



**EVPC Board of Directors Meeting
2/25/24 on Zoom**

Present: Roger Schaljo, President; Chris Achtien, Vice President; Maureen McCauley, Treasurer; Christine Payne, Secretary; Garrett Gilchrist, Doug Dalebroux, Larry Maltz
A quorum was established.

Minutes from the 1/28/24 meeting were approved via email on 2/8/24.

1. Review Agenda - Roger

Additional items reported by Doug:

- a. A recycle bin for Pickleballs has been installed at Meadow Park. Doug and Randy King will monitor it.**
- b. Doug worked with the Coburg Charter school P.E. teacher on winter skills. The teacher will repeat the lesson in his P.E. class.**
- c. Tina Fisher, a teacher on special assignment for P.E., would like us to do a presentation about Pickleball on Professional Development Day, April 1.**
- d. Doug received a positive response from Rep. Nancy Nathanson regarding the request from the Foundation to email legislators asking that the state pitch in \$750,000 for the Regional Pickleball Complex.**

2. 2024 Budget - Maureen

Maureen reviewed the budget. Payment to Membership Works has increased due to our increase in membership.

A line item for Foundation Event Support was added for the Club to support events that help make money for the Foundation.

Chris Achtien motioned to approve the 2024 budget. Doug Dalebroux seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Recommendations for dues changes - Roger/ Chris/ Maureen

Board members discussed the potential changes. Chris and Roger emphasized that the Club needs to get a head start on funds for supplies to run the new facility. Roger pointed out that the scholarship fund is still available if needed.

Maureen McCauley motioned that the dues be \$40 for singles, \$90 for families, \$15 for students and that all other categories be eliminated. Larry Maltz seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The new dues structure will go into effect as soon as it can be set up in Membership Works and on the EVPC website.

Garrett will email MW regarding the member labels and auto renewals. Done 2/26



4. What should our funds be used for - Roger

Roger reported that there has been some difference in opinion regarding the Club's financial support for the Foundation.

Chris will check on whether it is legal for the Club to give to the Foundation and report back at our next meeting. Resolved - yes - 3/15/24

Per Roger, if this is feasible, we'll need to look at it for next year's budget. Maureen said that we'll need a large amount of money to be stewards of the facility.

Garrett suggested that it would be good to know what amount of money it will take to run the facility, and that if Club members had an estimate, it might be helpful towards them understanding the decisions being made. There may be Club members involved in construction who can help out.

Estimated line item expenses are detailed in the current business plan.

Chris offered to be a member of the Business Plan and Finance committee. If no one else wants to, he is willing to be the Chair.

5. Storage Unit Rental - Garrett/Maureen

We will be renting a unit at Valley River storage.

6. T-Shirt Sales/On-line Marketplace - Garrett

Garrett has been in contact with Joel Halberg, Director of Sales and McKenzie SewOn and a Foundation committee member. There may be a small charge if we go this route. Joel has been invited to attend a Board meeting to explain what McKenzie SewOn can do for us.

7. Pickleball Recycling Program - Roger

Some Board members expressed concern about the cost of shipping. The company has said we should hold on to the balls for now, as they may have a West Coast distributor soon. Doug may have expressed interest in taking over the program.

8. Google Groups - Garrett

Garrett will be transitioning all Google Groups over to info@evpbc.com. Players who sign up for a group will be automatically enrolled rather than manually entered as they have been in the past. Garrett suggested Google Groups for committee members. Christine thought that was a good idea. Christine stated that though she has been trying to keep up on the names of committee members in the committee folders on Google Drive, she feels that this should be handled by the committee Chairs. Garrett agreed with this.

9. Google Drive/Sharing Docs - tabled to the next meeting



10. Proposed website changes - Garrett

The upgrade to the website is on a free trial until March 1 when it will go live. The cost for the change is only going to be another \$20/year.

Garrett would like to have more pictures. Several Directors said they would send him what they have.

11. Board Member openings - Chris

The Board has received resignations from Jeff Seldon and Derek Jensen. An email was sent out to Club members. We have four candidates with various interests and strengths including marketing, IT, programming, growing the club, reaching out to college students and becoming committee members.

Garrett has created a helpful New Board Member Applicant Questionnaire.

After completing the interviews Chris will come back to the Board with recommendations.

Maureen suggested that applicants who do not become Board members be assigned to committees if they are interested.

**Christine will send the document of Board member terms to Roger and Chris. Done
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12. Grouper update - Chris

Formerly EH3, Grouper's software didn't work well and communication with members was confusing. Grouper will now pay members directly. To make up for the loss of income to EVPC, for this year, Grouper will pay EVPC \$500 to execute the contract and another \$500 in September if we participate in the following promotional activities:

- a. Sent four emails promoting Grouper during the year
- b. Make four social media posts about Grouper
- c. Distribute a Grouper flyer at our annual meeting
- d. Have a retractable banner or sign at Club events to promote Grouper

This agreement is for one year, after which EVPC will evaluate whether to continue with the program. We have 12 Club members enrolled at this time.

13. Foundation update - Chris

Finances- The Foundation is looking into options for obtaining a higher interest rate on savings. Joel Halberg has joined the Major Gifts Committee. The Foundation would like to have fundraising events beginning in the second quarter. Some ideas are dinner with an auction, entertainment etc.

Some companies are being approached regarding In-Kind sponsorships or donations.

Government Committee - The committee is following up with the City of Eugene on



the request for SDC funding of \$750,000. A grant with Travel Lane County has been approved. A request for a support grant of \$750,000 has been submitted to the State, but likely wouldn't come up until 2025.

Planning and Design - A contract has been signed to start the geo-tech survey.

Friends of the Campaign - The initial meeting went very well. There is a large group of volunteers anxious to help.

Communications Committee - The committee has started sending out monthly newsletters, and will publish the first annual report around the beginning part of the month.

14. Venue update

A new realtor's lock box has been installed at Meadow Park.

15. **Action Items are in red.**

The last Sunday in March is Easter, therefore the next Board meeting will be Sunday March 24 at 6:30.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Signature of Secretary: *Christine Payne*
3/11/24

Date:



