



TUSTIN PICKLEBALL SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING FRIDAY, MAY 21, 2021

The Board of Directors (Board) Emergency Meeting of Tustin Pickleball, a California non-profit corporation was held at 11:00am at the Tustin Pickleball courts, 1302 Service Road, Tustin, CA 92780 on May 21, 2021.

Board members in attendance were Phil Dunmeyer, Sheila Driscoll, Patti Blood, Peggy Marcantel, Phil Wascher and Gina Stivers. Albert Tjan via telephone. Others in attendance were Wayne Simpson, Cyndi Glavas, Gus Asaad and Rick Giangeroso.

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Phil Dunmeyer called the meeting to order at 11:09am.

2. UPDATE ON MEETING WITH SAL SANCHEZ FROM MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS, TUSTIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Phil Dunmeyer stated that he and Pete Burns had a meeting with Sal Sanchez, the new Maintenance and Operations (M & O) director on May 20, 2021. Following the meeting, Phil received an email from Mr. Sanchez stating that the Tustin Unified School District (TUSD) demands changes to be made to Tustin Pickleball:

A. No bathroom usage effective July 1, 2021

Phil said that Mr. Sanchez said this is non-negotiable. As of July 1, 2021 our

members (most of which are senior citizens) will have to find other solutions. Phil expressed that the rationale behind M & O's decision is due to the fact that some players will use the restrooms without their masks on (even after the Tustin Pickleball program has closed at noon) and TUSD is concerned for the safety of the employees who work in the building where the restrooms are located. Phil also stated that upon leaving the meeting, not one of the three employees in the M & O office had been wearing a Covid-19 mask. The Board was told that Mr. Sanchez also said that Tustin Pickleball does not have the right to tell people where to park their vehicles. Phil conveyed that TPI had been following the rules of TUSD for the last 10 years by not allowing pickleball players to park in the M & O parking lot during the hours of 6:30am to 12:00, when TPI is in operation.

B. Cannot deny anyone the right to play at anytime

C. Daily use fee = \$30,000 per year.

D. Reduction in days they'll approve for TPI to operate.

E. Agreed to consider portable bathrooms at our expense and still

A,B,C,D above apply.

3. LOOKING AHEAD

A. We will be non-functioning July 1, 2021 as we exist today.

Phil D. stated that with the new imposed rules, it will essentially undue all the hard work put into what the club has grown into today. Tustin Pickleball has provided an open program for anyone to come and play, making it as fair and equitable as possible for the entire community.

B. Not collecting any more donations

Phil stated that we will not be collecting a membership fee/ donation from new members seeing as TPI will not be allowed to function as it exists now

for the Tustin community. Phil expressed that unfortunately without the six days a week, morning Tustin Pickleball program, his concern is that pickleball will become as chaotic and unwelcoming as the complaints we receive about Sunday play. Complaints that players are bullied, people refuse to let others play on the courts, there is no organized play or suggested skill level designated courts. For the past 10 years, every rule enforced by TPI were the demands of TUSD. When Covid-19 hit, TPI worked with TUSD to ensure that the players wear masks when waiting to play, keep a list of attendance for contact tracing and comply with all of the CDC's rules during the Covid-19 pandemic.

C. Reimbursing our members their tax deductible \$25 donation/ membership fee

The idea of refunding members who have joined after January 1, 2021 their \$25 fee. To be discussed later.

D. Doing our June Monday round robin

The Board was reminded of the upcoming round robin tournament on Monday, June 7, 2021. Sheila is the communication lead and the liason for all players. (See attached round robin proposal)

E. Communicating to members

To be discussed later.

F. Closing our Non- Profit and final gifting of remaining funds

The TPI Board of directors were all in agreement that the changes presented to Tustin Pickleball by TUSD would cripple the success of program and are not in the best interest of the club, it's 1,635 members, or the Tustin community. Tustin Pickleball has grown into a model program for every other city wishing to develop a recreational program that provides health and wellness for Tustin's senior citizens, veterans and children. Gina made a

motion that we not shut down our non-profit program and as elected Board members, it is our duty that TPI do our best to work with TUSD and come up with viable solutions so that Tustin Pickleball can continue to be the best place to play in California. Sheila seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

G. Emptying shed and job boxes

To be discussed later.

H. Board options

4. OTHER????????????????????

Phil reminded the Board that as a club, Tustin Pickleball has always been welcoming to any person who wishes to learn the sport and provide free instruction to the community.

5. MEETING ADJOURNED

Phil Dunmeyer adjourned the meeting at 1:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Board Secretary

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