

Agenda for 9/28/2017 Meeting

Attending: Robb, JB, Gracia, Dennis, Linda, Vance, Jen

Absent: Jim Wilson, Dick

This is divided into (1) quick follow-ups on items P&R had responsibility for; (2) Items from previous discussion (last steering committee meetings) that we did not have time to address; (3) items from previous meeting(s) that had follow-up or needed further discussion; (4) New items.

LEGEND:

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Quick Followups on actions taken by P&R:

- Lights turn off at ??????. Turns out it's set to 10:30pm currently. Was supposed to have changed to 11pm (agreed to by P&R at last meeting). Robb will check and verify it can be set to 11pm (like other facilities).
- Lights on. Turn on time is currently set to 99 minutes before sunset (it automatically adjusts daily). This is the maximum allowed (99 minutes). We will try this during fall/winter to see how it goes. We had some issues last year with it being too dark earlier (especially cloudy days in winter). If it's not working well then we'll switch to fixed set of seasonally dependent start times.
- Storage box with combination lock: We purchased (P&R to reimburse from Friends of P&R Pickleball) a plastic storage bin for Ephesus. We also purchased storage bins to hold: extra paddles, lost&found, signage. Steering Committee and P&R has the combination. Since we'll be keeping balls and paddles in there, please only give out combination when necessary and ask them not to share it.
 - Items that might be urgently needed: (example was someone left wallet, believed it was put in storage box, but couldn't access and needed for plane flight). If the lost and found item is valuable/urgently needed, suggest dropping at Community Center and emailing Ambassadors who can send out general message.
 - For everything else, put in "lost & found" container in box, and send email to "chpb_lost_and_found@gmail.com". [Brad to setup list]. This will go to Ambassadors, that way we'll know what's in the box. People wanting to retrieve items should ask for assistance to get access to storage box to check for there stuff (any ambassador, steering committee, or P&R person can help with this).

- Night light at Ephesus. Turned out there was existing street light. Robb checked on and they got facilities to come out and fix. Working now!! Thanks P&R.
- Water fountain at Ephesus. There is water fountain behind the bathroom, which is usable (except when water is turned off during the winter). It is not handicap accessible. We should advertise this better to players. Send out reminder to membership about water turning off water (fountain, bathrooms) when transition occurs. The transition to turning the water off is variable depending on temperature (P&R keeps open as long as possible).
- Webcam. Helps know if people are there playing. Know if courts are playable (wet). Good for security issues (vandalism, etc). Robb will bring this up with P&R. Privacy issues. Tabled for now.
- Robb suggested Kiosk for schedule, playing information, ambassadors pictures. Steering committee, etiquette/code of conduct, etc. This is great idea, and would meet several needs. Robb will investigate for us. (also this is in plans for 24 courts; be sure we meet all needs then). Robb update--tabled until next time. Also, maybe best to think of in conjunction with new court planning.

Items we did not have time to cover at last meeting

Roles of Ambassadors/ST

For roles of A/ST share full statement of Ambassador's role, and how most ambassadors work with communities around the nation. In most communities Ambassadors do most of the promoting, programming, etc. For CHPB we are a bit different with having a Steering Community (and transparency via publishing meeting summaries, and inclusion of P&R directly in discussions). The Ambassador's main roles are promoting the sport (including developing new courts, facilities, programs), educating people about the sport and introducing players to sport, The Steering Committee member's primary roles are listening to and conveying concerns (positive/negative) that the membership has; to help promote CHPB, helping people have a positive pickleball experience, helping to craft CHPB policies and advocate them to P&R (who sets policies for the courts we use).

Brad, JB:

USAPA Roles of Ambassadors: <http://www.usapa.org/ambassador-standards-expectations/>

USAPA Effective Ideas for Ambassadors: <http://www.usapa.org/effective-ideas-for-ambassadors/>

We have surveyed what ambassadors do in many areas of country, and of course are very familiar with local ambassadors. There is quite a variance. In many cases ambassadors organize most everything, especially in smaller venues. In larger ones they coordinate more (like across clubs). In all cases they are closely involved with developing resources (courts), interacting with P&R and private court owners (to promote pickleball, and help with programming), promoting the sport, helping introduce players to the

sport, and guide its growth. In Chapel Hill we have grown from a small community where ambassadors regularly played with most everyone to where we have many venues and many playing times. As a result, it is generally more effective for players on courts to self regulate their behaviors (for instance the ambassadors to be representatives of good behavior, and be available to hear concerns, but not to be the on court "police"). We see this in similar size cities, and discussed this with regional ambassador (Joe Borelli).

