

**Sequim Picklers**  
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**Annual Meeting & Appreciation Celebration**  
June 10, 2018

1. **President Arvo Johnson** called the meeting to order at 2:07 PM at Pioneer Park, Sequim, WA 98382. Board members present were Arvo J., Pres; Charlie P, V.P.; Katinka N., Treas; Denise C., Sec; Cathy H., Membership Ch; Christy M., Dir. Court Ops; Jan T., Co-Dir. of Communications; Marc C, Co-Dir. of Communications; Margie R., Board Member; Robert R. Board Member. Approximately 85 Club Members & guests were in attendance.
2. **Secretary's Report:** Charlie P. made a motion to approve last meeting's minutes. Motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.  
The Secretary determined a majority vote of the members present was sufficient to conduct any business.
3. **Treasurer's Operations Budget Report:** Katinka N. made the treasurer's report. Profit and Loss for the fiscal year (June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018) Net Income \$25,099.43 - \$10,000 LTAC Sequim and - \$7,000 Challenge Grant = \$8,099.43. Operating Budget for the next year's (June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019) Net Income \$29,950. We currently have \$2,100 in a savings account toward court maintenance. Sequim Picklers raised \$222,064 for the new courts. 100% of the pledges came in.
4. **President's Report:** Arvo J. recognized the Officers and Board Members who are serving our club and appreciates the effort, time and hard work by each of them. Our partnership with the City to build courts is being held up as a positive example of organizations working together with the City to complete projects that benefit the community. As we move to the new courts be patient as we work out the scheduling. There will be a learning curve and we will strive to schedule for all club members. In September we have our first regional tournament. This first tournament will reflect on Sequim Picklers and Sequim and we plan to build a good reputation for a competitive, fun and quality tournament. Our Tournament Team of Christy, Debbie, Mike, Pam, Katinka and Suzi are working on preparations and planning. There is a sign-up sheet for those who would like to help. Our long-term vision may include an indoor, multi-sport facility for winter-time play. Keep playing, socializing and having fun.
5. **Court Construction Update:** The City and the contractor are doing a great job on our eight, tournament-size courts. The concrete is poured and fencing installed. The next step will be the application of the final paint. The court playing surface will be all one color. When it is time to re-apply we can decide if we want the kitchen to be a different color. There are no plans for lighting due to cost and also the park closes at dusk. The fencing structure was not engineered to support any type of cover. There will be a privacy screen on the west side.
6. **City Agreement Overview:** Charlie P chaired the City Negotiating Committee which

also included Dave Shreffler, Gill Goodman and Katinka Nanna. The City and Sequim Picklers signed a five page, 20-year agreement. The Sequim Picklers gave the City \$222,064 and the City gave \$72,109. Sequim Picklers are allocated 50% of the court play time. We must put on two regional tournaments a year. The City waived the normal event fees for up to four tournaments per year. We must post a play schedule. Sequim Picklers is responsible for 75% of regular court maintenance which includes the surface and nets. The City will take care of any vandalism damage and provide water and electricity to the courts. The full 5-page agreement and overview are available on the website.

