



Minutes of the BOD Meeting  
March 14, 2024 11:30am  
Bar Louie, Tustin

The Board meeting of Tustin Pickleball, a California non-profit corporation was held at 11:30 am at Bar Louie on March 14, 2024. Board members in attendance were Terry Wong, Chiko Wong, Carl Cheng, Bonnie Goodman, Stella Inta, and JoAnn Spiegel. Beth Arkin, James Pham and Gerry Rowland were not in attendance.

1. Call to Order

Terry Wong called the meeting to order at 11:37 a.m.

2. 2/12/24 General Minutes

The minutes were approved via email on 2/15/24.

3. President Report

Terry Wong reported that there are several groups now requesting permits for the pickleball courts. He emphasized to the Board that we continue to educate the pickleball community and reinforce to members that other groups reserving the courts after our club hours are not associated with Tustin Pickleball and that it is TUSD that decides how the courts are used.

4. VP Report

Chiko Wong reported that requests for court permits have been submitted to TUSD through the first week of August, pending approval. Court permits for the remainder of the year will be requested once the TUSD calendar is opened for those dates.

Chiko also presented a draft proposal for the inaugural Tustin Pickleball Team Challenge event. The proposal included a member email communication statement, format for the online sign-up form, team/play structure, team composition, and rules. The Board provided feedback and decided to proceed with the event, which is scheduled to begin in mid-April. An email will be sent to members on March 18th announcing the event.

## 5. Treasurer

Terry Wong (on behalf of Gerry Rowland) reported our finances remain strong. Our club is able to fund operations and planned special events through the remainder of the year.

## 6. Items for Discussion

- a. With hundreds of new members, the Board discussed potential solutions to address the excessive wait times we are seeing more often, especially on Fridays, Saturdays, and holidays. The Board has experimented over the past few weeks with different ideas. Below are some of the actions taken thus far with good results.
  1. Designate court 1 as a “Temporary Intermediate Court” on Fridays and Saturdays or when 7 or more paddles are waiting on courts 4, 5, and 6, and less than 7 paddles are waiting on courts 1, 2, and 3.
  2. Change the rotation on challenge court 9 to “4 on, 4 off” once there are 7 or more paddles on courts 7 & 8.
  3. Use a timer on challenge court 10 to limit games to 11 points win by 2, or 12 minutes in length, whichever comes first.

The Board will continue to pilot these actions over the next several weeks, and will gather member feedback and ultimately decide what changes, if any will be implemented into our Policy of Play.

- b. It was decided to eliminate the 9-point rule that was implemented last year to shorten games. This rule never gained traction, and feedback from members was that they would prefer to play a full 11-point game, especially after having to wait for multiple games.
- c. It was noted that drop in players (and some members) have been bypassing the check in desk. To instruct/encourage everyone to check in, a new sign will be posted on the entry gate to direct people to STOP and go to the check in desk first.
- d. The Board discussed whether there is a need to lock the gate on challenge court 10 as we have seen more instances of players entering and exiting that gate. It was decided to continue using the carabiner to clasp the chain, but keep the gate unlocked for now.

- e. Since intermediates represent approximately 70-75% of our membership, the Board discussed the need to create more openings for intermediates in future events and having more events such as round robins, for intermediates only.

## 7. Director Updates

- a. Communications – Greg & Bonnie Goodman developed a new Facebook page and group that will be solely managed by the Tustin Pickleball Association. In addition, a new Instagram account will be launched in conjunction with the new Facebook presence. The launch date is scheduled for April 2<sup>nd</sup> and the old Facebook page will be phased out concurrently.
- b. Events – (1) Carl Cheng reported the Intermediate level of the April 7th ladder event is now sold out. There are still spaces available for Advanced and Low Intermediate levels. (2) The Tustin Pickleball Drills program now has 120 members and 6 drill leaders. Kurtis Eng recently joined the group as a drill leader.
- c. Facilities – Carl Cheng (on behalf of James Pham) reported we have \$252 credit from Pickleball Central. Carl will use the credit to purchase more pickleballs.
- d. Membership – Terry Wong (on behalf of Beth Arkin) reported we currently have 878 members.

## 8. Adjournment

Terry Wong adjourned the meeting at 2:01 pm. The next board meeting will be April 11, 2024, 11:30 a.m. at Bar Louie.