For the steering committee, in addition to serving as representatives of the community of local players in helping develop CHPB policies to provide as guidance to P&R in their support for pickleball, we hope they will be like ambassadors out in the community, promoting CHPB organization, encouraging players to play, helping players become better, and in general being a good role model.

Programming of indoor times. [Postponed until next mtg]

How to best utilize? Ideas?

Specific play levels? Women's only time?

This item was not discussed in detail at meeting; full discussion postponed until next meeting.

Improve Communications between Governance (Steering Committee, Ambassadors) and members of Chapel Hill Pickleball community.

Submitted by Bob Burns: Full and transparent communication between the players and those representing them is essential. I would recommend that notes and minutes of all pickleball related meetings between ambassadors, between ambassadors and the steering committee and between any representative or representatives and the Town of Chapel Hill be distributed/circulated/published fully and on a timely basis.

For most of the past three years too many decisions have been made and too many agreements reached without awareness, knowledge or approval of the players. All representatives of the players should be advocates for the players before they are advocates for the town or for USAPA.

You are likely aware that one of the primary responsibilities of Ambassadors as specified by the USAPA is to "Advise players of USAPA Board actions, such as rules changes and other important information." Attention to this responsibility would be beneficial to players and has not be included in communications to players previously.

Solicitation of USAPA memberships to players, another Ambassador responsibility not focused upon to date, should be attended to.

The recent commitment to have three Steering Committee meetings each year is a positive step. The steps necessary for full and transparent communication among all players should be one of the first orders of business of the players' representatives.

Brad & JB: CHPB has gone through some growing pains. It is definitely true that we have many players, playing at many locations. In order to stay in touch with our membership, and hear their concerns it is important to communicate well, and be transparent. The intent is that all major decision making occur through the steering committee, and that we publish the notes from all the meetings, so that the full membership can be aware of the activities of the steering committee, and have input to them. There will likely be times that actions are required on a more timely basis than steering committee meetings; in those cases, we will also capture and record those actions in later minutes. Finally, the Ambassadors will always try to communicate regularly with the membership about any changes (like to the playing schedules, USAPA rules changes, etc).

Steering Committee: In agreement about wanting to communicate well, and be transparent. Felt like we are currently do a good job of this.

Review roles and responsibilities of ambassadors and steering committee

Submitted by Bob Burns: The roles of ambassadors and other representatives of pickleball in Chapel Hill seem outside the recommendations of both the USAPA and the NC District Ambassador, Joe Borrelli, and should be examined and altered as determined by the players.

According to the USAPA, Ambassadors' "PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY is to be the spokesperson and representative **for the USAPA** for all activities related to pickleball within the area they represent." Note that they are specifically representatives for the USAPA and not the players. I advocate for an organized group that are representatives of the players and their needs.

One easy way (but not the only way) this could be accomplished is by making the Steering Committee a separate group from the Ambassadors. They could invite the Ambassadors and a Town representative as ad hoc members but it would be the Steering Committee that would be the decision makers of all issues of play.

The other standards and expectations of ambassadors include nothing about play on the court, coaching or other forms of monitoring. Ambassadors cannot be chosen, appointed or removed from their position by players. There is no description of the length of term they serve.

According to Borrelli, "We need player support at these facilities to self-regulate play to keep things fair for everyone. **As an ambassador, we cannot be responsible for monitoring play at these venues.**" A leadership structure separate from but working with the Ambassadors should be established. This group should be selected by and responsible to the players. They should have specified terms of service and the boundaries of their responsibilities should be clear.

For communication to be full and transparent, the aggregation of names and email addresses of players and the use of that list should be the responsibility of the Steering Committee--or whatever group is the player representative group.

Complying with the organizational structure described by the USAPA and the District and Regional Ambassadors will benefit the growth and reputation of pickleball in Chapel Hill well into the future.

Most of this is covered in previous item. Full and open communications is goal of current CHPB (including ambassadors, steering committee, and P&R). Ambassadors roles seem well defined by USAPA and there exist common behaviors around the country. We agree that "policing" is not role of ambassadors given our size. Agree that steering committee is what determines our policy recommendations (i.e. we provide recommendations to P&R, who controls the courts, not us). Felt that steering committee should include Ambassadors. Believe they are committed to positive outcome for sport, most involved, and knowledgeable about pickleball community. They have also been vetted and approved by the governing pickleball association (USAPA). We believe it makes the most sense to have one integrated group setting our policy recommendations (i.e. it should not be just the ambassadors, nor should it just a separate steering committee--the best way to build and support community is to have everyone at the table with a voice). Also felt that P&R representative should be included in meetings.

