



SOPA Board Meeting Minutes July 18, 2022

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

Process for Minutes of the board meetings

The minutes will be transcribed by the secretary (Nani) 2-3 days after the board meeting and then emailed to the board members for review. It will also be shared in google docs with the ability to edit. Editing will only happen if a board member disagrees with the information/conversation pertaining to that particular board member. If corrections need to be made pertaining to the group or general information then the comments section in google docs should be used to have secretary (Nani) edit and make corrections. All board members will review the minutes and sign off that they have approved the minutes. The minutes will then be posted on the SOPA website.

Update on Court Monitors

A court monitor will take the responsibility to survey the equipment on an on-going basis for replacement/repairs. They will also be the eyes and ears for SOPA with any issues in regards to the courts. We will recruit court monitors for each city's court site. We have already recruited Michael R. for Holmes Park and Ron Owen for Lithia Park. Cory will ask Faye Haynes for Jacksonville and Jack Potap for Don Jones Park. DeAnn will speak to Dean Paddison for Fichtner Park. Chelsea will speak with Bruce Garretto for N Medford School and Barry Brown for Eagle Point. We will also recruit a Main Court Monitor to be the contact person for all of the designated court monitors. When an issue arises the court monitors will report the issue to the Main Court Monitor who will in turn contact the board to report the incident. Cory will speak with Ron Owen to see if he would be interested in being the Main Court Monitor.

Equipment Review

The board will set a date for the members/volunteers to go to each site and inspect all nets, frames, bags and paddle holders. It was suggested that we

use the same brand of nets and frames for all sites. We need to sort through the equipment and salvage what we can or what to discard. We will then number and label each frame and net to coordinate with the number of the bag. Once we have completed sorting and numbering the bags we can meet up with the court monitor for the designated site and review what equipment is in the box.

Chelsea reported what SOPA has contributed to each site in the past. Jacksonville was provided \$193.96 for new bags and nets. Fichtner was provided \$89.97 for new nets. Holmes was provided \$59.98 for new bags. The city of Central Point bought all new nets for Don Jones. The boxes are provided by each designated city. We need a new box for Holmes Park.

Pizza and Pickle/Social Activities

Our Pizza and Pickle was a success! We had 32 attendees and out of those we signed up 2 family memberships and 1 individual membership. George spoke to the crowd and highlighted the importance of joining SOPA along with the benefits of being a member. We ate together and got to know each other. Everyone had a lot of fun playing the pickleball games!

We made \$310 dollars on our raffle drawing and sold 3 t-shirts for a total of \$360 dollars. Our expenses totaled \$326.80.

Our next event will be held on National Pickleball Day, August 8th at Don Jones Park. We will ask everyone to bring a shareable snack.

Ladder Play

Nani contacted Lisa McGoffin to ask if she would share her ladder program with SOPA. She readily agreed and will teach Nani and George how to use the program. SOPA will start a Ladder for a Women's 3.75 - 4.5 skill level. This will be a 6 week session and will be a closed session. There will be a cost to join the ladder which will be determined at a later date. The women who join the ladder will be committed to the program for the 6 weeks and if they cannot make a session they are responsible to get a substitute. We would like to have reserved courts at Fichtner for the Ladder. It was suggested by Cory that George speak with Rich Rosenthal to volunteer free clinics for underprivileged kids in exchange for free court usage for the ladder. We will set a date and time and announce the Ladder session at our August 8th event.

If this is a success we will then open up the ladder play to other skill levels, men's ladder play and mixed doubles. We can also look at starting a World Pickleball Event in the future. This consists of a team of 2 women and 2 men. The women play a game against another team along with the men and then a mixed doubles game. It's a great format that Grants Pass is currently doing.

Clinics

SOPA will be scheduling a clinic for the skill level of 3.0 - 3.5. The clinic will be a series of classes where each individual can sign up for all sessions or pick what sessions they would like to sign up for. The lesson of each clinic and the date and times TBD

Fundraiser at Agave

Cory spoke with Jake Brown of Agave restaurant to do a fundraiser for SOPA which will be held on August 15th, Monday at 5:30pm. It will be a taco bar and it is suggested that if anyone wants to purchase alcohol they can do so on their own. The price for admission will only include the taco bar. The restaurant can accommodate 100 people. SOPA would reimburse Jake for his costs and the rest of the proceeds would be donated to SOPA. Jake would need to know the total count 1 week prior for the taco bar. Cory will be the contact person for Jake.

The questions raised were:

1. How much food is each individual allowed?
2. What time frame will the food be served?
3. Should we do any raffle prizes or do a silent auction?
4. Do we have an estimated cost for Jake's expenses so we know what to charge for admission?

Meeting adjourned: 7:10pm

Next meeting is August 15th at 5:15pm at Chelsea's office

Minutes reviewed and approved by all board members digitally. (George)