

Peace River Picklers, Inc

Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2019

Proceedings:

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. by President, Joel Shaffer, who then spoke a few words of introduction. Present were the board members: Joel Shaffer, President; Lin Coe, Vice President; Karen Farley, Secretary; Andrea Gately, Treasurer; Doug Gammie, Director; Gloria Reilly, Director; and Bruce McPhee, Director. One hundred two (102) members were in attendance.

Proof of Notice of Meeting was provided by Secretary, Karen Farley. Two email notices were sent, the first on December 18, 2018 and the second on January 6, 2019; in addition, the meeting was announced in both the December and January editions of the club newsletter, which were sent via email as well as posted on our website.

Doug Gammie asked if we had a motion from the floor to approve the minutes of the last annual meeting as previously circulated and posted on the website. Gloria Reilly made a motion to accept, Mike Abair seconded, and the motion carried.

Agenda Items:

Amendments to the Bylaws

Karen Farley gave a brief summary of the proposed amendments to the bylaws. The proposed changes had been offered to the members for previous review in that they were included within the emailed Notices of Meeting. A voice vote was taken with all members present voting to accept the proposed changes; no members voted against. A tracking copy of the proposed amendments is attached to these minutes for recording purposes.

Combination Lock Change

Doug Gammie announced the new combination for the lock on the nets at South County outdoor courts. The change is effective today and an email blast will be sent to all members. Gammie reminded members to be responsible when using the nets, to keep them in good condition as long as possible, and to ensure they are returned and locked when play is concluded.

Treasurer's Report

Andrea Gately announced regarding the PicklePlex appropriation, we have met our \$20k goal. She gave an overview of our account status and stated we have approximately \$15k balance which will go towards sponsoring educational and training objectives and be used for donations to local charity groups.

Social Committee

Susan McKittrick, Social Committee Chair, gave a recap of our recent Holiday Gala, which was deemed very successful. Coming up in February, our social committee will be hosting a Valentine's Day picnic to coincide with the Picklers Challenge finals (flyers are being distributed today and an email blast will be forthcoming). Susan also relayed the committee's plans for future events including a Pickleball U.S. Open viewing party and a repeat Holiday Gala next December. More events may be in the works and will be announced via email.

Peace River Tournament

Gloria Reilly gave an update on the latest expectations for completion and use of the PicklePlex courts, which may be around mid-March at the earliest. As a result, the previous plan to hold our annual Peace River Tournament at PicklePlex will not come to fruition this year, as there would be insufficient time to plan the tournament should court availability be delayed. Rather, the tournament will be held at South County Regional Park, and, as such, will be available to Peace River Picklers, Inc members only. The tournament dates are not

confirmed at this time but are tentatively planned for the first week in March. Once details are finalized an email blast will be sent to all members.

Leagues/Drills

Bruce McPhee briefed that we have over 200 members participating in the current session of leagues and drills. The only limitations that prohibit us from offering more programs are the lack of available courts and the need for more volunteers to lead the leagues. We are always open to any suggestions and ideas from the members as to what programs they would like to see offered.

Recognition of Volunteers

Lin Coe acknowledged and offered sincere appreciation to several members who have voluntarily helped organize and run various leagues, drills, classes throughout the past year.

Our newsletter editors, Ginny MacDonald and Sue Meyer were introduced and received a robust round of applause by all members, as we all appreciate their hard work and dedication in producing the well-received monthly newsletter.

T-Shirt Sales

Frances Gammie is organizing another shirt sale, at the request of many members. Pickleball tees and tanks with a Peace River Picklers logo are available to purchase and orders are being taken. Frances gave a quick summary of the products available and how/when to place the order.

Elections

Two board members, Joel Shaffer and Gloria Reilly, have reached the end of their term of office and are stepping down. As a result, elections were held for the two vacant board positions, to assume the role effective immediately. The nominating committee presented 3 nominees: Kris Johanessen, Mary Stewart and John Hace. Each nominee was introduced and given the floor for a few minutes to address the members. A paper ballot was distributed to each member prior to the meeting commencement and was collected and counted upon adjournment. Kris Johanessen and Mary Stewart received the majority of votes and were announced as the two replacement board members. Prior to the vote taking place, a member wanted to make a nomination from the floor, but Doug Gammie explained that our current bylaws do not allow for that procedure.

Any Additional Business:

Joel Shaffer announced our club currently has 558 members, with 119 being new this year, and we expect those numbers to increase with the upcoming tournament.

Gloria Reilly gave an update on the current status of PicklePlex. She also showed members a commemorative brick paver which can be purchased via donation to the PicklePlex. The pavers will be utilized within the complex and monies received from the sales will help the facility with construction expenses.