Believed that Ambassador(s) should continue to maintain email list for membership. That it should be private and not shared. This is important for communication, and a role suggested by USAPA for ambassadors. Ambassadors have the most continuity for managing this type of information. It was felt that players contact information should be carefully protected. The ambassadors review and carefully consider and vet all content before it is sent out to the membership. We asked asked Mid Atlantic Region USAPA director Joe Borelli about this and he recommended not sharing. We checked with other pickleball organizations (50+) and they all do the same thing (protect and not share email list).

Jen raised issue of listserv only being used by Ambassadors and for approved materials. We had one instance that was confusing--the email about CHPB supporting Food for the Summer program (this was chosen as CHPB volunteer activity at the one year celebration of the Ephesus courts, but not explained well in the email). We felt this could be handled better next time by making it clear this was a CHPB approved function (and not from some unknown person posting to the listserv).

Steering Committee Election process

Submitted by Several people: steering committee elections, suggest having pictures of candidates

Submitted by Bob Burns: steering committee election process suggestions

If and how future elections are conducted will vary according to changes in the governance structure. In general I have these suggestions for consideration.

--An election committee consisting of several players should be responsible for a nomination process of elected positions. Recommendations of this group should not be the sole entry to run in an election.

--Ballot eligibility, a vote repository (separate email account) and auditing of votes should be the responsibility of the election committee

--The Town should have no role in conducting or auditing elections for representatives of players

There was agreement on incorporating additionally including pictures of candidates as well as their statements, and we plan to do this in the next elections. Ballot eligibility verification requires access to players email information, thus, this was done by Ambassadors. Since the Ambassadors counted and verified the ballots; we asked a neutral third party (P&R) to maintain a separate backup copy of the votes in case of any concerns, so that they could provide an independent audit. We believe this is a good system, and did not receive any complaints. Plan is to continue this. Jen suggested that there are freely available software packages that could do the vote counting, and verifying. She will pass this information on to Brad, so they can see about feasibility of incorporating in next elections.

Follow-up on items that were new items at Last Meeting (6/21/2017)

How to know who's playing.

How to connect to other players. Whether to add global email list for all players? (easy to do and just see how it goes). Whether to add chat channel on webpages. More work to add.

Last meeting: Decided to let existing practice (with new email lists for BEG, INT, ADV, WOMEN) get use, and see if this remains a problem. Revisit in Fall 2017.

After last meeting, we advertised the specific group email lists (beginners, intermediate, advanced, singles). It seems like most people are effectively using these lists and they're working reasonably well. However, think many folks may not be familiar with them still. Suggest re-advertising to membership. Also, suggest providing explanation of each level (with rating level information). Provide full description on page, or link to ratings page to make easily accessible to members. [Brad to investigate, probably link to

<http://ifpickleball.org/ifp-rating-descriptions/>]. Also, suggested we provide this same link to rating information where every levels of play are mentioned: listservs, clinics, leagues, etc.

Portable Signs to indicate current court use.

Bucket of signs. Could we have placards for “League”, “Challenge”, “Free Play” ? that we keep in storage box?

We like the idea; we’ll try some pilot signage. Dick suggested signs that hang over top of divider fence, so two signs could be hang off each other. Vance is in charge.

We have purchased some initial ones to try and see how they work. We have one sign each for “Open”, “Clinic”, “Challenge”, “League”. Cost was about \$40 per sign. Brad has put them up for one challenge and one league night, to help with transition at start of league play. We would like to do them a bit more frequently. Including “Open” court for morning play.

Women’s only time.

18 signed up as interested. Varied in when they’d like to play, and where (indoor/outdoor). Asked for someone to step up as coordinator but no volunteers.

Dennis: Court time for Women’s Only can only lead to court time for Men’s Only. This cuts into the total court time available. The prime time being 9 AM or so to noon and blocking courts during the prime time, I don’t think would be a good idea.:

Be willing to try, at underutilized times (i.e. don’t displace/overlap existing programming, regular play times). Could also do specific one off events or less frequent (quarterly/monthly) to begin with. Need to have coordinator to help organize, and bring specific proposal to steering committee for approval. Jen offered to be coordinator.

[Jen] No update this time. Tabled until next meeting.

