



Minutes of the Board Meeting

September 20, 2022

The Board of Directors (Board) Meeting of Tustin Pickleball, a California non-profit corporation was held on September 20, 2022 at Taps restaurant in Tustin, CA. Board members in attendance were Richard Llonas, Peggy Marcantel (via phone), Gerry Rowland, Barbara Jones, Beth Arkin, Chris Chu, and Angie Dickey. No Board members were absent.

1. Call to Order

Richard Llonas called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

2. Approval of July 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Chris Chu made a motion to approve the July 19, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes.

Beth Arkin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3. Tax Matter and Large Contributions

Gerry Rowland updated the Board on the state of the club's non-profit status and shared a comprehensive report he prepared for the State of California in order to bring Tustin Pickleball Inc. back into compliance as a Public Charity and provide a current Tax ID number for individuals interested in donating to the club.

4. TUSD Negotiations

Chris Chu identified the need to negotiate with Tustin Unified School District (TUSD) on topics including; increased cleaning and trash pick-up, fixing the cracks in the cement, and expanding restroom availability. Chris will develop a list of discussion topics for the Board to consider at a future meeting.

5. Board Election Process

Sheila Driscoll, (past Board member) informed the Board of the process for conducting Board Member elections for the 2023 Board of Directors. Sheila proposed a schedule for the election activities and requested the participation of two current Board members to serve on a Nominating Committee. Board members Chris Chu and Beth Arkin agreed to serve on this committee.

6. Vacant Board Position Follow-up

In June 2022, a member of Tustin Pickleball attended the Board meeting and offered his services to fill the vacant Secretary position through the end of its term. After much consideration, the Board decided to hold off until the upcoming election to fill this position. At present, the secretarial duties are being handled by Sheila Driscoll, past Director of Communications.

7. Membership Fee

In looking at the club's financials, the Board unanimously agreed upon an increase to the annual membership fee. Effective January 1, 2023, the annual membership fee will increase from \$50 to \$75. However, the Board will be offering an Early Registration incentive. All members who renew their membership by December 31, 2022 will only pay \$50.

8. New Court Layout Proposal

Beth Arkin proposed ideas for reassigning the courts to allow for more challenge courts and to encourage people to play at their appropriate skill level. However, after discussion, the Board agreed to hold off on making any changes to the court assignments at this time.

9. Promotion of Outside Events

In response to requests for the promoting of outside events on the Tustin Pickleball Facebook page, Barbara Jones reminded the Board of its recent decision to only promote events that are occurring at the Tustin Pickleball location. Information on outside tournaments can be found at pickleballtournaments.com.

10. Treasurer's Report

Gerry Rowland provided an update on the club's financial report. Although the club is in a good financial place with ample funds, Gerry informed the Board that the program's operational expenditures slightly exceed the amount of revenue coming in. The Board should be aware of this for its long-term planning.

11. Director's Reports

a. Membership

Angie Dickey reported that the current membership number is over 1,100 members. It was also noted that some non-members are bypassing the check-in desk and entering the courts from the gate at Court 10. The Board will be monitoring this more closely and may begin locking that gate during program hours.

b. Communications

No report this month.

c. Facilities

Chris Chu shared with the Board that the cost of pickleballs has increased significantly. The Board discussed the need to increase the fee from \$2 to \$3 for members purchasing pickleballs onsite. The fee increase will go into effect immediately.

d. Events

No report this month.

12. Adjournment

The Board meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm. The next Board meeting will be held on October 25, 2022.

