



Minutes of the BOD Meeting
October 25, 2024, 11:15am
Citrus Cafe, Tustin

The Board meeting of Tustin Pickleball, a California non-profit corporation was held at 11:15 am at Citrus Cafe, Tustin on October 25, 2024. Board members in attendance were Terry Wong, Chiko Wong, Beth Arkin, Carl Cheng, Bonnie Goodman, Greg Goodman, Stella Inta, Gerry Rowland and JoAnn Spiegel.

1. Call to Order

Terry Wong called meeting to order on 11:24 a.m.

2. Approval of September 18, 2024

The meeting minutes of September 18, 2024 were approved via email.

3. President Report

- a. Terry Wong obtained three bids from contractors for resurfacing/repainting the courts. Two bids were in the high \$70K's, one bid was \$55K. All bids were quoted using prevailing wages as required by TUSD. The Board agreed to proceed with the low bidder TrueLine Construction & Surfacing. Terry Wong will meet with TUSD to start the approval process and set a start date for early 2025 (the courts will have to be closed for up to two weeks). The Board also agreed to replace the two damaged benches as part of this project.
- b. The next court cleaning is scheduled for November 10, 2024 which was delayed due to scheduled Sunday events on 10/27 and 11/3.

4. VP Report

Chiko Wong reported he has booked the courts through June 2025. Once the calendar is open for July through December he will submit our permit requests for the remainder of the year.

The survey from the second Team Challenge event was very positive. There were several suggestions from members which will be taken into consideration for next year's events.

5. Treasurer Report

Gerry Rowland reported our finances remain strong. The majority of our cash has been put into a money market fund to earn interest. In addition to funding next year's court painting project, our club is able to fund operations and planned special events through the remainder of the year.

6. Items for Discussion

a. The nominees for the 2025 BOD are as follows:

- President - Terry Wong
- Vic President - Chiko Wong
- Secretary - Jennifer Beall, Barbara Gerovac
- Communications - Bonnie Goodman
- Events - Carl Cheng
- Facilities - Jimmy Ogata
- Membership - Julie Cho, Greg Goodman

b. Club Events for 2025 – The board agreed to plan for 7 tournament events next year - 2 Team Challenges, 3 Ladders, and 2 Round Robins. Dates for the Team Challenge and Ladder events will be determined over the next few weeks in order to request court permits as soon as possible for 2025.

c. News & Info page – As an alternative to publishing a quarterly newsletter, Terry Wong suggested we develop a news and information page on our website to streamline communication and allow our members to contribute articles and content that may be of interest to our members. No final decision has been made; this topic will be revisited in future Board meetings.

d. The following suggestions from members were discussed and the Board agreed not to go forward with the following items.

1. Partnership with Rosanna Chen to sell and stock pickleball-related merchandise
Reason – We are not organized and staffed to support the proposed partnership.
 2. Disallow drop ins on Saturdays
Reason – Weekends have been popular for out of town players to try Tustin Pickleball. We want to continue to serve the broader pickleball community.
 3. Player rotation suggestion to eliminate the 3 paddle rule across courts
Reason – Although not perfect, the current 3 paddle rule has been in place for several years and has worked well to balance wait times across courts. More details will be added to the Policy of Play to address timing issues.
 4. Free Membership for seniors 80 & older
Reason – To avoid the extra overhead of managing discounted/free memberships to multiple demographic groups, the club offers one low rate to all members.
- e. Vulcan vs Franklin pickleballs – Greg Goodman purchased 200 Vulcan pickleballs as a trial to see if members would prefer them over Franklin pickleballs. If there is no preference, we will remain with Franklin as our standard ball.

7. Director Updates

- a. Communications – Bonnie Goodman reported there are no updates.
- b. Events – Carl Cheng reported that feedback on the live ball sessions conducted over the past weeks was very positive. However it was clear that live ball sessions are best suited for intermediate and advanced intermediate players. To serve all levels, including beginners, live ball will go back to Wednesdays only with drill instruction topics resuming the week of November 4th. Carl also reported that the drill program now has 167 members in TeamReach.
- c. Facilities – Greg Goodman reported that the batteries for the leaf blowers are now fully charged. The power outlet by court 10 is does not work, so batteries will have to be charged offsite until further notice.
- d. Membership – Beth Arkin reported since October 1 we have 168 new members with the exception of a few that are renewals. Our current membership is now 1,244.

8. Adjournment

Terry Wong adjourned the meeting at 1:38pm. The next Board meeting will be a General meeting on November 4, 10am at the Tustin Courts.