

Pickleball Lincoln, Inc.  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Home of Joel Houston, 6700 Anns Ct, Lincoln NE  
68516 Monday, May 1, 2023. 7:00 P.M. Agenda

**Attendees**

Cindy DeCoster  
Sasha Majady  
Jen Stai  
Stefan Newbold  
Bill Roehrs  
Joel Houston  
Jamie Greenwood (after being elected to PLI Board)

**Interview with Jamie Greenwood**

The board conducted a quick interview with Jamie Greenwood for an addition to the PLI Board. After the interview, Jamie was elected to the board via a unanimous vote. Jamie was in attendance for the rest of the board meeting.

**Opening**

Call the Meeting to Order – President Joel Houston

Joel handed out a PLI Board Conduct and Expectations document which outlined his thoughts on board member behavior (attached). Discussion: General agreement on the document was expressed. Follow on discussion on how to deal with difficult people during games and other interactions. No action or follow-up on handout needed.

Minutes from the meeting of April 3rd, 2023 (to be distributed at the meeting)

Corrections or additions

Action Item: Approval of the minutes **This was skipped as minutes were not available.**

Agenda

Call for additions to the agenda

Action Item: Approve the Agenda

Action Item: Ratify Email Votes **All email votes were ratified unanimously.**

- o Ratify Satellite Court Summer Schedule from Bill
- o Ratify using our PLI Gmail on the Playtime Scheduler schedule communication
- o PLI will not schedule more than one event per calendar month at Peterson Park to allow access for the general public without approval from the Board of Directors.
- o Approve both the tournament schedule for Peterson Park this season

- May 6,7 May Day Melee Tournament
- Jun 25 Pickleball Cubed Tournament
- Jul 9 PLI Annual picnic with tune-up clinics for State Games
- Aug 20 Summer Scramble
- Sep 24 Union Bank Paddle Battle Tournament
- Oct 15 PLI Battle of the Bangers Tournament

Bill is working on encouraging people to use PTS for open play at Peterson Park.

## GENERAL TOPICS

### Board Updates:

- Brief interview of Jamie Greenwood for Board of Directors
- Discuss options for treasurer position and Mike Magnuson assistance. Joel has reached out to a couple of individuals about coming onto the board as Treasurer but no luck so far. Stefan agreed to bring data from Mike Magnuson to the Board and act as a liaison on a temporary basis.

### Tournaments

- May Day Melee Tournament Update expected numbers of players etc. (Joel). 106 participants as of now. Bill will cross check to see how many participants are PLI members. Sunday is loaded as far as participants.

Bill volunteered to do a survey on PLI member's attitude on tournaments. Discussion about competitive versus recreational play as well as leagues. Bill will work on survey draft.

- Discuss Summer Tournament schedule (Bill). The tournament schedule was ratified as discussed above.

### Maintenance and Upkeep

- Addition of Densmore Park for our use, adding lock box, painting lines (Joel) Joel will email licensing agreement with LPRD to all. This year will add 4 PB courts and lockbox at Densmore park. There are parking issues on weekends with soccer / softball / baseball. LPRD has asked PLI to not use PTS for scheduling to start due to parking concerns. Roberts Park will be used by Tennis for 6 weeks this summer and PLI scheduled activities will move to Densmore during this time. Bill will find other ways than PTS to provide information to attendees per LPRD's request.

### Fundraising:

- Square Festival booth on 5/24 (Sasha) Wednesday 10-2. Jen and Stefan will help. Need to provide our own table and chairs.
- Give to Lincoln Day fundraising update and match donations (Joel). Check for email from Joel about Give-to-Lincoln
- Campaign and marketing through new paid version of Mailchimp (Joel) Need to start paying a fee for Mailchimp Program in order to access desired features. Cost is

\$27-28/month and is currently being paid for personally by Joel. No action on PLI covering cost was taken.

**Joel:**

- Summary of License Agreement with City. LPRD has agreed that PLI can collect funds for clinics, and other solicited donations at satellite courts. LPRD will create a webpage and QR code link to allow people to donate directly to the parks foundation endowment. Discussed potential lease agreement with LPRD on Jensen Park for possible PLI stand-alone facility. Expanded PLI programming on satellite courts to five days per week. Need to stress PLI members being on being kind friendly. PB is now on an equal footing with baseball / tennis / etc. We are now considered "a basic level of service" by LPRD.

Bill: does LPRD pay for nets at tennis courts? Thinking about Peterson Park PB nets. Jen Stai reached out via text in real time to a contact at LPRD and answer was YES, LPRD does pay for tennis net repairs / replacements.

**Stefan:**

- May Newsletter distributed and topics (See Attached) Additional Topics
  - Tower Square festival
  - PLI member spotlight: Mirriam Walker

**Cindy:**

Brought up issue as to whether we should have an additional PTS administrator who is a board member. Bill noted that he is a PTS admin as well as Doug Marthaler, Jane Cech and Brent Dickie. Discussion occurred regarding differences between Lincoln and every other geographic area in the US. Lincoln is "locked" in that the general public cannot use PTS to organize court time whereas other areas are wide open. The exception to this is that invite only RR coordinators (who are not admins) can schedule their own RR's. Discussed pros and cons of our approach.

Action Item: Bill will talk to Doug Marthaler about adding additional admins as well as how PTS is currently set up regarding allowing RR coordinators to schedule their own RR's.

**Nick (In absence):**

- Print-your-Cause
  - o Action items:
    - Vote on moving forward with creating PLI Merch
    - Discuss preferred products and pricing (adding markup for PLI Profit)

Tabled until next month to assess quality of product and decisions about which products to offer.

Bill asked about an update to Ballard and Eden Park projects. Joel stated that the PLI Board will have opportunities to provide input and comment on any designs.

Meeting Adjourned by Joel

Submitted,  
Nick Ehmcke  
Secretary