

**Bellingham Pickleball Club
Board Meeting
January 15, 2024 6:30 pm
Zoom**

Board Members Present:

Barbara Beer, Eric Roeder, Laura Sanderson, John Bailey, Jodi Mackey, Nancy Molinaro, Steve Gibbs, and Molly Hammar. Also present, Lynn Spangler, John Hatten, and April Katz.

Quorum:

President Barbara Beer noted there was a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

Minutes of December 11, 2023 Board meeting:

It was noted that the minutes of the December 11, 2023, board meeting were approved by email.

Old Business:

Jodi updated the Board on her efforts to earn favorable interest on the club's money. She has moved money from checking and savings to interest bearing CD's of various lengths.

Steve presented a draft budget. The Board discussed the draft and asked questions. Bellis Fair indoor courts are breaking even or better at this time. Steve made a motion to approve the budget, seconded and approved without dissent.

There are people who are signing up and playing at the schools but not paying. TiH is being updated to avoid this and should be completed in the next few days.

The memorandum of understanding with the Parks Department needs to be reviewed and revised if necessary. Eric will send a copy of the current MOU to the board for review and then discussion. Dana Miller will likely be our representative with the Parks Department.

New Business:

April Katz, a representative of The Airow Project, presented that group's desire to bring adaptive/inclusive pickleball to those with disabilities. April would like our Club members to consider volunteering with The Airow Project to introduce pickleball to those individuals. They currently play twice a week at Volli and are interested in putting on a tournament as a fundraiser for their organization. John Hatten mentioned there is tentatively a tournament scheduled for September, maybe the fundraiser for The Airow Project can be combined with that tournament. We will work soon on getting the word

out regarding volunteers for The Airow Project's weekly play sessions at Volli and work on the tournament idea later. April was advised that we will get back to her after our February board meeting.

Committee documentation on the google drive is out of date and needs to be cleaned up.

How can we better serve 4.0+ players? Barbara has talked to Rong about organizing events for that group. Barbara will continue talking to Rong about hosting events for 4.0+ members.

Barbara is still working on analysis of the member survey. Discussion tabled.

There being no further business John made a motion to adjourn, seconded and carried without dissent.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Molly Hammar