

Steering Committee Meeting – December 29, 2023

Present: Ray, Jouni, Cathy, Claude, Joyce, Lorna, Lori, Neal, Linda, Don, Ken and Carolyn

General Discussion:

Protocols about setting up and dismantling nets, paddle placement.

Lorna, Cathy and Joyce were officially recognized as the committee members that will make decisions about number of members that will play in each time slot and how many times a week members can play.

There was a brief discussion about Pickleball club becoming more engaged with other court users.

There is a tournament being planned for mid January.

The Net bags are disintegrating and need to be replaced.

Court Expansion:

Lori and Lorna gave summaries of where things are with Cihuatlan. Basically the options that the Expansion Committee have been working on were not approved. There has now been a location approved for two courts.

The three quotes requested came in as follows:

350,000 pesos, 305,000 pesos and 268,000 pesos.

After some discussion Neal moved to accept the 268,000 peso quote once final approval for the project is received from Cihuatlan and full financing is determined. This quote was rounded up to 300,000 pesos by the Expansion Committee to allow for other expenses which could include temporary fencing and fence post placement.

There is as at Dec. 29th 243,000 pesos in the bank.

220,000 will be set aside for the Expansion project.

This leaves 80,000 that needs to be raised for the project.

The first financing option will be to request members (seasonal, monthly or others) to pay fees up front for next season. We currently have 70 seasonal members.

There is also the anticipation of the fees that will be collected this year between January and March. That figure last year came in at 63,000. Joyce confirmed that she has been getting a lot of emails from interested new players for this January to March timeframe.

The final step is full approval from Cihuatlan. Lori will arrange a meeting on site to get that approval.

Following that approval a notice will go out to members to ask for up front payment for next season.

The Steering Committee thanks the Expansion Committee for all the work involved in getting this very important and timely project off the ground.

Court Patching:

Ken brought us up to date on the patching that needs to be done on the current courts. Unfortunately there was a delay in the materials needed being shipped but should now be here by mid January. At that time there will be a volunteer work party put together to get the job done.