

APC General Membership Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 19, 2023

At Elmer's Restuarant in Albany, Oregon

Approved: October 29, 2023

Attendees: Jim Abbott, Mo Abelman, Jim Abelman, Mal Bellafronto, Mark Donnelly, Steve Engler, Mary Eusterman, Cathie Harrington, Pam Harris, Bob Heald, Cheryl Hultberg, Russ Hultberg, Marc Hume, Peggy Joyce, Jon Killinger, Jim Kuliesis, Stephanie Low, Maggie Lynch, Tony Scaltreto, Wanda Scheler, Eric Swander, Stewart Taylor, and Elaine Young.

Meeting called to order by President Jim Abbott at 5:15 pm..

Minutes to the May 29, 2023 membership meeting were previously emailed to all club members so they were not read aloud at the meeting. Mary motioned to approve the minutes, Cheryl seconded the motion, and all approved the minutes as written.

Stephanie asked the members if all future membership meeting minutes can be emailed to those in attendance for approval within a month of the meeting instead of waiting until the next meeting that can be six months in the future to approve. Members agree to the request. **Action Item:** Future membership meeting minutes will be emailed to those who attended the meeting for electronic approval.

Business from the Membership

- Mark Donnelly made an observation that the regidstration for RITV was down this year—from 215 in 2022 to 147 this year. Several possible reasons were cited, but Jim stated that APC still made a profit of \$5,851.22 due to generous sponsorship.
- Cathie Harrington asked if the date for RITV 2024 can be changed so it does not coincide with the Hoop Jam at LBCC. **Action Item:** Jim will check on changing the date for RITV 2024.

Treasurer's Report

Eric reported that the club account balance is currently \$5,391.99. The tournament account has \$12,261.23. There is a separate Albany Parks and Recreation Foundation account for the shade structure/courts improvements. The current balance is \$10,400.00.

Committees Reports

- Maggie Lynch reported that the beginners list now numbers 46 people. Many have progressed past the beginner's statusl and ready for the next level. She asks if the club can help with the transition. Elaine Young suggests that some of

the beginners join the Activities Committee to help with the planning. **Action Item:** *Recruit beginning members to join the Activities Committee.*

- Jim complimented the Activities Committee for doing a great job this year organizing the three “Learn to Play PB” clinics and the “King/Queen” round robins.
- Although Marc Hume is not in a committee, he wanted the membership to know that he is leading weekly pickleball drills at the Albany Tennis Club on Wednesdays. Clinics are limited to 20 students and they will receive an email each Friday from him with a link to SignUp.com to register for the following Wednesday’s session. Contact Marc to get on his distribution list.

Election of Vice President

Eric Swander nominated Jon Killinger for the position of vice president and Elaine Young seconded the nomination. All present voted in favor of Jon being the vice president.

Winter Play

- **Boys & Girls Club of Albany**—MWF from 8:30 am to noon when the students are in school and when the weather is cold and/or wet. Keeping the drop-in fee of \$5 per session and APC members can purchase a 10-visit punch card for \$40. The members agreed to give a donation check to the B&GC at the end of the season if we collected more money than we are charged for renting the gym.
- **G3**—APC does not have an agreement with the facility. Drop-in fee is \$5 or \$50 for an eleven visit punch card.
- **Boys & Girls Club of the Greater Santiam** in Lebanon—Tu/Th/Sa 8:am to 10:45 am and Sunday 3-5 pm. Drop-in fee is \$5.
- **Mid-Willamette Family YMCA** in Albany—currently Tu/Th 9 am to noon. Drop-in fee is \$5. Free to YMCA members. Starting approximately November 1, 2024, there will be four dedicated pickleball courts with portable nets located in the warehouse. Use of these courts will require a pickleball membership of \$25/month for Y members or \$35/month for non Y members allowing roughly 66 hours per week of pickleball court use.
- **Nexus Pickleball in South Salem**—will open in January 2024. Reported that there will be 11 courts in two climate controlled warehouses.

City Bails

Jim reported that he had a meeting with Kim Lyddane, the director of the Albany Parks and Recreation Department (APRD) and representatives with LBCC. APRD does not want to be involved with the day to day operations or the reservations of the courts any longer.

LBCC Contract Pending

APC will now sign a contract with LBCC. The new facilities director at LBCC will be APC's single point of contact. LBCC has a complicated reservation system that goes by the LBCC vice president. **Action Item:** Jim will find out more information when Bob VanderLinden returns from his trip and is able to attend the meeting with Jim and LBCC.

APC as General Contractor?

LBCC wants APC to find the contractor to build the 15'x30' shade structure that is similar to the one at Adams (John Ringler's) Pickleball courts in Corvallis. Anticipated start of construction of this project is after RITV 2024.

Insurance Agonies

The City of Albany required APC to get liability insurance and are happy with the USAPA liability insurance that we currently have; however, additional insurance is necessary for tournaments and any events open to non- APC members. Members suggested that APC runs events free to members and charges \$30 for non members, which pays for the annual dues that makes them a club member.

Foundation Follies—APC had an annual contract with the APRD Foundation that was signed two years ago. It expired last year and was not renewed. **Action Item:** Jim and Bob VanderLinden will renegotiate with the APRD Foundation.

New Business

- LBCC has agreed to power wash the courts once a year at the end of June or early July.
- APC will need to pick up the leaves on the courts. **Action Item:** Jim will look into getting a collapsible container to collect the leaves.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Low

APC Secretary