

**Bellingham Pickleball Club
Board Meeting
October 9, 2023 6:30 pm
Zoom**

Board Members Present:

Barbara Beer, Eric Roeder, Jodi Mackey, Laura Sanderson, John Bailey, Steve Gibbs, Stephen McDowall, and Molly Hammar.

Others Present: Mei Sei Thompson

Quorum:

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

Minutes of September 1, 2023 Board meeting:

Eric made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded and carried without dissent.

Old Business:

Steve Gibbs is still waiting for some committee budgets.

Board meeting minutes will be sent by Molly to Eric for review and distribution. The minutes will be distributed to the communications committee after they have been approved. At each meeting we will document, during the meeting, the information that needs to go to the communications committee that is urgent.

Last year the board said anything that went out to the board by email and received unanimous approval would be treated as if we had had a vote at a board meeting. There is a document that needs to be filed with the minutes that documents the vote was done by email. Eric will take care of that.

Eric made a motion that we modify the club's liability waiver as per the email that was circulated in the last few weeks. Seconded and carried without dissent.

Our club has several webmail accounts and a Gmail account. Communications will monitor the emails from TrackItHub. Barbara and Eric will talk to Travis at TrackItHub about getting a separate Gmail account for TrackItHub and TrackItHub issues. Barbara will talk to Keith Turley about the numerous webmail accounts.

Barbara will get questions for a current member survey to the communications committee, they will put together the survey and get it out to members. The communications committee will also put together and send out a non-returning member survey once those survey questions are sent to them.

New Business:

Barbara introduced guest Mei Sei Thompson who presented a request from the Bellingham Senior Center to provide their members one or two orientation sessions in their auditorium.

Laura made a motion that we agree to try and find a way to provide two different orientation times this winter at the Senior Center including providing one or two instructors. Seconded and carried without dissent.

Using TrackItHub the members payments to play at Bellingham indoor school gyms will be collected through PayPal or Stripe and either will take a cut. The cost will be included at time of signup. We will try to get tape for the floors that is easier to remove. Barbara made a motion that the cost will be the cost of the facility plus PayPal, or Stripe charges rounded up to the next dollar. Seconded and carried without dissent.

Barbara will talk to TrackItHub about making it mandatory for members to pay at the time they sign up for a school gym event. There will be no refunds.

Superusers will be decided by Barbara and Eric.

Communications is creating the renewal emails, and they will send an advance email advising members of the changes that are coming. There is additional member information that is needed, for both club use and TrackItHub use.

TrackItHub records member rating in half's only, i.e., 2.0, 2.5, 3.0 3.5. Members can only have one rating and can only be in one rating group, unless they pay for a second membership.

Moving to TrackItHub the members will be able to set their level of privacy.

Barbara has asked Rong if she will create the TrackItHub import file when it is needed. She will need to know what day we are going live so she knows when to send to Travis.

On TrackItHub the next membership renewal date in most cases will be one year from the date a member last paid. Current members will be imported into TrackItHub as well as those people who did not renew in June. Steve McDowall made a motion that for non-current members we make them active for one year from when they last paid with the only exception being the promise that was made to members who paid in May or June, if a promise was made to them then we have to keep that promise, they have a membership from one year from when they last paid. After much discussion, the motion was seconded and carried without dissent. Members will be notified by TrackItHub that they have been migrated into the new system. Barbara will suggest the notification from TrackItHub include a request that members check the information, including their rating and if member has played in any leagues or tournaments to heavily weigh those

outcomes. Members cannot change their rating in TrackItHub after the initial setup. To change a rating, members will need to email a group admin to change their rating. Members can change their social rating.

Laura is still working on getting the indoor space for the club for winter play.

A discussion regarding the negotiating team and all other agenda items we have not discussed were tabled.

Eric and John have looked at the Ferndale school gym as an option for play, the gyms are nice. Eric will contact the administrator in charge of renting the gym for specifics.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Molly Hammar