

**Timber Pines Pickleball Club
Annual Meeting Minutes
Lodge – Oak Room
March 23, 2016**

President Tom Asbel called the meeting to order at 4:04pm.

Tom Asbel introduced the current officers/directors. A total of 44 members attended.

President's Report – Tom Asbel

Whereas, in March of 2015, the club showed an increase in membership of 20% over the prior three years, the figures for just the current year have exploded with a better than 100% (90 to 187) growth rate. As impressive as these numbers are, it is just a real reflection how the sport is growing (68% annually, nationally), thus a need for expansion of the facilities at Timber Pines is a must.

With that in mind, officers of our club have officially approached the Timber Pines Board of Directors requesting six dedicated Pickle Ball courts now, and ultimately, eight courts (10-year plan). We are waiting for a response. In mean time, Tom is encouraging all to let the Board know exactly how much we like the sport and the need for the new courts.

Collection of membership fees, and the physical year for accounting purposes, are currently out of step and creating problems. Tom suggested to change the By-Laws; see "order-of-business" below for results.

A suggestion was also made by Tom to play with the bright green balls all the time, including tournaments. They are softer than the orange ones, and possibly slow down the game (hardly noticeable on our level) but last at least three times longer. Since balls are our main expense, this is a prudent financial decision. Members voted; see "order-of-business" below for results.

Treasurer's Report-Bruce McClean

Bruce reported two fiscal control documents have been put in place, which are directed at dealing with details tied to revenue intake & expenditures for both social & tournament events.

The aim is two fold. First there will be financially related documentation for events, and secondly, it avoids surprises to the Club, if a subsidy for the event is warranted.

Events coordinators are required to detail revenue streams for events, as well as expenditures along with accompanying invoices. This will result in better fiscal transparency. It was requested that such event reports be posted on the Web Site for member information. That will be done.

Bruce explained that events can draw revenue from entry fees, as well as supporting draws (50/50) to cover costs, whereas expenses could involve prizes (medals) gift certificates (Cove Restaurant) & any community donation that may result from the event (Deltona Elementary School supplies - \$100) as was done from the Member Guest tournament in February. It is expected that events will be run on a break even basis unless an event is approved with a subsidy.

Current Balance in the bank is \$2388.71, but there are two outstanding checks for a total of \$46.05 resulting in a real balance of \$2342.66.

There was discussion about a Club Operating Budget versus banking information. The Treasurer will be requesting that the President at the start of 2017 outline an operating budget, as since inception of the Club (2010) no budget has been produced. This will allow the Club members to see what the projected revenues and expenses for the year may be anticipated. The Club under the direction of this Board continues to move in a direction to improve the quality of its financial controls. To date, expenditure focus has been as needed and tied to banking, with the main expenditures being for equipment (balls) and web hosting services

Order of Business

The By-Laws were altered to (1) collect the annual membership fees during January, (2) have that membership cover the period 1/1/xx to 12/31/xx, (3) the fee itself to be ten dollars per member, (4) the fee entitling the member to membership privileges only for that year, (5) definition of a member and a member's guests, and (6) definition of privileges given to member's guests. The motion to alter as stated was given by Larry Pierce, seconded by Pieter Trappenburg, and passed by a show of hands.

Since balls are our main expense, the membership overwhelmingly adopted a suggestion by club president Tom Asbel to play with the softer green balls all the time. The motion to vote on this was given by Lynn Thompson, seconded by Larry Pierce and passed by a show of hands.

Nominations – Gino DiAmbrosio

Gino reported that no new candidates for any board positions had been received. A motion was made by Roxanne DiAmbrosio to keep the board as is, seconded by Larry Pierce and passed by show of hands. So the officers elected for 2016 are: Tom Asbel, President; Gino Ambrosio, Vice President; Bruce McClean, Treasurer, and Bill Schneider, Secretary.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:32pm.

Respectfully submitted for review,

Pieter Trappenburg