



## **SOPA Board Meeting Minutes June 27, 2022**

In Attendance: George Morgan, DeAnn Winters, Chelsea Broesder, Cori Frank, Nani Nakamatsu

George, the SOPA President has a Declaration that "SOPA will continue and we will prevail!" In light of two recent resignations from Norman Eisenberg our marketing director and Paul Jones with the SOPA Foundation Board. Our current board has great potential and we are on an upward trajectory and ready to grow and improve the organization.

### **New Agenda Items**

1. Brainstorm priorities for the next couple of months and set a rough order for those priorities. After discussing our goals here is the list:
  - a. George will be a liaison to the city for Pickleball advocacy.
    - i. We would like to establish a liaison in each area listed below to become involved with their designated city council. They would be the voice, eyes and ears for SOPA to inform us of vital information needed, reading the minutes of their designated city council meetings and being informed of what is on the upcoming agenda. Cori Frank is on the city council of Ashland and could help give guidance to those interested in becoming involved.
  - b. We will establish court monitors for each pickleball court. We have made a list of possible candidates and will contact each one to see if they would be interested. The responsibilities of the court monitors will be to survey the equipment for replacement/repairs. Be the eyes and ears for issues pertaining to the courts.
    - i. Jacksonville - Pheasant Meadows
    - ii. Medford - Fichtner, Holmes, North Medford, Cedar Links, Village Center
    - iii. Ashland - Lithia Park
    - iv. Central Point - Don Jones
    - v. Eagle Point/White City
2. Fichtner update - Lining of the courts
  - a. George will speak with Rich to find out if they will be lining the east front tennis courts which have lights for pickleball play. He has been told to contact the company who does the resurfacing of the courts and find out when they will be coming out to survey the courts. If the time frame is too far in the future George will ask Rich if we can contract a company to have the lines painted or get a crew to do it ourselves.

3. Tournament Recap (short version) - We discussed the possibility of running our own tournament and not going through PIG which will bring more revenue to our fundraising. We will need to research software programs, talk with people who have already run their own tournaments for guidance and feasibility. This will take a whole village for this to be a success.
4. Social Activities - We are setting up 3 events for the following days:
  - a. July 14th - Thursday at Holmes, 5:30pm
  - b. August 8th (National Pickleball Day) - Monday at Don Jones, 5:30pm
  - c. September 17th - Saturday at Lithia, 5:30pm
  - d. The event will be Pizza and Pickleball - Nani and DeAnn to meet and set up events.
  - e. Future events - Clinics, Ladder/Leagues, Team Play and Jamborees
5. Bylaws - To be reviewed by an attorney, make any revisions and then sign and post on the website.
6. New Board Members - Grant Coordinator, Social Activity Coordinator, Membership Coordinator, Instruction Coordinator and Marketing or Fundraising.
  - a. We will table these positions for now and circle back around once the need arises for each position.
7. Equipment Review - need to set a date for the board members/volunteers to go through our equipment inventory and see what we can salvage.
8. Board meetings to be every 3rd Monday of each month beginning July 18th. Meetings will start at 5:15pm and the location will be Chelsea's office. Minutes of the meetings will be posted to the website for open communication with our members. It was also suggested that we post the agenda for upcoming meetings and see if any members have questions or feedback to be discussed at the board meeting.

### **Action Items**

1. George to contact Jack Methot to discuss documents for The Foundation.
2. George to contact Paul Jones for Bylaws review.
3. Choose a date for equipment review.

Meeting adjourned: 8:40pm

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Read and approved: George Morgan