

PPPA Board Meeting
5/18/18, 12:30 pm
Library 21C

Attendees:

Jeff Norton, President
Marti Gasser, Vice President
Steve Ridings, Treasurer
Pam Doane, Secretary
Theresa Melius, Tournament Director
Sherry Fairchild, Education and Training Activities Director
Sharon Schneider, Membership Director

President Jeff Norton called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm

The minutes from the 11/2/17 Board meeting were accepted as written.

Jeff Norton: Bob Holman submitted an updated PPPA history to Pam.

AI: Pam will update the existing history narrative on the website with Bob's submission. Bob's submission will not exist as a separate document.

Treasurer – Steve Ridings

PayPal Balance 5/18/18:	\$ 9,920.44
ENT Balances 5/18/18:	
Checking	\$ 6,225.80
Savings	\$ 5,051.64
CD – 3 Mo	\$10,000.82
CD – 9 Mo	\$10,001.19
CD – 12 Mo	\$10,001.63
Total Cash:	\$51,201.52

The Association's only on-going expense at this time is to Cindy for nametags for new members.

The 2017 tax return (form 990) was filed in the 1st quarter, 2018
PPPA liability and accident insurance has been renewed.

President – Jeff Norton:

Status of the board election:

- 178 votes were cast as of 5/18 (out of ~856 members)
- The deadline to vote is midnight, 5/21
- Per JoAnn Schmitz, an attorney who specializes in legal support of non-profit organizations, all members must be apprised of the requirements for voting and how to vote.
 - Per Sharon, the voting system allows only 1 vote per email address; thus, each member must have his/her own individual email address to vote. A shared email address can only register 1 vote.
- The 4th e-blast re: voting will go out on Sunday.
- The definition of a member in good standing is that their dues are paid. Signed waivers are not a requirement to be a member in good standing.

Renewing members do not have to click on the waiver to renew; new members do have to click on the waiver button. A member does not have to have a signed waiver in order to vote. Members can modify their profile on-line to accept the waiver.

By-Laws:

- Jeff will email to each board member a copy of the by-laws document (Rev 4.1) that JoAnn Schmitz provided him.
- JoAnn Schmitz, an attorney who specializes in legal support of non-profit organizations, has reviewed our 2017 by-laws update. She planned to attend today's board meeting but is recovering from wrist surgery. She can meet with us on the afternoon of 6/15.

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- JoAnn offered PPPA the discounted rate of \$1,000 to review the 2017 by-laws update but the review was more time intensive than she had planned. She's been paid \$500 of the previously approved amount of \$1,000.

Motion: Steve Ridings moves we pay JoAnn an additional \$1,000.00 for the legal work on the PPPA by-laws. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice President - Marti Gasser:

- Marti met with Steve Bodette:
 - Courts 1-6 look good
 - Courts 7, 8 & 9 have peeling paint.
 - Courts 14 & 15 are peeling
- Per Steve Bodette, the bridge that goes to CC might be closed off to vehicle traffic. This may allow additional parking places.
- The railroad barriers were moved for plant weekend for the Horticultural Society – it's not a permanent move.
- Per Sharon, Mike Carroll is going to work with the horticultural society to find out who their railroad contact is with the hope that the railroad will work with the PPPA during tournaments.

Education and Training Director - Sherry Fairchild:

- Free beginner lessons are off to a roaring start. We have 24 – 30 students each Saturday.
- Sherry established 4 teaching teams, each with a leader. Each volunteer instructor teaches one time per month.
- The registration system at the free lessons is going well
- Guided play is capped at 24. Participants must make reservations
- RR participants:
 - 2.0 – 2.5 18 players on the list (approx.)
 - 2.5 – 3.0 30 players on the list (approx.)
 - 3.0 – 3.5 75 players on the list (approx.)
 - 3.5 – 4.0 75 players on the list (approx.)
- The maximum number of round robin players is capped at 32 people, which requires 8 courts
- Two of the round robins have moved to later in the day (previously all 4 were scheduled for 2:00 pm)
- 4.0-4.5 level players have started an informal group of round robin players
- An informal Over the Hill Gang round robin gets together on Mondays at 3:00
- Ladder play is doing well. They have 2.5, 3.0 & 3.5 level play. Boston and Dotty Lardie are ladder captains
- Steve Ridings' skills and drills program has been very successful. 63 people have signed up and 15 are on the wait list. The levels are 3.0, 3.5 on Tuesday mornings and 4.0 on Wed. All are played at Portal Park.