Singles Ladder League.

29 signed up. Nick Galvez volunteered to be coordinator. Mark Siewers offered to setup league software for this. We polled players on play times, and format, and have proposal. 3 courts, 7-9pm using Wed night during July/August as pilot (while advanced league is not active). Will have 3 levels of players, and players rotate through playing other players at their level. Mini tournament at end.

Approved for trial period during July/August for Wednesdays 7-9pm. If successful will need to look for another time spot due to league play resuming in September.

We set up a singles league, thanks to Nick Galvez who organized and ran the league. It was very successful with 25-30 participants, a complete summer season, with playoffs. We have renewed the singles league again for the fall, They will use the time slot of Saturday afternoons to avoid conflicting with other existing programming.

Chapel Hill Tournament.

We would like to get your ideas on what would be important for “our” tournament. Robb English will be heading up (run by P&R), with input from us. We have identified date: Oct 13-15.

Values that the steering committee expressed for our tournament were “friendly, inclusive, more on fun than supercompetitive”. Suggested that we might include special activities like parent/child play to attract more people to the event. Brad is working up plan with Robb for tournament to meet these themes. They will present (by email) back to steering committee as this needs to progress quickly.

[Brad] Update... Taking a lot of time and effort, but so far so good :-). 169 teams, 115 players signed up. More details will be published to participants and to general membership soon. We will review outcome and what we learned from our first tournament at next meeting after the tournament..

Brad asked for volunteer coordinator. We need 20 volunteers. Linda accepted. Brad to email her tournament schedule so she can find folks at times they are not playing. We will assign one volunteer per event who will be in charge of that event. Additionally, we will have several floaters. Brad will oversee them during the tournament.

Nets off ground.

Jen Johnson’s suggestion on rolling bottom of nets up to allow easier ball return. ball return. Proposal is to test on 2 courts. Brad & JB have plastic ties, which we could use to easily test..

The was approved to pilot on two of the Ephesus courts. Jen will oversee this. We’ll leave in place for a few months, and then solicit feedback.

[Brad] We ran poll after the pilot period. Responses were strongly in favor of raising nets. We then shared results with steering committee who (by email) all supported raising the nets.

[Jen] Originator of proposal, and volunteered to implement. She is planning to do the rest of the courts soon.

Fourth of July party.

BJ: offered to repeat organizing the Fourth of July PB party that included a pot luck dinner and then over to UNC for fireworks. Do you want to do that party again this year? I would need to get this out pretty quick if we were going to repeat the party.

This was successful last year, and we'd like to do again. It was approved.

This was a big success again this year. Thanks to BJ, JB, Gracia and all who helped organize it.

Celebration for Jim: (item for further "spirit" award).

BJ: (we have talked about doing something to recognize Jim, especially since he couldn't be at the 1 year anniversary of the Ephesus courts). BJ volunteered to do a Founder's Day party to honor Jim Wilson as the founder of Chapel Hill PB. This would be a regular open play morning of Jim Wilson's choosing. It would be regular open play with refreshments provided by me and a special presentation to Jim as founder.

We have been planning to do something like this. This sounds good, and we're happy to have BJ arrange it. It was approved.

[JB/BJ] latest update--Jim asked that we not do special event focused on him. He proposed a Founder award to recognize contributors to CHPB. We will revisit this, and look at ways to recognize significant contributions by individuals to CHPB. So no party planned :-).

Fall Arts Festival

BJ: have some space and do a demo at the Fall Arts Festival in Chapel Hill. I am thinking about a small piece of street, maybe next to Parks and Rec with a net and four people dunking the ball. We could hand out printed material with information.

All I need right now is an ok to see if this is possible and if it would cost anything. It would be a good venue to show people what pickleball is and maybe let them try it out on a small scale.

Approved. We want to do more promotional events like this. Brad asked everyone to think of opportunities to promote the sport at events around Chapel Hill. We can easily demo (he has portable table tennis barrier that's five feet wide, or we could use a singles net) in a small space

(like 8'x8'). Send any suggestions to committee. Robb suggested July 4th event. Jen suggested halftime at UNC basketball games.

BJ -- After surveying the venue she felt like the space likely available did not lend itself to this sort of promotion where we could have mini-net and play.
Steering Committee--- felt like we could still do a sufficiently good demo, and would provide lots of good exposure We could have video of Pickleball playing on table, and a couple of people with paddles and balls to demo, or let folks try. Aim for doing next year, with video, balls, paddles).

