

GVR PICKLEBALL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

ROUND ROBIN POLICY

July 15, 2019 – Las Campanas – Juniper Room – 4:00 p.m.

President Jeff Harrell called the meeting to order. Additional Board members present: Vice President Gina Rowsam, Treasurer Donna Talarski, Secretary Pam Goodrich, Members at Large Paul Serra, Mark McIntosh, and Sandy Heintz which constituted a quorum.

Jeff H. began by stating that this was a single-issue meeting to discuss the management of our round robins.

Paul S. was asked to give an overview of round robins and suggested that the issues we're experiencing are due to a discrepancy and inconsistency in wording related to the role/discretion of the coordinators. He suggested a solution that members would utilize 'focus play' when wanting to play up a level; therefore, saving round robins for those who wish to play within their rated level.

Jeff H. invited Board comments and discussion:

Donna T. gave a historical perspective of the past role of the "coordinator of the coordinators" which included removing names of those who were not rated to play in specified round robin levels followed by emails to those members explaining the policy.

All Board members agreed that recent confusion stemmed from wording inconsistencies.

It was suggested that members would be welcome to play up one level only during focus play.

An apology was offered to the those in attendance for the recent confusion regarding our round robins.

One Board member expressed a hope that an environment of playing up during focus play would be encouraged; although it was noted that members have the right to pull their paddles at any time.

A question was raised related to rating during the summer (twenty one points in three games).

A topic for future consideration could be that the current club rating system be used for members up to the 3.0 level and that either IPTPA or USAPA systems be utilized for those levels above 3.0.

Jeff H. invited those in attendance to offer their statements, questions, and opinions. Following open discussion, the following points were agreed upon:

There was general consensus that coordinators should not be placed in the position of saying 'yay' or 'nay' to those wanting to play who are not rated at the level designated for a specified round robin.

It was noted that it is the role of each coordinator to ensure those signed up are rated within the specified level.

It was strongly suggested that adopted wording be consistent among all levels of round robin play.

There was an additional suggestion that the next PickleBlast contain a Board statement related to policy and SignUpGenius (SUG) changes.

A 3.5 member raised an issue related to the ball fee paid during IC play and noted that, even though she paid the \$5.00 fee, their group had to use the balls in the court sleeves. Donna T. offered to investigate.

Finally, a motion was made by Donna T. and seconded by Paul S. to “change the verbiage on all forms and SUG to reflect that members are to play at their rated skill levels during round robins”. The motion passed. There was clarification that ‘rated skill level’ referenced club rating, IPTPA, and USAPA. Further, this change in policy would be the same for all seasons.

Prior to the meeting adjournment, a question was asked regarding the number of players needed to hold a round robin. The answer was eight. Paul S. stated that, when there are not eight players present, the round robin would be cancelled and any play thereafter would be considered open play.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Goodrich, Secretary