Jim will send out an email stating that club sanctioned events (ladder play, drop-in times, beginner group, Masters league and ...) will take priority for court time over random community play.

- **Annual Party and Drop In Tournament**: Date: August 4th - DROP-IN: 9:00 for the Wood Storks and 11:00 for the Herons. The PARTY will be 2:00pm - closing. Pool area, patio and piccolo room have been reserved. The club will provide Chicken breasts, hot dogs, buns, condiments, paper products, beer, water and soda. Members attending will be asked to bring a snack/app OR a side dish/salad, OR a dessert to share and to BYOB.

***Jim will send a reminder email to RSVP if attending the tournament and/or the party

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hunt, Secretary

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These descriptions were derived from current rating descriptions used in Florida's Winter Senior Pickleball Leagues. They have been modified in an attempt to better meet the differences in the various age groups that the USAPA represents.

Rating

Rating Descriptions

1.0

These players need to work most on developing their hand/eye coordination. They frequently miss the ball entirely, but can hit some of the slower balls with their forehand. They have a hard time playing games because they can't keep a rally going.

1.5

These players keep some short rallies going with their forehand, but still fail to return easy balls frequently and occasionally still miss the ball entirely. They have played a few games and know the basic rules of the game.

2.0

These players are learning to judge where the ball is going, but can sustain a short rally with players of equal ability. They have obvious weaknesses in most of their strokes.

2.5

These players are able to keep quite a few balls going with their forehands, make most easy volleys, and are beginning to make some backhands but need to work more on developing their strokes. They are thinking more about coming up to the non-volley zone to hit volleys and are making an effort to be more aggressive.

3.0

These players are fairly consistent when hitting medium-paced shots, but are not comfortable with all strokes and lack control when trying for direction, depth, or power on their shots. They are beginning to attempt lobs and dinks but don't fully understand when and why they should use them and don't have a lot of success with them.

3.5

These players have achieved improved stroke dependability with directional control on most medium speed balls and some harder hit balls. They still need to develop more depth and variety with their shots, but are exhibiting more aggressive net play, are anticipating their opponent's shots better, and are developing teamwork in doubles.

4.0

These players have dependable strokes, including directional control and depth on both forehand and backhand sides with most

shots. They can use lobs, overheads, approach shots and volleys with some success and occasionally force errors when serving. Rallies may be lost due to impatience. Teamwork in doubles is evident. They know the rules of the game and can play by them.

4.5

These players have developed their use of power and spin, can successfully execute all shots, can control the depth of their shots, and can handle pace. They have sound footwork and they move well enough to get to the non-volley zone whenever required. They understand strategy and can adjust their style of play according to their opponent's strengths and weaknesses and their position on the court. They can hit serves with power and accuracy and can also vary the speed and spin of the serve if desired.

5.0

These players have all the skills of the 4.5 players, but have either developed these same skills to a higher level or are simply quicker and/or stronger than the 4.5 group of players.

A Level Players (Advanced 4.0+)

Strokes:

- æ Consistent, dependable strokes with directional and depth control on both forehand and backhand
- æ Usually have flat, low, deep serves and service return
- æ Hit successful lobs and volleys
- æ Can usually block strong volleys directed at them at the non-volley zone (NVZ) and learning to place volleys
- æ Can hit and generally place overheads
- æ Can sustain "dinks" and "put away" their shots at the net
- æ Can control and place both serve and its return

Footwork and Movement:

- ¿ Good footwork forward, backward and laterally with easy quickness
- ¿ Moves effectively with partner, switching courts to cover partner's side
- ¿ Regularly plays the NVZ line and controls the line with partner

B Level Players (High Intermediate 3.0 - 3.5)

Strokes:

- ¿ Serve is consistently in bounds and can return most serves well
- ¿ Use forehand, backhand, lob, overhead and dinks consistently
- ¿ Have success hitting medium paced shots, but may lack consistency to control ball hit with depth and power
- ¿ Developing aggressive NVZ line play

Footwork and Movement:

- _ Moves easily through court and stays at net consistently

C Level Players (Intermediate 2.0 - 2.5)**Strokes:**

- _ Most serves are in bounds. Working to place serves
- _ Forehands should be able to keep long rallies going
- _ Backhands and volleys need to be more consistent
- _ Working on "dinks", lobs and overheads

Footwork and Movement:

- _ Knows where to stand
- _ Understand rules of game and scoring

D Level Players (Novice 1.0 - 1.5)

- _ New players begin as Novice Players
- _ Players who have not achieved the description of C Level Players
- _ Players who wish to play a slower Pickleball game