



## **SOPA Board Meeting Minutes August 15, 2022**

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

### **Minutes reviewed and approved - see revision**

#### **Don Jones Social Event Summary**

We changed the format of our social event and added a clinic for 3.5+ beginning at 4:00pm. We had approximately 30 attendees. The clinic was run by George Morgan with the help of DeAnn Winter and Ben Briles. The clinic consisted of strategy and drills. After the clinic the social aspect of the evening commenced with people bringing snacks to share and getting to know each other. Although the day was scorching hot, everyone had a good time. The cost of the event was \$50 to reserve the courts. We made \$100 dollars on the raffle, \$105 for the clinic fees and \$20 for a t-shirt sale. The grand total of \$225 and 1 new member. Overall another success!

#### **Update on Court Monitors**

Currently we have recruited Michael R. for Holmes Park, Ron Owen for Lithia Park, Scott Mills for Jacksonville, Jack Potap for Don Jones Park, Bruce Garetto for N Medford School and Barry Brown for Little Butte in Eagle Point. We still need to recruit someone for Fichtner.

#### **Date Change for Lithia (Social #3) Event?**

The question was brought up whether we should cancel the event at Lithia in lieu of the Agave Fundraiser which Cori is setting up with Jake Brown, owner of the restaurant. The event will be a taco bar and customers will buy their own alcohol. Cori will ask if September 12th or the 19th (preferably the 19th) is available in order for us to market the event properly for a good turn out due to the fact that Jake needs a head count one week prior to the event. Jake's cost will be approximately \$10 a head. We will need to ask Cori if volunteers will be needed.

Since we will not be holding the event at Lithia (unless Agave falls through) the idea of having a Town Hall Meeting which was planned for our Lithia event will be tabled until October. The Town Hall Meeting format is to be open to all who come to the event to ask any questions pertaining to Pickleball for future planning. SOPA would like to get any and all feedback from the community on what they would like to see happen in Southern Oregon for Pickleball etiquette on courts, level of play, events, etc...

#### **Ladder Play Update**

Nani, Lisa McGoffin and George met to discuss how Lisa's ladder program works. She shared a document that she put together explaining how a ladder works and details of the format of play and point system. It also explains how the ladder scores are calculated and

attached were copies of the scorecards. We reviewed the spreadsheet and after seeing how complex the program can be George agreed to look over the spreadsheet that Lisa created and hopefully formulate shortcuts to make administrative work as easy as possible. SOPA will start a Ladder for a Women's 3.75 - 4.25 skill level. This will be a 6 week session and will be a closed session. There will be a cost to join the ladder, \$30 for members and \$60 for non-members. 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 will have reserved courts at Fichtner for the Ladder to avoid any disruptions of play. SOPA will provide the balls and hopefully new nets. George will contact Rich Rosenthal to see if we can get free court usage for the ladder or a discounted price. George will put an interest survey on our website along with sending out an email. We might also consider word of mouth along with posting on Playtime Scheduler. We are looking to get 20 to 30 players.

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 two mixed doubles games. It's a great format that Grants Pass is currently doing.

### **Net Replacement Project (new item)**

Chelsea will research what is the best net to purchase and see what the cost will be. Chelsea will ask the city of Central Point if they get equipment at a discount and if we could use them as a resource. She is also contacting Santos Center to see where they purchased their nets and what the cost was.

### **Grant Writing**

Cori has asked Amy's Kitchen for \$5,000 thousand dollars in grant money for a youth program and will hear back in a few weeks. There is grant money here in Southern Oregon but we need someone to drive it. This is a position that we could post on our website.

Chelsea posed an idea regarding us to combine with other clubs in order for us to have more resources. After some discussion it was determined that having occasional meetings or combined events would be beneficial, but we should remain a separate entity since our association is still young and growing.

### **Donations**

It was brought to our attention that on the website the total donations for the new courts show an amount of \$135. The amount should not imply how much we have raised for new courts. For example: the foundation receives funds made from the SOPA tournament as they are a 501(c)(3) so the funds are not reflected on the SOPA page. We need to get the information from the foundation as to how much was raised for the new courts at Fichtner. George to clean up the donation page to say "For this fiscal year the donation amount is \_\_\_\_\_".

### **Signage for Lithia and other locations**

It was discussed to get signage boards to put up at Lithia and other locations posting etiquette guidelines along with SOPA information/events. It was suggested that we put the board's pictures and information so that someone could recognize us and ask questions/concerns/suggestions if needed. We voted not to post our pictures on the board. We suggested steering them to our website.

### **Business Plan and Bylaws update**

Currently no change

Meeting adjourned: 7:15pm

Next meeting is combined with the Agave event on the 19th unless we hear otherwise.

### **REVIEWED and APPROVED:**

- Reviewed, one comment as noted. Chelsea 8/19/2022 - Reviewed a second time 8/20/2022. Looks good to me.
- Reviewed and approved by George
- Reviewed and approved by DeAnn
- Reviewed and approved by Nani