One of the members present made a request for name tags to be available for group members to use during events. Andrea Gately advised we have already purchased a quantity of tags to be used by leaders and volunteers and will research the cost of purchasing enough for the membership body.

A question was asked by a member pertaining to the ongoing sound issue surrounding the courts at Gilchrist Park. Andrea Gately advised this is primarily an issue being addressed by the Punta Gorda City Council and the best way to voice your opinion is to attend the weekly town hall meetings with the council.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mike Abair, seconded by Colleen White. The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Minutes submitted by
Karen Farley, Secretary

January 14, 2019

Legend:

Black: original bylaws

Green: previous amendments being incorporated into body of bylaws (as they currently exist) **Red: proposed revisions to be voted on at annual meeting**

PEACE RIVER PICKLERS, INC.
AMENDED BYLAWS

~~August 18, 2015~~ **January 12, 2019**

ARTICLE I – ORGANIZATION

The name of the organization shall be the Peace River Picklers, Inc. a not-for-profit Florida Corporation. The purpose shall be to promote recreation **and education**, through the game of Pickleball, to residents of Charlotte County, Florida and surrounding areas and provide competitive, **educational and/or** social pickleball activities.

The Club shall not be conducted or operated for profit, and no part of any profits or remainder or residue of dues or donations to the Club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: **Regular Membership.** Regular membership of the Club shall consist of interested Pickleball players in Charlotte County, FL and surrounding areas. A membership form must be completed and approved by the Board. Each member will be required to follow the Peace River Picklers, Inc. rules and regulations. Membership in the club may be terminated:

1. By voluntary withdrawal
2. By nonpayment of dues adopted by the Club
3. By a simple majority vote of the membership at a regular or special meeting of the Club, based on the findings and recommendations of the Club's elected board members that a member has performed a terminable violation of the provisions of the published rules, guidelines and regulations promulgated by the Club.

~~The Club may offer an Associate membership, open to all persons 18 years of age and older. This member is entitled to all Club privileges except voting and office holding. This type of membership is usually offered to individuals who live outside of the Club's area but can also be offered to individuals who live in the Club's area but are not active.~~

Section 2: **Dues.** The amount of annual dues is proposed and approved by majority vote of the Board of Directors. Payment is due as of **November 1** of each year. ~~Pro-rated dues are available if joining the club after **November 1**.~~

Section 3: **Fiscal Year.** The fiscal year of the Club is June 1 through May 31.

ARTICLE III – OFFICERS

Section 1: **Officers.** The elective officers of the Club shall be known as the Board of Directors. The Board shall consist of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of ~~five (5)~~ seven (7) directors. The Board shall consist of a President, Vice-President, ~~Secretary/Treasurer~~ Secretary, Treasurer and ~~two (2)~~ three (3) directors. Any member of the Club is eligible to hold an elective office. Two-thirds determines majority vote.

Section 2: **Term.** The term of office for President and Directors shall be ~~one year~~ two years effective December 1, 2016 with subsequent terms ending two years at the time of the annual meeting. Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer two years to begin December 1, 2015 with subsequent terms ending two years at the time of the annual meeting. ~~and end October 31 the following year.~~ Each board member may seek re-election for a total of three consecutive terms of office. After a one year waiting period, that person may seek office again.

Proposed:

Section 2: **TERM.** The term of office for board members shall be two (2) years. Each board member may seek re-election for a total of three (3) consecutive terms of office. After a one year waiting period, that person may seek office again.

Section 3: **Duties.**

- **President:** The President shall preside at all meetings of the club. The President shall, with the advice and consent of the Board members, determine the dates, location, times and agendas for all Board and all Membership meetings. The President enforces rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Directors. ~~The President must be a full time resident of Charlotte County, Florida.~~ **The President or the Vice-President shall be a fulltime resident of Florida.**
- **Vice-President:** The Vice-President shall assist the President in all duties, fill in for the President when absent, and other duties as assigned by the President.
- **Secretary/Treasurer:** The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep the minutes of all Board and Membership meetings, maintain the official historical documents, and prepare club correspondence as needed. They will issue notices of meetings. They shall receive and distribute all club funds and provide detailed financial reports at Board and Membership meetings. They will prepare a yearly budget to be approved by the Board. They will maintain a membership roster and other duties as assigned by the President. **Proposed**
- **Secretary:** **The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all Board and Membership meetings, maintain the official historical documents, and prepare club correspondence as needed. They will issue notices of meetings. They will maintain a membership roster and other duties as assigned by the President. They will maintain all documents in accordance with the Record Retention Policy.**
- **Treasurer:** **The Treasurer shall receive and distribute all club funds and provide detailed financial reports at Board and Membership meetings. They will prepare a yearly budget to be approved by the Board. They will maintain financial documents in accordance with the Record Retention Policy.**
- **Directors:** They will attend Board and Membership meetings and have one vote each on the board. They shall perform duties as assigned by the President, such as heading up various committees.