Motion: Sherry moves we make create a skills and drills program with Steve as the leader. The motion carried unanimously.

- Steve will head up a Skills & Drills program under the E & T department. It will be drills program (not a clinic).

AI - Marti: In support of the Skills & Drills program, Marti will ask Parks & Rec if PPPA can stripe off 4 pickleball courts per each two tennis court at Portal Park. They would be oriented E/W and PPPA would set up portable nets or install the old pickleball nets from MVP permanently.

Merchandise:

- Sherry has 90 PPPA logo t-shirts left: 27 men's & 63 women's.
- Car Magnets – we have plenty
- Sherry proposes we purchase t-shirts, ball caps and visors.

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- Ball caps – Big League can silk screen them and charges for \$11/hat. We would sell for \$20.
- Visors are about the same cost as the ball caps

Motion: Sherry moves the Association allocate \$2,400 for PPPA merchandise as follows:

- \$1,300 for t-shirts
- \$1,100 for caps and visors

The motion carried.

- We need to pick a project or two to accomplish this year.

Discussion:

AI – Jeff will send a blast to the membership describing the windscreen physical/engineering limitations at MVP.

- Per Marti, the last time she talked to the city regarding court maintenance she was told that they have no money budgeted for maintenance and if the courts aren't maintained the city will lock the courts.
- It costs approximately \$40,000 to reseal and restripe the MVP courts and it must be done every 3 years. Rotating the maintenance (5 courts/year) is not cost effective because bringing in the equipment is the primary cost driver.
- The courts are opened by the city at 8:00 am

Membership – Sharon Schneider

- June 2 membership meeting – we have 85 reservations; she's hoping for 140.

AI – Steve – Give 2 checks to Jeff – one to pay La'au's and one to reimburse Peggine for incidentals

Discussion of acoustics at the park – they're not robust enough to conduct official business at the annual meeting on 6/2, such as budget review, etc.

- Annual Membership meeting:
 - The purpose of the meeting is to introduce the board and the new members of the board. The board will answer questions if any arise.
 - Because the acoustics at the park are so challenging, the meeting will be brief. The board will meet in the admin area. Jeff will commence the meeting at 10:50, before the buffet opens at 11:00. He'll announce the results of the election, introduce the board, explain how the buffet queue works and open the buffet.
 - Open play begins at 8:00 am.
 - The buffet will be catered by La'au's, owned by Joe Coleman. They'll supply food, beverages, napkins and serve-ware.
 - We'll hand out playing cards to the attendees, which will determine when they queue up for the buffet (i.e., clubs, diamonds, hearts, spades). The buffet will run 11 – 1.
 - Court access is an issue. The social committee won't take on this responsibility.
- 8/19 - Ice Cream social. Corey Houger from BJ's Velvet Freeze is catering. Sharon would like to focus on children coming to the courts and learning the game.
- 10/13 – End of Season party. On the Border will cater.
- Peggine Tellez is the new social director.
- Jeff Stone clinic – currently 100 registrants. The goal is 148 people
 - 2 sessions are maxed
 - 2 sessions are almost full
 - 1 session only has 4 or 5 people. It runs 4-6 pm

