Pickleball Lincoln Inc. Board meeting

Sunday October 6th, 5:00 pm

Minutes

Location: Joel’s Houston’s house.

President Mark Nelson called the meeting to order.

All Board members were present: President Mark Nelson, Vice President Bill Roehrs,

Fundraising Chair Gale Breed, Member-at-Large Ann Heerman, Secretary and Program Director Jane Cech, Court Maintenance Director Joel Houston, Assistant Secretary Rosalie Duffy. Also present was non-board-member Treasurer Mike Magnuson, CPA.

Mike was scheduled to transition on as Treasurer. However he alerted the Board to the fact that he has a conflict of interest due to his profession as an investment advisor.  He states that as such he is subject to a host of Securities rules and regulations and that a position as a Board member and treasurer would violate one such regulation. However, he can instead not be a member of the Board (and have no voting privilege) but still perform all the duties of a treasurer (including writing and signing checks, receiving money and making deposits) and report to the Board. He can explain the financial condition of PLI and offer suggestions and answer questions, just as if he was the treasurer. The Board is very grateful to Mike for his willingness to provide his time and expertise to PLI. In order to keep an odd number of voting members on the Board Joel Houston was voted in as a voting member.

Mike Magnuson, submitted the Treasurer’s report: see attached. In summary, we have two separate checking accounts, the first is designated “General” and the second is designated “New Courts.” As of 10-5-2019 the cash balance for both accounts is $13,291. During this quarter $14,539 was transferred from the General account to the New Courts account. $149,472 has been sent to the City toward the new Peterson Park court construction.

The persons authorized to sign checks on both checking accounts are Ann Heermann, Mark Nelson, William Roehrs and Mike Magnuson.

Credit cards have been issued to Bill Roehrs, Jane Cech, Mark Nelson and Mike Magnuson. Each card has a $2,500 credit limit.

There has been a $180 yearly fee associated with our previous Registered Agent for the State of Nebraska. The Board voted for Mike to be the new Registered Agent and consequently there will no longer be this fee as he will perform this service free of charge.

Going forward donations made to PLI will be deposited into the general fund, unless the donation is specifically designated toward the new-court project.

Mark stated the Letter of Agreement with the City was signed to move ahead with construction of the four new courts at Peterson Park. However PLI was not notified until that moment that we must ensure a 5% construction contingency fee of $12,000. The City requires a contingency fee on all projects which could be as low as 5% and as high as 10%. Previously it was agreed that the city would allow us to defer payment of the $15,000 required for ongoing court maintenance. So a possible total of a $27,000 may be needed by June 1st, 2020. The city awarded the project to the construction company PCC Sports.

The date for breaking ground on the courts is undetermined at this time due to the city going through its bureaucratic process.

Peterson Park and Satellite courts report: Jane will be collecting the nets from the job boxes at the end of the outdoor season and supervising their storage for the winter. Joel, with a group of volunteers, will winterize theoutdoor courts. This includes readying the windscreens, banners and job boxes as well as collecting the keys. The Board is working on setting a policy for how to respond to outside groups that want to reserve courts at Peterson Park or the satellite courts.

Speedway report: Jane has taped six additional courts and they are ready to go for Round Robins and lessons in November. There are now a total of 18 possible courts for play. Jane has volunteered to do some repair work on the outdoor net systems before transferring them to Speedway. The pads on the bottoms need to be either replaced or re-glued.

The Board approved Jane to make the following purchases:

Corrugated cardboard—Unline Flute A: 24” (250 feet) = $37.00; 15” (250 feet) = $24.00

One Handcart - $63.97, and Super glue to repair the pads on the USAPA net systems.

It was decided that Round-Robin groups will be asked to donate $2 per person per session; lessons will be free-will donations.

Tournament updates: Jane had previously updated the Board regarding the September 8th Picklefest II tournament. She stated that there were over 60 participants from many different towns in Nebraska, including Grand Island, Kearney, Omaha, and Columbus. Entry fees totaled $2,050.00, expenses included ribbon for the ball “medals”, jars of pickles and relish for prizes and snacks for the participants totaled approximately $82.00. So PLI raised $1,968.00.

Joel reported on the November 16-17 Turkey Shootout Tournament. This is the first time there will be a tournament in Nebraskawith a Pro Division and payout brackets. Several top-ten players have registered so far. Proceeds will be split between PLI 60%, and Genesis 40%. There will be a raffle to support the Foster Care Closet.

Many thanks to Donita Bowers and the morning Ballard & Eden RR ladies for their $140.00 donation to PLI. The men’s groups also made generous donations. Bill Roehrs donated to PLI the $700 he received from OLLI for teaching and he and Joel have also raised hundreds of dollars in free-will donations from lessons they teach. Many thanks to Jane for her detailed and meticulous net management, to court champions Mark Nelson, Bill Roehrs, Gale Breed, Joel Houston, Ann Heermann, Mary Ryan, Bruce Borchers, Barb McIntyre, Doni Bowers, Judy Eicher, Mary Wolfe, Karen Flowers, Bonnie McMullen, Frank Brill, Karen and Larry Kay, Randy Haack, and Helen Moore. To our many volunteer groundskeepers including Dr. Chuck Gregorious,  Kevin Barker and Tom Callahan and the many other volunteers helping to make PLI the great organization it is.

The time for the next Board meeting is yet to be determined.

President Mark Nelson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalie Duffy

Assistant Secretary