



Mac Pickleball Club Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: April 8, 2024 at the Community Center.

Item 1. Call to order at 6:00 pm. Seven board members present for quorum: **Cheryl Shockey, Randy Ransom, Cheryl Nangeroni, Austin Toth, Laura Kenow, Wayne Bailey, and Jackson Darling.** (*Absent, Lori Wallick due to tennis coaching*)

Item 2. Presentation by Susan Muir, Parks and Recreation director, and Zack Geary, City Councilor, regarding updated plans for the new Recreation + Aquatic Center. The Memorandum of Understanding, for the property on Riverside Drive, will expire if a bond measure does not pass by November 2025. The City and the Parks department are in favor of new buildings to house the Community and Aquatic Centers, with two gymnasiums, outdoor facilities to be determined, and a remodel of the Senior Center. Zack Geary is worried as the amount is close to \$115 million, almost double other successful bond measures here for roads, fire department, etc.

A national recommendation of population to pickleball courts is 1-court per 9,000 residents. But we have much more interest here, so P+R is stating we have now, a ratio of 1-court per 5,000 residents.

From Susan Muir's clarifying email, "Essentially, what the plan says is it's a goal for the city to build and maintain 10 outdoor courts total over the next 20 years.

Related to how, when and where we get to that number 10 is less definitive right now and will be determined with a number of factors that we may or may not have or know about right now.

For example, if there's a great grant opportunity, or partners come to the table, or a really great location comes up, the City could try and move on something sooner rather than later.

The numbers I referenced for outdoor facilities do not include the existing indoor courts at the Community Center, and they don't reflect the proposed indoor courts as part of the MacPAC/ Rec Center project.

Payment for Parks and Recreation budgets comes from city taxes, so does not account for use by rural residents, or from visitors from out of state, from the coast, or Portland Metropolitan area.

Parks + Recreation is looking for partners... our Pickleball Club, the School District, the City, and others yet to be identified. They want to make the facilities affordable for everyone, so are not looking at possible revenue streams for ongoing maintenance.

The feeling by Susan Muir is that the current City Park courts are not in a good location for expansion, or tournaments due to noise concerns, parking, and the demand for use of the two existing tennis courts... the only ones the city owns.

In answer to a question about the partnership by the county, it was said that the county deals with rural parks, not urban parks.

Visit Mac has also said there has been a loss of big events here due to lack of hotel rooms.

Zack Geary challenged us to find out more about the Lane County 24-court project, and to get a list of requirements for varying size tournaments, so our courts can be built to qualify.

We are asked to look at the McMinvilleParksPlan.com, to see more information and find relevant points about Pickleball, plus use the comment section.

Item 2. Second call to order at 6:45 pm Review and approval of November Minutes: The February Board Meeting Minutes were approved as written. No January or March meeting held.

Item 3. Reports from Treasurer and Secretary

3a. Treasurer's Report: Starting balance 3/04/24 of \$10,523.89 Ending balance, 4/08/24 of \$10,511.05. Income from drop-in fees at Armory, plus memberships; expenses from Armory rental and party food. \$1125 Armory income, membership from PayPal, \$376.83; Expenses: Armory rent \$840.00; \$50 Form 990 nonprofit filing fee, January Armory and March Shamrock party food and decorations, \$264.67.

Item 3b. Secretary's Report:

Membership 289 Members as of April 8, 2024

New Members: 10 + 9 renewal:

New members: Graham Seaton; Larry Moffett and Gabriela Bakkes; Bruce McAllister; Jo Johnson; Kristin Alexander; Deborah Broocks; Elizabeth Fergus + family; Thomas Payne.

Renewals: Cheri Higgins; Susie + Ron Bamer; Janell Fehlen + Cary Moller; Matt Baker; Sue Bell; Tim + Rachelle Overholser + family.

Shamrock Shuffle on March 16th was a big success, even though it was our first very warm-weather day. 58 club members came to play, with 16 level A; 34 level B, and 8 level C. The food cost \$200, and the rental for the courts was \$400, so an average cost of \$10 per member. Lots of compliments from all who attended, liking the play, the facility, and the food!

Item 4 Old Business

Item 4a. Survey Monkey questions: The Board discussed the status of the proposed survey and the feedback that will be received. Revisions to the survey will be made by Austin Toth, and it will be circulated to the membership soon. Austin is authorized to pay for the survey so we can get more comments than a free survey allows.

Item 4b. Signs for city courts: some changes to levels of play for Advanced nights, plus changes to hours approved. Cost \$25 per 17 x 22 sign, and \$12.50 for 8.5 x 11 signs. Ordering two of each. Cheryl Nangeroni is authorized to spend the \$75 to have the signs made at Copy Cabana. Corrugated vinyl with corner grommets for attaching to fencing.

Item 5 New Business

5a. Dues lowering proposal by Randy Ransom: Discussion was not in favor, as we want to have our treasury in good shape for help in partnering for new courts.

5b. Ladies' Night Coordinator: Cheryl Nangeroni has resigned after 4-years as the Ladies' Night coordinator. Duties include welcoming current and new players and asking them to sign in, putting out court level signs and club balls, conduction of busy time 4-in/out play, and dealing with the public to let them know it is a special evening play.

It was decided to NOT have any coordinator, or hostesses at Ladies' Night, just to have it be Open Play for the month of May to see how it works out. It was noted that on Monday evenings, The Ground has advanced play, and the Newberg club offers advanced play for women.

5c. Summer Fun Clinic: Save the date for us to run a clinic, **August 10, 2024, 10-11:30 am.**

5d. Inter-club matches offered: Jackson Darling said we have been invited to play in some inter-club matches with the Newberg Pickleball Club (100 members). One match would be hosted by Newberg, one by McMinnville. Dates suggested: June 1-2; 8-9; July 13-14, 20-21.

The feeling was that the July dates would be best.

5d. Board Retreat! Wednesday, May 1st, 4:00 to 7:00 pm.

At the Mac Market, 1140 NE Alpine Avenue. In the upstairs dining area.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday!! May 1, at 4:00 PM

Re-Submitted April 29, 2024

Cheryl Nangeroni, Membership and Communications Director