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- Our website has an 'Events' module that can manage reservations for events and accept payment. It can be limited to members only. It was used for the 1st time with the Jeff Stone clinic. It might also work for tournament volunteers to sign up. We'll know more later.
- Association membership:
 - 858 members:
 - 586 – 1 year memberships
 - 113 - 3-year memberships
 - 10 – 5 year memberships
 - 98 - family memberships
 - 51 - lifetime memberships
- Sharon would like to retire the 5-year membership category.
- Family memberships are problematic. The intent is for a family membership is adults with children under the age of 21. We have multiple family memberships that are two adults (no children) and some who want to add their adult child to their family membership. We have approximately 20 family memberships.
- We don't have a good demographic of the family memberships.
- Children under 21 don't pay and don't receive a nametag.
- In time, Sharon will propose a dues increase of \$5.00 for individuals. She needs a 'when' and a 'why'.

AI – Steve will create a cash flow projection that can be used to inform our decision as to when a dues increase is appropriate.

Motion: Sharon moves that the 5-year membership category be discontinued due to lack of participation. The motion carried.

- Court ambassadors will not exist this year. There is no leadership and no volunteers for this committee.

AI – Marti will order emergency signs. The signs will be posted on the MVP courts with the court address for emergency vehicle.

AI - Marti will remove the signage indicating court levels.

- PAIL averages 4-6 participants each month. Bob Paulson and Marcia Allan are the regulars.
- Beer Club at Patty Jewett runs about 30 participants during the summer.
- Sharon will continue to send a blast for these programs each month.

State Games:

- State Games is full with a substantial wait list for Saturday; no wait list for Sunday.
- Sharon will try to field 80 teams/day.
- A new category of volunteers will be introduced – court monitors. 1 person will be positioned in the alley next to courts 1-6; 2 people will be positioned in the alley for courts 7 – 15. They'll help facilitate time and score-sheet management in games that don't have referees.
- Mike Carroll will present an after-action review of the state games to the board.

Senior Games:

- Sports Corp runs the Senior Games.
- Senior Games will be held on Thu & Fri, 7/19-20. PPPA is not involved in running the tournament.
- Rocky Mountain State Games will be held on Sat & Sun, 7/21-22. PPPA runs the RMSG.

Discussion about inter & intra-club competition. Pros/Cons/Complexity. T will explore options for PPPA.

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Tournament Coordinator Director – T (and Sherry)

- Great Plains Regional Tournament is closed for every category
 - 102 mixed doubles teams
 - 104 men's doubles teams
 - 101 women's doubles teams
 - 76 men's singles
 - 42 women's singles

- Entry fee is \$75/pp which includes a \$15 assessment for the referees
- The referee assessment is applicable at all USAPA tournaments
- Certified referees receive \$7/match; non-certified referees receive \$5/match
- Every entrant must have a partner and be paid by Tue, 5/22 or they go on the wait list
- PickleballTournaments.Com isn't user friendly and is having IT issues.

New Business – Jeff Norton

- A reporter from the Independent contacted Jeff who invited her to the free lessons at Wasson. She attended.
- Marti Gasser is leaving the board as of the end of June. She served the 2-year commitment for which she was elected and has opted to not serve the additional one-year term that was added when term staggering was implemented.
 - Per Jeff, this becomes a vacancy per our bylaws and the new board will appoint a vice-president to fill the final year.
 - Jeff agreed to contact the two non-winners for the PPPA President's election and the Board will entertain a motion to appoint either of the two to fill the 1-year VP vacancy
- Per Jeff, the candidates who sent 'vote for me' emails were sending to their own private email lists. The webmaster did not provide any email addresses nor did he send any e-blasts for the candidates.
- The nominating committee was recognized for presenting three good candidates for president.

Meeting adjourned 3:00 pm

PPPA Board of Directors Meeting Dates for 2018:

May 24, 2018, 1:00 pm

June 2, 2018, PPPA Annual Meeting

June 15, 2018, 1:30 pm to review by-laws recommendations from attorney JoAnn Schmitz

August 2, 2018, 1:00 pm

November 1, 2018, 1:00 pm

PPPA Social Meeting Dates for 2018:

August 19, Ice Cream Social

October 13, End of Season Celebration