

KBPA Board Meeting – July 5, 2022 – Harbor Isles

Present: Bill Kuerz, Rose Starnes, Tom Hopkins, Jeff Quinn, Vicki O'Brien, Judy Brimmer, Nancy Pratt (via phone), Rick Zwartverwer, and Julianne Barrett (recording secretary for the day). Later, Mike and Kristi Redd, Jen Cole, and Greg Cunningham arrived.

1. Meeting called to order at 12:03.
2. Blazing Paddles update from Rick Z
 - a. 123 players currently
 - b. 2 main goals met – 120 players and \$40K in sponsor money
 - c. Canopies needed
 - d. Run through Thursday, July 14th at 4:00
 - e. Set-up will be Friday at 6:30 am!
 - f. Players can warmup Thursday afternoon
 - g. Parties at Mia and Pias Friday; The Falls Saturday following play
 - h. Kathy will be bringing nets; we are also getting 2 nets (permanently) from Christine in Bend
 - i. Board agrees to buy 4 large trash cans and liners as well as a first aid kit
 - j. We are hoping for some feedback from players as to whether or not they liked the scheduling with all 3.0 and 3.5 players Friday, mixed on Saturday and upper levels Sunday
3. General Tournament discussion from Bill
 - a. Lots of competition in the summer
 - b. Discussion regarding a February(ish) winter tournament at Harbor Isles. Cost would be \$1500 for the facility and tape. Discussion regarding whether this should be in place of the Blazing Paddles Tournament or in addition. The consensus was that this should be explored further as an additional tournament.
 - c. Pickleball brackets will likely be used – Bill gathering more info
4. Stukel Update from Jeff Quinn
 - a. Courts are in very rough shape due to large gaps and cracks with growing vegetation. As it is a city park, we cannot lock gates and there is damage caused by bikes and skateboards in addition to tree roots and the freeze/thaw issues. Repairs would cost a lot of money (~\$100K) and security. Jeff recommends that we abandon the site.

- b. Vicki O'Brien, venue rep for Stukel, is in contact with John Bellom from the city and he is going to look at the courts this week.
 - c. All agreed that we should wait for John Bellom's opinion before making a final decision.
5. There are new court possibilities at OIT, KU, The Growler Guys. More courts are needed.
6. Steens Update
 - a. Jeff Quinn gave a detailed report on the repairs needed at Steens and the materials needed. Jeff would like to fill the pits, at minimum, in order to prevent further damage.
 - b. Bill advises that as the Steens board says we have no agreement in place, we cannot do any repairs at Steens.
 - c. Greg Cunningham, who is on the Steens Board and is acting as a liaison between Steens and the KBPA board, advises that Steens has no money and is looking for a new major sponsor for the entire park. He advises that Steens would accept an annual fee of \$5,000 from KBPA (down from the original demand of \$15,000). He believes that the other details will follow easily once the money is agreed to.
7. Bill advises that he, Cec A., and Greg recently met with Doris Ellison of the Klamath School District. Sixteen nets, 100 paddles, 1000 balls are being purchased for a summer school program. Permanent lines are being implemented at Henley and possibly entire new courts.
8. Jean will discuss the budget at our next meeting.
9. Judy Brimmer advises that we are doing a better job at retaining our members. In 2020-2021 we had 57 new members but lost 14%; in 2021-2022, we have 87 new members and only lost 6%. We have 243 members currently.
10. Judy asked whether it would be possible to rent Sacred Heart for the month of April before Mike's Field House opens. Bill suggested she send a survey to members to evaluate interest. Bill will also talk to Harbor about getting an additional tennis court. Tom Hopkins will talk to Mike's FH about possibly getting some additional days in April.
11. Bill stated that we had a very positive experience with pro Wes Gabrielsen who gave strategy as well as skill instruction. He wants to come back.
12. Our tax return is just about done.
13. PB101 this Saturday; training Tuesday tonight
 - a. Jeff Quinn asked that game etiquette also be discussed

14. Jeff Quinn raised the issue that it is difficult for some people to play in tournaments when they start on Friday. A discussion was held and there simply are no easy answers for that.
15. Judy Brimmer stated that the summaries of board roles and responsibilities have been approved and need to be amended to reflect that as well as the date.
16. Rose stated that she needs more volunteers for the tournament and she is planning an ice cream social for the end of July.

Meeting ended at 1:18 pm.

Julianne Barrett