

PEBBLECREEK BOCCE ASSOCIATION
WINTER CAPTAINS' MEETING MINUTES
November 6, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 1 pm by Tom Bose, President, and asked for approval of previous captains meeting minutes. Linda Babcock asked for clarification on the stated Tuesday early session starts time. Warm-ups begin at 1PM with a 1:30 start time. Jeff Young made motion to approve; seconded by Bill Fenster.

Treasurers Report:

23/24 beginning balances

 Checking \$1452.67

 Savings \$20,010.99

Current balances

 Checking \$5433.76

 Savings \$20,020.21

Estimates going forward

 Three season's dues combined with starting balance \$13,000

 Annual picnic \$8,000

 Donations \$3,000

 QuickScores \$1500

Old business:

Registration for the fall filled up extremely fast

Winter now has 6 sessions

New cart process has been implemented. When the carts are returned to the shed they must be stored correctly (score post to the wall and tapes on top of the balls). Each clip board should have a new score sheet on it as well as a sharpened pencil.

New business:

This year's winter session will be 15 weeks and contain 80 teams, an increase of 25% over last year. We now have 857 players, an increase of 200 people over last year, and 752 individuals. All teams must submit additions or deletions to their winter rosters by 11/11/23. Replacements are allowed after that if a team loses a member.

Donations of \$1000 per session will be made to local charities to be decided amongst the captains of the winning teams of each session.

With the addition of the Tuesday afternoon time, the Tuesday evening teams CANNOT start early. This includes any open courts, which are reserved for make-up/rescheduled matches.

Garrett Siegers asked if it is possible to canvass the captains, by session, in order to create a list available to captains in order to know the teams amiable to earlier start times (when allowed). This would allow captains to know when it is and is not possible to make requests of other teams. Tom Bose is generating such list.

Orientation for the winter session will be on 11/13/23 at 9 am at the courts. Maryann Bose asks for help from captains during this event, once the new players break off onto the courts in order to practice, for more personal introduction to the game.

Volunteers were called upon to aid in collecting the score sheets on Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday evening, and Friday morning.

Picnic is tentatively set for March 23, 2024 at Sunrise Park. The meal serving time will be reduced to an hour and a half, as some experienced issues when the meal time was longer during the last picnic. The menu will be verified so there aren't surprise items the day of.

Mike Zeman said he was unaware of the new chair rule voted on during the last captains meeting. No chairs may be placed in front of the concrete benches by the courts.

The board will connect with the HOA to check the viability of extending the concrete sidewalk behind the benches, to allow for individual chairs to be used, and the possibility of adding golf cart parking to the area near the shed.

Reminders that there is a first aid kit in the shed and ice packs in the freezer of the sports building.

Maryann detailed continued issues with score sheets. Items include;

- Missing team names and last initial with the first name

- Wins and losses don't match on the top and bottom

- Forgetting which team is which color

There are laminated reference cards detailing how to properly complete score sheets on each cart.

Last year's food drive was such a success; we would like to once again collect at the sports building. Details will be sent out in the near future. Along with collecting food, Tom spoke about the feeling of joy shared by those who volunteered time at the food bank, and would like the club to step up again this year. Members will be notified with information on dates and times.

Hats and visors for new people to the club this winter to be compiled. The board will look into promotional items such as T-shirts and seat cushions for purchase.

Finally, Tom called for the formation of a nomination committee for the upcoming vacancies of President, Treasurer, Statistician, and Secretary. Emphasis was placed on the requirement of a board in order to be a PebbleCreek club. If more people don't get involved the club has the potential to dissolve according to the bylaws.

Registration for the spring session will be shortened from 2/19/24 to 3/4/24. Spring session will begin March 26, 2024 and conclude May 17, 2024.

From the floor:

Bill Fenster- When do teams pay? Answer: by day of first match.

Susan Fallon- Weather cancellations will not be made up as voted on during the last meeting.

Jacob Steele- Possibility of an apparatus to pick up the balls for those in need? Information will be sent to everyone if they choose to personally purchase one.

Will Jenkins- Let the record show “thanks to Tom Bose for his service and to please re-run”

Nancy Cooper- Can we look to start next winter so there is not one week of play and then interruption due to Thanksgiving?

Deb Reilly- Hand sanitizers need to be filled at the courts.

Tom Bose- Court repair has been taken up with the HOA. They are having trouble getting the contractor back

Robin Thomas- Etiquette of walking between courts during play was discussed.

Sue Kvasger - Possibility of a large sign detailing the rules of the courts, prominently displayed for the non-club individuals within the community using the courts. Tom will contact the HOA.

Maryann Bose- No glass containers at the courts whatsoever

Joe Clarkson motion to adjourn the meeting

Will Jenkins second.

Submitted respectfully,

Bob Pahl

Treasurer