Court rotation system (potentially different for different times of day and situations) Did not get to this--look at next time

Discuss possibilities. Propose something to membership (specifically to group playing in mornings). Looking for something to help create positive atmosphere? Ambassador/SC welcoming new players.

We agreed that we should have a system and follow it to avoid issues, and to facilitate people requesting play (and potentially at certain level). Will use paddle saddles as mechanism; have 2nd set to go up on East side of Ephesus courts. Also proposed trying two divisions of courts (one side of three being INT to ADV (courts 1-3), and the other BEG to INT (courts 4-6). Utilize the newly proposed signage to indicate this on the courts.

More updates, and discussion.

Jen: (1) Steering Committee and Ambassadors should use then to drive adoption; (2) Can we line them up together and just apply them to the next available court (regardless of which side)? (3) Shall we even use them? I believe stacking was recommended recently, which is a little different than what we agreed to at the last meeting.

Dorothy Gerard:

Thank you for this information, which I hope will be required reading, posted on the website and at the courts. It will be especially good for folks outside of our group who come to play on the courts and don't want to give up their court or rotate/play with the rest of us. Is there any chance that an outdoor clock can be mounted at the courts to help all of us be more mindful of those 15 minute increments?

David Miller (Smiley):

Thanks!! Great explanation and it was desperately needed. No one was sure which paddle saddles went with which courts; you clearly explained it.

BJ, Jim Wilson JB Marr: one of the issues that has not been discussed in relation to this...on sunny days when it's hot, it is not unusual to have 4 open courts and many players waiting for a shady court (3,6). How to handle rotations? Can people skip a turn? (Brad: method I like best that I've seen other places, is you can pass your turn, and keep your place in line if you don't want to take the court (whether because you're socializing, or want the shady court, or whatever).

Jim Wilson: one problem we have had since day one is the amount of time it takes players to clear the court when their game ends and the time it takes the next 4 to *get on* that court. multiplied over 6 courts and a full days play and it's a lot of playing time is wasted. the steering committee could come up with a simple directive and the benefit it provides all players.

Stuart Somer: (1) During the times not listed on the calendar, does that mean there is nothing scheduled but anyone can play and it would follow the open play rules? Or does it mean that play isn't allowed? Example: Friday & Saturday after 12PM [Brad: Yes, when courts are not programmed they follow open play rules, i.e. all players rotate off after finishing 1 game to 11; (2) Is there a number of wins limit for the challenge court rules 2 on 2 off? [Brad: currently it is after 3 games].

We will discuss this issue in depth next meeting.

Court Behavior. [No Update, Tabled until later meeting]

How to help folks feel comfortable expressing when they are uncomfortable at court due to others behaviors? Should they ask Ambassadors/ST to intervene? Who should enforce? (relate ambassador's discussions with Joe Borelli and P&R about having P&R enforce behaviors, not Ambassadors/ST).

Reemphasize to membership. We asked P&R if there can be a process for notifying person. (this happens in basketball where there are leagues and referees, etc). Pickleball is different in that it's self regulated; there is no P&R direct supervision. So, the process is somewhat arbitrary, in the P&R director makes decisions based on feedback. They can choose to trespass individuals if necessary. It would be helpful to have more explicit description of inappropriate behaviors. P&R is working on code of conduct for each of its facilities. They hope to be able to put them on signage at facilities. Contacting ambassadors is good option as well, so we know what current problems are. It was suggested that ambassador be easily identifiable (and steering committee potentially too). We also thought having kiosk for uptodate information (like pictures of ambassadors and steering committee would be helpful).

Programming

P&R has helped keep our time indoors despite underutilization. They would benefit though from knowing if we aren't going to use space.

We will work on this, in combination with developing more use through programming and marketing of indoor courts during warm weather time periods.

What are current numbers? P&R is tracking indoor numbers for us. JB&Brad are tracking outdoor numbers when they are there. We have requested and P&R has placed counters at the doors again to count traffic. JB and Brad are doing actual head counts to “calibrate” against the counter since it seems to report larger numbers than we think are real.

New Items

Talk about Parkinson's program

Program off to great start at Seymour. Thank to Dennis for developing and organizing. Dennis talked about upcoming Parkinson’s event in Triangle.

<https://movingdaywalk.org/event/moving-day-nc-triangle/>

Recommendation to Dennis--contact Donna (Mebane) good person to talk to. High caliber player.

Keep recruiting!!! We will find new space as the program grows. This is a wonderful program.

