

## **PB CLUB MEMBER MEETING 1-7-21**

The meeting took place on Zoom at 6:00 P.M.

Board members in attendance: Bernie Siryk-Pres. Lindi Speager-V.Pres, Terry Rutan-Sec., Charlotte Nichol-Treas., Molly Westgate-Member at Large.

**Update on new courts initiative:** The HOA board has approved 3 new PB courts. They plan to start on them by the end of January 2021. It will probably take 2 to 3 months to complete the project at best guess.

Bernie will post progress pictures on our web site.

- Keith Ori asked if club members could work with the HOA and have input in the design? Keith mentioned the use of a pivoted end board which also helps the sound barrier instead of all fencing materials.
- Keith to send a list of requests to Bernie and Bernie will take it up with HOA. Keith is involved with new courts being built in his home state.
- Charlotte Nichol asked if we will need a new HOA signage board for the new courts. If so, it probably needs to be ordered now.
- Bernie is looking into Chelsea to find out how to add the additional courts.
- Bernie will have a discussion with the HOA board for rules of the new courts.
- Jeff Dunn asked if we can have misters at the seating area for the new courts due to the hot summer months.

### **Financial Summary:**

- Spent \$132.00 to purchase more Franklin Balls
- Spent \$79 for monthly Chelsea fees.
- Have received more dues and ball money.
- Have approximately \$18,000 in treasury.
- Dues for 2021 will be waved for all club members who had paid their 2020 dues before Jan1 2021. We will not be holding NIT or any socials in the near future due to COVID, so the club did not need the extra money collected from dues.

### **Hamilton High School Drive**

- Charlotte Nichol reported that we filled 2 pick up trucks full of food and personal supplies. The club collected \$625 in cash and paypal from club members over and above the 2 truck loads of items. Charlotte spent \$300 of those donations to purchase addition items needed and requested by the school, which leaves \$325 from Dec.2020 collections and the club still has \$400 left from 2019 collections for Hamilton.
- Charlotte expressed a BIG THANK YOU to everyone that donated.

**New USAPA Rules effecting our club:** Terry Rutan explained these following rules that go into effect on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

- The LET serve no longer exists.
- The DROP SERVE is now legal. No throwing or force bouncing the ball. Serve it on the bounce.
- New OUT rule. Must see space between the ball and the line.
- You can call the score while in process of the serve. However the score must be

- completed before your paddle contacts the ball.
- Server doesn't need to call the score but someone on each side does. If you start the game with ONE caller per your side, you must continue the game that way.

**Rating process:** updates per Lindi Speager.

- Since October, thirty club members have completed an LUT. We have 5 active LUT's at this time.
- Lindi answered an often asked question "what are the skills for each level". She replied that the skills are the same for each level, however the consistency and accuracy is what determines the ability to move up or not.
- Lindi asked if someone is doing an LUT – try to play with them more than once. Please make the effort as it's easier to evaluate their performance.
- Our current rating system is purely peer ratings.
- Lindi is open to any suggestions and ideas to improve our rating system.
- The training team is responsible for moving the 1.5 to 2.0's.

**Ball Sales:** Continue purchasing balls thru Molly Westgate. She just received a new shipment of Franklin balls \$2.00 each or 5/\$10. Onix balls are still for sale at 3/\$5.

**Reminder regarding COVID:** Bernie reminded everyone that there will not be NIT this year and all socials, continued training, socials and use of the ball machine have been canceled due to COVID.

**Open Questions:**

- Molly asked "if no one is waiting for the HOA court times, can you play longer than one hour?" The answer is yes. However if anyone is waiting and signed up for a court, you must vacate the courts after your hour and wait one hour before signing up for another court. These are HOA rules posted on the signup board.
- Bernie mentioned that the HOA times start at 2:00 to 9:00 and we need to have more courtesy in sharing the courts.
- Bernie also replied to another question: " If a club member is using the courts from 1:00-2:00, can they also sign up and use the HOA court time at 2:00-3:00?" His answer was: only if no one else is signed up and waiting to play at HOA time. If other HOA members are waiting to use the courts, the players playing at 1:00-2:00 should vacate and sign up for a later HOA time. There was discussion regarding this answer as to what is fair, so it was tabled for further discussion with the Board and Bernie will update the club later.
- Jeff Dunn asked if we can start using the ball machine again. This question was answered by Molly Westgate: The HOA has required our club to submit in writing a process that will be used to sanitize the balls and machine after each members use. The biggest question is "Who will be at the courts all day to oversee that this process of sanitation is being followed?" The answer was: "No one".
  - Bernie will speak with the President of the tennis club as to how they are handling this HOA requirement of sanitizing.

- Bob Thomas mentioned that he has seen the rough drawing of the new courts and feels that it needs some input from Pickleball players.
  - Bernie will check with the HOA board as previously noted to see what input we are allowed to have concerning the new courts.

Next meeting to be held Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 likely to be on Zoom.