7. **Tournament Committee:** Christy M brought us up to date on our first regional tournament to be held September 21, 22, and 23. We have hired a tournament director in order to get this first one done well. He is helping and guiding us in all the things necessary and will teach us so we can run future tournaments on our own. We are trying to keep this one simple, successful and leaving a good impression so people will come back for more great pickleball. There will be Women's Doubles, Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles. The shorter days in September will limit the size of each category. We need volunteers to sign up now!!
8. **Committee Reports: Lavender Festival** - Ruby reported this will be the fourth year we have participated. The festival is July 20-22. For our volunteer efforts we are given a non-profit booth at no cost and a check in payment for our help. This brings us visibility, community involvement, and a fundraising opportunity to help pay for court amenities and maintenance. Once again there are volunteer sign-up sheets for manning the booth, marking booth spaces, setting up the beer garden and checking in vendors.  
**Ribbon Cutting Celebration** - Ruby P, Patricia K, Patricia J and Glynda B form the Committee. The tentative date for the ceremony is July 25th. There will be more news as the date gets closer. The ceremony should last about one hour. Plans are for 4 speakers including the last surviving founder of the game of pickleball. We will unveil the Recognition and Dedication Plaques and have some fun games between City employees and Sequim Picklers chosen by drawing.
9. **Bylaws Amendment - Charlie P moved to amend the bylaws as presented. Jan T seconded and motion passed unanimously.** Amendment reduces the Board to eight, including non-voting Past President, updates mission statement and clarifies nominating committee procedures. Amended bylaws are available on the website.
10. **Recognition of your Board of Directors** - Letricia F recognized each of the current Board Members and their contribution to the Club. Charlie P recognized the PFC (Pickleball Facility Committee) Chairs and members starting with JoAnne Yerkes in December of 2014 - April 2015, Debbie Madden, 2015-2016 and Co Chairs Ruby Pugh and Dave Katz 2016-2017. The PFC preceded the formation of the Sequim Picklers as a Club and led the fundraising efforts that resulted in our new courts. Retiring Board members after 3 years of service were, Charlie Pugh, Vice President; Katinka Nanna, Treasurer; Denise Cordero, Secretary; Jan Tatom Co-Director of Communications; Marc Connelly, Co-Director of Communications and Robert Rankin, Board-Member-At-Large. Margie Rone, Board-Member-At-Large will retire after serving over 1 year. Cathy Hathaway will move from Membership Chair to Director of

Communications. Each outgoing Board Member had an opportunity to address the members. Also recognized were Doug Hastings, Past President; Richard Cary, past Board Member and PFC Member and Ben Sanders, past Director of Court Operations.

11. **Election Committee:** Positions up for election were President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Director of Court Operations, Membership Chair, and Director of Communications. The floor was opened for nominations. There were no new nominations. Letritia introduced the slate of Officers and Board Members; Arvo Johnson for President, Debbie Madden for Vice President, Roger Mull for Treasurer, Pam Woodruff for Secretary, Christy Marazon for Director of Court Operations, Cathy Hathaway for Director of Communications and Kathy Benedict for Membership Chair. **Eric Mahnerd moved we accept the nominations by acclamation. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Your 2018/2019 Officers and Board Members are as follows: President, Arvo Johnson; Vice President, Debbie Madden, Treasurer, Roger Mull; Secretary, Pam Woodruff; Board Member and Director of Court Operations, Christy Marazon; Board Member and Membership Chairman, Kathy Benedict; Board Member and Director of Communications, Cathy Hathaway.

12. **Open floor for any member to comment.** Marty Hoffman announced there will be another referee class in late July or August. There will be 25 openings. Marty and our current refs refereed many games this month at the Centralia tournament. Learning to referee will improve your game and be of service to the club. Marty thanked the membership for allowing our refs to practice during open play. Marty may also hold some classes on pickleball rules. Stay tuned.

Margie Rone recognized the Party Committee including Sharman Owings, Noreen Warwick and Suzanne Connelly.

Our novice instructors Mary Helen Benapfl, Ruby Pugh, George Davis and Richard Cary were recognized for faithfully teaching our new players on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at Third and Fir.

13. The next Annual Meeting will be June 2019. Time and place to be determined.
14. The next Board Meeting to be determined.
15. **Logo Contest** - The top 3 logo designs were identified and a vote taken for each. The winner was "Swoopy" designed by Robert, Patricia and Guy Knapp.  
**Dessert Contest** - Jim Deckman 1st Place, Cathy Hathaway 2nd Place and Chris Barry 3rd place.  
**Raffle** - Winners included John, Jim, Warren and Forrest.
16. Charlie P. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 4:16 pm.

**Tickler:**

- *WA State Non-profit Corp annual report due. **4/30/2019**. Action Secretary*
- *WA State Business license renewal due. **4/30/2019**. Action Secretary*
- *Charity state registration expires **11/30/2018**. Action Secretary*
- *SFA agreement expires **12/31/2019**. Action President/Vice President*
- *Federal Excise Tax due **January 2019**. Action Treasurer*
- *Agreement with City of Sequim expires **December 14, 2037**.*