

KBPA – BOARD MEETING

April 15, 2021

Pres Kristi called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm via zoom.

Board members present via zoom: Pres Kristi Redd, VP Glenn Vest, VP Patti Hopkins, Sec Nancy Pratt, Treas Jean Gleason, Member-at-Large Rose Starnes, Absent: VP Rick Zwartverwer.

Guests present via zoom: Bill Kuerz, Judy Brimmer, Diana Samuels, Tom Hopkins, Cheryl Pocock and Greg Cunningham.

Minutes: Jean made the **motion to approve the minutes from the board screen held March 16, 2021**, as printed. Seconded by Patti. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The revised budget was presented via the zoom meeting with suggested revisions from the March 16 board meeting. Budgeted income for the year beginning May 1, 2021, and ending April 30 2022, is \$18,300 along with the same amount for budgeted expense. Glenn made the **motion to accept the budget as presented**, seconded by Patti. Approved unanimously. Printed copy will be filed with these minutes.

Items of note from the Treas. Jean: \$4,466 was received and deposited into the KBPA bank account from Steen Sports Park. This is the remainder of the capital campaign money raised for the original six courts at the park. Fred Meyer Rewards will be sending a check to KBPA for \$10.23. Bottle drop funds are currently as \$950 on our account. Kristi to request a check from them so we have a clean slate with them beginning our new fiscal year.

Arrangements will need to be made at our banking institution for changing signatures on and access to our bank accounts. Kristi will research required steps.

Fiscal year end reporting and reconciliations are in process so financial statements were delayed until April 20 Board and membership meetings.

REPORTS

VP Growth and Development: Glenn reported that all is good. The Association has seen an increase in the growth. Judy Brimmer, membership chair, reported she has submitted roles and duties for the Membership Chair, Membership Committee, and Venue Reps to Patti. With no further suggestions from Glenn or Kristi on Judy's drafts, Patti will be consulting with Bonnie regarding language, grammar, and format to get these completed.

Although Roles and Duties of VP Growth and Development suggests internal communication as a duty of this officer, there was discussion that the new President may want to change

responsibility to another officer since the VP Growth and Development has numerous time consuming duties at this time. Internal communications to include facebook and website posting?

VP Strategic Planning: Policies and Procedures were sent to Board members for each of the Officers positions so all could review and comment. No comments for revisions were noted. Completion of the documents is in process.

Both Patti and Greg are members of the Steen Sports Park Board of Directors. The User Agreement between Steen Sports Park and KBPA is due to expire in 2022. Both Patti and Greg feel it is a conflict of interest for either or both of them to negotiate that agreement with the representative from the Steen Sports Park Board of Directors.

A **motion** was made by Kristi to **prepare a Board resolution granting full authority to Bill Kuerz and Hal Sturgeon to negotiate the KBPA/Steen Sports Park User Agreement for the current courts at Steen Sport Park on behalf of KBPA** . The motion was seconded by Rose and approved unanimously by the Board. Patti will draft the resolution with input on wording from Kristi. Items to be addressed during the negotiations should include but not be limited to maintenance of the courts, time span of the agreement (3 to 5 yrs), scheduled times for KBPA member use, payment/or lack there of for daily play times by KBPA members, storage availability and location for KBPA assets, insurance (liability and comprehensive) the desire for SSP to charge for tournaments, round robins, and league play and who organizes the activities.

Potential future projects:

Vikki O'Brian, Rose, Cec Amuchastegui, and Patti had a meeting with City Parks Manager John Bellem, and Scott Sauders , City Engineer, regarding Stukel Park. The City is on a 2 year cycle for fund availability to improve/repair parks at this time. Stukel is not on this cycle even though pickleball courts are in dire need of repair and or replacement. An estimate for demolition and replacement of the playing surface at the park is approximately \$140,000. Scott suggested that in 3 to 4 years the City may be able to contribute \$10,000 toward the cost of repair or replacement. Scott and John thought the City might be able to free up some funds in the next year or two from a maintenance account held by Park and Rec but it would be a few thousand dollars at best. John and Scott both suggested KBPA get estimates for the cost to make as many of the courts playable and safe while raising the funds to replace the courts. Both John and Scott agree that dedicated pickleball courts would most likely be approved at this site if KBPA decided to repair and replace the courts.

Further building of courts at Steen Sports Park is on hold at this time due to membership buy in for the project, location of the courts at Steen Sports Park, and the pending negotiations of the User Agreement at the park.

Mike's Fieldhouse has had to move the soccer benches used by pickleball players outside for use during the soccer season. KBPA to possibly purchase benches for Mike's fieldhouse for use by the pickleball group?

VP Tournaments and Education: Nancy reported Blazing Paddles tournament is coming along with 6 or 8 sponsorships in excess of \$1,000. The website to date has 27 participants including several from the Chico area. Volunteers are stepping up but more will be needed as the time gets closer.

April 101 class did not have any participants. Rick is planning a second 103 class April 24 and on Saturday May 22. One-on-one classes will be May 8 and June 12. It was felt that once we get back to a regular schedule for these classes there will be greater participation.

OLD BUSINESS

June 26th Show and Shine is currently in the planning stages. Cheryl will need volunteers and help to arrange this. Will ask for participation at annual membership meeting. Paperwork and fees will need to be paid soon. If the event is canceled the fees will be returned. No purchases for this event are to be made at this time.

Insurance update. Karen Buell at Great Basin Insurance is working with Kristi to get our insurance coverage local so we would have local support. Several of the entities who are similar to KBPA use this same group therefore a Binder for the upcoming scheduled tournament may not be required. There are still questions regarding personal liability insurance for instructional classes for kids and adults at locations other than schools where and when an educator is present at all times, thus accessing the schools insurance. More to come.

NEW BUSINESS

Election results. Although it appears the entire slate was approved by those who voted, the e-mails to Nancy will be verified by another KBPA member prior to an official announcement on April 20.

Bill Kuerz will be sending out a survey to the membership with questions he would like answered regarding the expectations and demographics of our membership. Bill stressed that this data is primarily for his information. The Board and guests as a whole felt this was a good idea and had some suggestions that he will sort through to determine what will be put into the survey.

COMMITTEE REPORTS and VENUE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tom Hopkins presented a proposed schedule for play at Steen Sports Park for the upcoming outdoor pickleball season (attached). The process to generate the proposed schedule included suggestions from numerous members and players for fair and equitable plan for all levels of players. Suggestions were made to colorize the document, make it larger, and post it on the gates at SSP for all members and the community at large to see. A **motion** was made by Glenn **to accept the schedule as attached and implement it at Steen Sports Park on Monday April 19**. Seconded by Nancy. Approved unanimously.

Discussion followed about defining levels, rating and who and how to set up evaluations. The USAPA self evaluation sheets will be provided to the membership. Other than the sharing of the evaluation sheets no action was taken at this time.

Steen Sports Park has shown an interest in hosting round robins, ladder play, and or league play at the park during evening hours. That will be left up to SSP to organize and implement.

Greg has a meeting scheduled with Mazama on Tues. April 20 to discuss use of the Mazama courts by KBPA members. At this time the extent of our use and available times is unknown.

Next Board meeting: April 20th at 11:00 a.m. with the annual membership meeting to follow. Location at Steen Sports Park Solar Pavilion.

Meeting adjourned at 5:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Hopkins for Nancy Pratt