Section 4: **Vacancies:** Mid-term vacancies shall be filled by action of a majority of the remaining Board. The President shall set the date, time and location for board members to meet and determine a replacement for the vacancy.

Section 5: **Resignation.** Resignations shall be in writing to the Board President.

Section 6: **Removal from the Board.** A Board member may be removed from office, for just cause, by an affirmative two-thirds vote of the remaining Board members.

Section 7: **Meetings.** The Board shall meet at times as deemed necessary by the President. The Board should meet at least three times with the membership to report on activities, finances, and other matters of interest to members. The annual meeting to elect officers shall be ~~December 1st~~ **the second Sunday in January. the second week in January.**

Special meetings may be called by the President, one third of the Board of Directors, or by petition by 20% of the membership. The President, or presiding officer, shall send notice of the meeting, with date, time, location, and agenda. All meetings will be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.

Section 8: **Notices.** Meeting notice will be given at least two weeks in advance and shall include date, time, and location and agenda for the meeting. For notice of all meetings, email is acceptable notice. A good faith effort shall be made to contact Board members or club members who do not have an email address. Club member's information shall not be used by any person for commercial or political purposes.

ARTICLE IV – ELECTIONS

All dues paying members shall have full voting privileges at the annual membership meeting. Election to the Board of Directors will be conducted at the annual membership meeting. The election shall be by voice vote, standing vote, or by secret ballot as determined by the Election Committee. Election shall be by two-thirds majority vote of members present and eligible to vote.

Section 1: **Nominating Committee:** A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President with advice and consent of the Board members. The Nominating Committee shall be composed of three members excluding any current Board members for the purpose of selecting and nominating candidates for all elected positions.

Any member seeking election, but not nominated by the Nominating Committee, must submit a petition seven (7) days prior to the elections and the petition must have signatures of at least 10 members. That member shall then be considered as nominated for election to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V - COMMITTEES

The Board of Directors may create committees, as needed, to assist with coordinating the activities of the Club. Committee members will be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors.

A quorum for any committee, including the Board of Directors, shall be 51% of the members of that committee.

ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

Section 1: **Procedure.** Amendments for these bylaws shall be proposed by the Board of Directors or by petition of a minimum 20% of the membership. Proposed amendments by action of the Board or petition, shall be submitted to the membership for consideration and ratification at an annual membership meeting or a special board meeting. Voting on bylaws amendments shall be by voice vote, standing vote, or secret ballot as determined by the President. Ratification of proposed amendments shall require two-thirds majority vote of members present and eligible to vote. All amendments to these bylaws shall take effect immediately upon ratification by the membership. Any amendments to these bylaws shall be communicated to all members by email or US mail or to club website.

Approved by

_____ Joel Shaffer, President
_____ ~~Susan Nelson Lin Coe~~, Vice President
_____ ~~Linda Huber, Secretary/Treasurer~~

Dated _____

INCORPORATED INTO BODY OF BYLAWS ABOVE:

AMENDMENTS 10/2/2015:

~~ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP, SECTION 2. DUES: "Payment is due as of November 1 of each year. Pro-rated dues are available if joining the club after November 1."~~

~~ARTICLE II OFFICERS, SECTION 3 DUTIES President: removed "The President must be a full time resident of Charlotte County, Florida".~~

AMENDMENTS 11/5/2016:

~~ARTICLE III OFFICERS, SECTION 7. MEETING "The Board shall meet at times as deemed necessary by the President. The Board should meet at least three times with the membership to report on activities, finances, and other matters of interest to members. The annual meeting to elect officers shall be December 1st.~~

~~ARTICLE III OFFICERS, SECTION 2. TERM "The term of office for President and Directors shall be two years effective December 1, 2016. Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer two years to begin December 1, 2015. Each board member may seek re-election for a total of three consecutive terms of office. After a one year waiting period, that person may seek office again."~~

AMENDMENTS 12/8/2017:

~~Article III OFFICERS SECTION 7. MEETINGS~~

~~The Board shall meet at times as deemed necessary by the President. The Board should meet at least three times with the membership to report on activities, finances, and other matters of interest to members. The annual meeting to elect officers shall be December 1st the second Sunday in January.~~

~~ARTICLE III OFFICERS SECTION 2: TERM~~

~~The term of office for President and Directors shall be two years effective December 1, 2016 with subsequent terms ending two years at the time of the annual meeting. Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer two years to begin December 1, 2015 with subsequent terms ending two years at the time of the annual meeting.~~