



St. James Pickleball Association

Encouraging play, good sportsmanship, friendly competition, and fun on and off the courts

Summary of Meeting Minutes with Board and Chairs

Date: February 13, 2024

In Attendance:

George Johnson	President
Christine Cournoyer	Vice President
Paula Franken	Secretary
Chris Romig	Treasurer
Al Hausmann	Communications Chair (outgoing)
Diana Kelly	Communications Chair (incoming)
Liz Wilson	Social Chair
Jeff Franken	Tournaments and Events Chair
Cynthia Mendoza	Instruction Committee Chair

Guests: Kent Silhanek and Brandee Donnelly.

Absent: Kathy Goliszek – Sunshine Committee Chair

Al Hausmann resigns

Al Hausmann announced that he was resigning his position as Communications Chair and Webmaster effective immediately. Following the SJPA Bylaws, the Board voted unanimously that Diana Kelly take his place as Chair of Communications. The Board thanked Al for the tremendous work that he has done for the pickleball community over the years .

Topics Covered

Clarification of Use of the SJPA Facebook Page and SJPA website

The SJPA Facebook page is primarily for court updates, clinic announcements, lost and found items and other appropriate member postings. It is also a place where members can communicate with each other (e.g., ask questions, look for someone to play with, etc.). The Communications team monitors this page, deletes inappropriate posts, and refers

comments/questions to the board for their input (if no one on the board has responded). Links are not allowed on the SJPA Facebook page due to security concerns.

Likes and comments are not allowed on the SJPA website.

Lessons and New to Pickleball clinics on weekends

As of 2/17, Jason will be offering clinics on Saturdays from 1:30 to 2:00, followed by private lessons.

Facility Updates

Kent Silhanek reported that:

- The shade structure for Seaside will be installed soon.
- Pot holes at Rymer have been filled

Greg Rymer Memorial Tournament

The men's 3.0 division was dropped due to low demand and a mixed doubles division was added and has already filled.

Cape Fear Intercommunity League

The SJPA will have minimal involvement with the CFIL as it is not an SJPA event. We will advertise the League on our website but will not take sign ups there. People should contact Cathy Rollins if they're interested in participating.

SJPA clothing and other merchandise

Dave at *Have a Shirt Made* on OKI has the artwork for the St. James Pickleball logo and will fill orders placed through a link to his store on our website.

Whiteboard sessions

There are still concerns with attendance at whiteboard sessions and confusion over levels of play. The Board is considering the concerns members have shared with us and is working with Troon to come up with a plan that will work for as many members as possible. The board will send recommendations to Troon for consideration as soon as possible.

Sunshine committee

In the past, Sunshine Cards were only sent to SJPA members who had lost a child or a spouse.

From now on, Sunshine Committee outreach will extend to spouses and/or other family members as follows:

- Sunshine Cards will be sent to members who have lost a parent, a sibling or an in-law.
- Baked goods or flowers will be delivered to SJA members with an extended injury or illness.
- Gift will be given to any member who loses a spouse.

Tournaments and Events

The Winter Classic event was a success. It was split into two time slots and the King of the Court method of rotating players was well received.

The Valentine's event will also be split into two time slots and the King of the Court format will be used.

All Aboard: A fun new tournament, open to all levels, is being planned for May 17 and 18 at the Rymer Courts with a social event to be held at Woodlands Park on May 15. Details will be forthcoming.

Social Events

\$2,105 in donations for Mathew's Ministry were raised at the Winter social event. The Social Committee Chair will coordinate with Mathew's Ministry and the board for a time that a check for the donation can be delivered.

The Progressive Dinner will be held on 3/15

The Community Center has been booked for November 14 for the Annual Membership meeting.

Surveys

A 10-question survey has been developed and will be used for feedback after the Valentine's event. The frequency of the surveys will be discussed at future meetings.

Weekly Beginner Round Robin

The SJPA website will be updated to allow people to unregister from the Beginner Round Robin on the day of the event. Registration for the following Wednesday will now be opened on Thursday mornings and the limit will be capped at 14.

Other

An initial list of facility needs was discussed at the meeting. An updated list will be further developed and will be sent to Troon before the next meeting. The updated list and any feedback that the board receives from Troon or SJPA members will be discussed at the March meeting.

Submitted By: Paula Franken; February 20, 2023