



Minutes of the Board Meeting  
December 7, 2023, 11:00 a.m.  
Citrus Café, Tustin, CA

The Board Meeting of Tustin Pickleball, a California non-profit corporation was held at 11:00 a.m. at Citrus Café on December 7, 2023. Board members in attendance were Terry Wong, Carl Cheng, Beth Arkin, Monica McCarthy, Gerry Rowland, Stella Inta, JoAnn Spiegel and Michael Martinez. Also in attendance were newly elected board members Chiko Wong, Bonnie Goodman and James Pham. Chris Chu was not in attendance.

1. Call to Order

Terry Wong called meeting to order at 11:06 a.m.

2. Approval of 11/2/23 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved via email on 11/3/23. Carl Cheng motioned to approve. Terry Wong seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3. VP Report

Terry Wong introduced and welcomed newly elected 2024 board members, Chiko Wong, Bonnie Goodman and James Pham.

Due to the Tustin hangar fire, TUSD cancelled our facilities use permits from Nov 9 to Dec 2, 2023. We will not be charged for the canceled dates. During the closure the TUSD personnel were very responsive to our inquiries, and the closure provided the maintenance team an opportunity to clean the courts.

The courts are now reserved for the first quarter of 2024 with our new hours 7-11am Monday through Saturday.

4. Treasurer Report

Gerry Rowland reported our finances remain stable. Current break even expenses are approximately \$77K/year. He also reported he paid \$300 to the Department of Justice due to insufficient filing from the prior board of the club's nonprofit status. The IRS back taxes issue is still pending.

5. a. Repair Cracks – Terry Wong proposed to the Board that the club offer to make a donation to TUSD for the full amount of the crack repair on courts 2 and 5 instead of proceeding with a cost sharing arrangement (a difference of \$3,500). With a cost sharing arrangement, the district has informed us that we must wait for other higher priority projects that directly impact the students. The Board agreed. Carl Cheng motioned to approve and Beth Arkin second the motion. Motion passed.

b. Mailchimp Price Increase – Carl Cheng received notification that our Mailchimp service will increase to \$45/mo in December. Our current subscription is \$39.50/mo for 2,500 email accounts and 25K email notifications. Carl proposed to reduce our subscription to \$27/mo for 1,500 email accounts and 15K emails since we will unlikely surpass this limit. The Board agreed. Gerry Rowland motioned to approve and Terry Wong seconded the motion. Motion passed.

c. Plan B – An Alternative Location for Tustin Pickleball - With the increase of membership causing longer wait times and in the event of another closure, Michael Martinez proposed the idea of renting courts at Veteran's Sports Park. Michael has agreed to do the research and submit his findings to the Board.

d. Ladder Event – The next ladder will be Jan 21, 2024. The proposed format will be a Fixed Mixed Partner. 4 levels – Low Intermediate, Intermediate, Adv Intermediate and Advanced. Registration will be on cheddarup.com and will be \$40 per team. Participants will be responsible for finding their own substitutes for no shows. The next Round Robin event is deferred for discussion at the next Board meeting in January.

e. Shed Cleaning – The shed is scheduled to be cleaned and reorganized on Monday, Dec 11 at 10am. Available board members are to meet at the shed after organized play.

f. Sell or donate old paddles - Gus Asaad, member and newly certified IPTPA coach requested from Tustin Pickleball to buy or donate our old paddles to support his youth program. The Board agreed to donate a set of paddles and some old practice balls.

g. Merchandise – A new batch of Tustin Pickleball t-shirts, and hooded sweatshirts have been ordered and are expected to be ready for pick up next week.

h. Swag Items – Terry Wong ordered 3D rubber key chains with our logo. Expected delivery is Dec 15. Each member can pick up a keychain at the courts through Dec 31.

As discussed in our October meeting Beth Arkin will order upgraded water bottles (32oz) from proposed vendor.

i. Extend \$100 Membership Offer – JoAnn Spiegel asked if we should extend the \$100 membership fee an extra month since we were closed for most of November due to the hangar fire. The Board felt it was not necessary to extend the offer.

j. Cards for Members – In appreciation and concern for our members, cards will be sent in the event of an injury, surgery, death, etc. JoAnn Spiegel will request a donation of cards from a vendor. Beth Arkin will be in charge of mailing cards to members.

k. Consider an MLP team – The Board will explore the concept of having an MLP style team event or league in which members can team up with other members of different skill levels. Chiko Wong will prepare a proposal for discussion at the next Board meeting in January.

l. December Newsletter – The last edition of our quarterly newsletter for 2023 will be emailed Monday, Dec 11.

m. AED Training – Each member is encouraged to watch a YouTube video to familiarize themselves on how to operate an AED machine.

n. Training for New Board Members – The newly appointed Vice President, Director of Communications and Director of Facilities will meet with their respective counterparts for training.

## 6. Directors Report

- a. Communications – Carl Cheng ordered 300 balls from Franklin Sports to take advantage of a 25% discount.
- b. Membership – Beth Arkin reported a preliminary number of 1,400 members. She also requested and reminded we not accept checks to pay for membership.
- c. Events – no report
- d. Facilities – Beth Arkin will research rectangular umbrellas to be purchased for shade for the courts without a permanent shade awning.

## 7. Adjournment

Terry Wong adjourned the meeting at 1:00pm. The next meeting will be Jan 5, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.  
Location TBD