Legion Rd Proposal

Pickleball is still listed in the Legion Rd planning process proposal; however, there are many proposed activities, and no guarantees. To this end, we are working to lobby the town in the near future.

Brad---updates on activities and how you can help.

- Sept 19th: Chapel Hill Parks, Recreation, Greenways Commission meeting: attended and lobby (15 CHPB).
- Oct 11th. Town Hall meeting: We will present short 3 minute information piece before Town Council. Want to have 50+ people there. Presentation between 7 and 7:15pm. Be there by 6:45pm with your paddle to help support this.
- Oct 4th 9:30am Ephesus: Brad meeting Rachel Schaevitz at Ephesus courts (Legion Rd Task Force Chair, and running for Town Council). Hope we have a good turnout at courts!
- We will meet with Town Staff and P&R once task force finishes.

Evening Training

Request from Players for coaching/Training in evenings because they can't make morning clinics (due to working etc). Are there coaches who will do this. (primarily wanting something similar to Monday Morning Intermediate training).

Jen volunteered to coach. She will do it Thursday evenings, which seems to be the best time (only available weeknight).

Additional Morning Training

We're getting 50+ for five courts for morning training. Can we add additional times? [Update 9/21, JB has agreed to attend the Monday clinic and repeat on Tuesday from 8-9am in hopes of reducing the overcrowding at the Monday clinics).

We added 2nd weekly time. Tuesdays 8-9am, lead by JB. Due to large number of beginners in Intermediate Clinic, we plan to advertise Tuesday session towards beginners and Mon for Intermediates.

Dedicated Singles Time

Stuart Somer's and Nick Galvez's emails: Desire to have Singles Play Time, like we have time for Beg/Int/Adv doubles play. I.e. to create community, not feel isolated using courts with doubles players sitting around waiting. Proposed having like 2 courts one evening a week. Talked with Nick, offered Fri or Sat nights (only non programmed nights). They like Friday evenings better of those two. Approved proposal for two courts (1&2) from 7pm to 9pm.

Also, related to this, is the rotation of singles/doubles games on courts. I.e. current policy is you play game to 11 and rotate off, whether singles or doubles. This applies at all times, EXCEPT during dedicated Singles times (Ladder League time slot Sat afternoon, courts 1-3, and Friday Evening Singles Play 7pm-9pm courts 1 & 2).

Update on Fall Leagues

Enrollment increased in both the advanced and intermediate leagues again this season. The advanced league had to go to increase from 2 hours to 3 hours of games times like the intermediate league did last year. Enrollment is INT (50) and ADV (43). Singles league was about 25 in summer pilot, will probably be more like 30 in Fall.

Brief update provided. Discussed postponed until next time.

Trophies for League Winners

We talked about this at the conclusion of the first doubles league playoffs (Fall 2016). Stan also suggested after watching the singles (Fall 2017). If we think it's a good idea, the main thing would be to find regular funding (volunteers, or from proceeds from CHPB tournament). This raises bigger question about what activities we'd like to do, and how to fundraise for them.

Brief update provided. Discussed postponed until next time.

Fundraising, and How to Capture Funds

As part of the discussion about trophies, and other issues, some folks asked about how we could best fundraise for things like trophies, or paying for professional trainers to provide clinics. We would like to hear your ideas on this. We do have one update, in that we've been working with Parks and Recreation to establish a way to accept funds that would be directed to pickleball. The best mechanism for them (and after we surveyed other communities, what most of the do, is to establish a "Friends of Parks and Rec" account, dedicated to a particular sport (pickleball in our case). Parks and Rec has been working on this, and we're pleased that it became operational this summer. So we can now think about how to use it, and market it. As a first test, we tried using it (successfully) for online registrations for the CHPB tournament.

Postponed until next time

Cycle NC

Cycle NC (fundraising bike ride across NC), will be in Chapel Hill Tuesday, 10/3. They have contacted JB and Brad about doing demonstration of pickleball. We agreed to do this (it will be at Homestead Park). It would be very helpful to have a few more volunteers; if any of the steering committee is willing to help out, that would be wonderful!!

Brief update provided. Asked for additional volunteers. Jen and Vance volunteered to help JB and Brad.

Rotating On/Off courts

Jim Wilson and others have raised issue about rotating on/off courts more quickly (as you've seen in recent steering committee emails :-)). Discussion about this. Talk about Dennis'

suggestion on adding/moving gates (note history of this being prohibitive, as well as being solved in 2 years if we get new courts (which would have individual court access)).

Postponed until next time