

BOCCE BOARD/MEMBERSHIP MEETING 4-10-24

The meeting was called to order by John Bowes at 1:00 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Bowes, Co- Leader
Douglas McArthur, Co-Leader
Dovie Jarnagin, Scribe
Sarah Brant, Events Coordinator/PairingPartners for Bocce League Play
Ed Powderly, Past President
Karen Lockett, Fun Bocce
Larry Talbert, Maintenance

There were a total of 10 Bocce Club members present

AROUND THE TABLE BOARD MEMBERS DISCUSSION;

Sarah Brant reported on the Lancaster Childrens Home Outing for the girls which was held on April 6, 2024. There were plenty of volunteers from SCCL and Lancaster Childrens Home to help. Everyone enjoyed bocce play and a nice lunch. There were 10 girls present.

SCCL will host the boys on April 20th and provide lunch. We have enough volunteers for that day.

Sarah only had one person who had contacted her wanting to play on a bocce league and she will try to find a team needing an additional player.

FUN BOCCE;

Karen Lockett stated that Fun Bocce is strong. The start time for Fun Bocce will change beginning in May from 10AM to 9 AM. Fun Bocce has been so popular that Karen has had to create a wait list on some mornings. Karen suggested that it might be helpful for those wanting to play Fun Bocce to attend an orientation meeting on the bocce courts (held the 2nd Saturday of the month) before playing for the first time. John Bowes asked about additional Fun Bocce play at a later time but no decision was made.

BOCCE COURT MAINTENANCE;

Douglas McArthur and Larry Talbert are in charge of maintenance for the courts. Power washing of the court roofs was done on April 2nd. HOAC put yellow tape down where players enter the courts as a safety precaution. Ed Powderly reported that the Maintenance Department was very good and that only 3 days after John Bowes put in a work order, they came out to complete power washing. The courts are being blown off 2

or 3 times per week. Some Boards on courts 1 and 3 have been tightened. Douglas stated we still need control of mold on the courts and suggested using an Epsom Salts spray along the edges. Some of the Bocce Club men along with Larry are putting down sand on the courts. Doug is checking on a tamping machine or a brush. Ed Powderly stated that the club could not do this and that he would go, along with Larry and Doug to the HOA to address this issue. Ed further stated the courts need to be redone and he will ask for money from the Board of Directors. Ed stated that the Chairman of the Board wanted everything kept up well in SCCL. An audience member stated the courts are so visible and need to look good. Another audience member stated we could hold a meeting and then put in a work order. Ed Powderly stated Lawrence Landscaping will blow off courts on Mondays and Thursdays.

SUMMER LEAGUE SIGNUPS;

Summer league signups will take place on Saturday, April 13th. There are enough volunteers to help. John Bowes explained the process to everyone present. There was some discussion about having only a 7PM play time due to heat but there was no decision to make that change at this time.

DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE:

John Bowes explained his idea of a Development League to the audience. This type of league would be made up of the teams with fewer wins in order to help some of these teams to qualify for tournament play who may not have this chance otherwise. John stated he could send out invitations to the captains of these lower scoring teams. There really wasn't much discussion about this proposal from the audience.

PROPOSED BUDGET:

Our Treasurer, Patricia Herring, was not able to be present at meeting so Ed Powderly went over her proposed budget. The budget will be posted on website.

END OF YEAR PARTY:

The Bocce Club Fall Party is scheduled for Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at the Lodge. John Bowes and Patricia Herring are working together on the party as there is no official committee this year. John explained that he had been in touch with Waiter's Choice who catered our party last year to furnish the food. They did an excellent job and everyone was pleased. A member of the audience suggested that we talk to the Tailgaters in SCCL to get an estimate from them for catering the party before making a decision to go with Waiter's Choice. She pointed out that some of the funds for the food would go back into the SCCL community if we used the Tailgaters. John will talk to the Tailgaters before making a decision. We also discussed entertainment for the party and whether to have live music or a DJ. This decision is pending. John Bowes suggested a DJ/Karaoke as something different. There was not much discussion or reaction from the audience members. The party planning is in the early stages and no definite decisions at this time.

RULES AND REGULATIONS ABOUT WEATHER:

One of the audience members brought up the question as to when league play should be cancelled due to bad weather. She felt like it was not fair to begin league play and then to suspend due to weather because the winning team at time of suspension got the point for the unfinished game. John explained that according to Bocce Rules and Regulations, the League Leaders made that decision and then contacted the team captains who contacted the players. It was agreed that the safety of the players should always be the priority. John stated the League Leaders should always err on the side of caution and if thunder should occur during the game, this would be reason for cancellation.

The League Leader for ladies Wednesday morning league, asked if games could be made up if cancelled due to weather. The answer was "No". There was a suggestion by League Leader that Spring League play start at 10AM in stead of 9AM because there had been some very cold spring weather. It was decided that in 2025 the spring league could begin at 10AM. League Leader suggested that she would like to have each team get their bag of balls out of trunk and put the balls out on their playing courts, as this was too much for her to handle alone. Everyone agreed this was OK.

Karen Lockett, Fun Bocce Leader, stated we still needed to put more emphasis on safety rules.

An audience member asked if meeting minutes would be posted on the website and John Bowes stated they would be posted for all members to read.

Our next meeting will be on September 11, 2024 in the Lodge Room #1

The meeting was adjourned by John Bowes at 2:11PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Dovie Jarnagin