



BPC Board Meeting

Location: Online via Google Meet

Date: Wednesday, December 4th, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM – 8:15 PM

Board Members Present: Dave Martin, Bob Costello, Brent Litzer, Chip Helm, Ellery Likens, Gary Milhoan, Jerry Sutherlin, Jodee Smith, Kyle Parker, Susan Cooper

Quorum: Established with 9 out of 12 board members present

1. Call to Order

Dave Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM EST, thanking board members for volunteering their time. He outlined the agenda, including updates on membership, finances, event planning, and the leadership transition process.

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The November 6th meeting minutes were reviewed. Chip Helm motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Bob Costello. The motion was approved.

3. Treasurer's Report

Presented by: Kyle Parker

Key Financial Details:

- Starting balance for November: \$5,900
- Revenue: \$1,230 (\$180 from new memberships; \$111 from previous months' ladder event payments)
- Expenses: Standard software, transaction fees, and payments to Crimson Pickle for court rentals
- November ladder events resulted in a net loss of \$90 with an average attendance of 21 players per ladder event.
- Projections: December expected to reflect similar financial outcomes as November.

Bob Costello motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Jodee Smith, and it was approved.

4. Board Updates

- Patrick Counts resigned, leaving 12 board members.
- Brandon Smith expressed interest in joining the board.
- Gary Milhoan announced he plans to resign in 2025.

Discussion:



- Board recruitment should address strategic needs and ensure coverage of important roles.
- Ellery Likens suggested inviting Brandon Smith to a future board meeting for evaluation.
- Gary Milhoan emphasized understanding Smith's goals to match him with suitable responsibilities.

Action Item: Dave Martin to discuss board membership with Brandon Smith.

5. Committee Updates

5.1 Membership Committee

Presented by: Jodee Smith

No updates as discussions on the new membership structure are tabled until after the January strategic planning meeting.

5.2 Competition Committee

Presented by: Gary Milhoan

Key Points:

- November ladder events ran as planned, resulting in a small loss of \$90.
- December events will follow a similar format, led by Jade Julian in exchange for gift cards.
- Proposal to continue ladder events in January, February, and possibly March. Recommended increasing ladder fees to \$7 for members and \$12 for non-members.

Discussion:

- Board members highlighted the benefits of pre-paid ladder event packages to encourage commitment and attendance.
- Susan Cooper and others noted the strategic importance of ladders but emphasized avoiding volunteer burnout.

Motion: To approve January-March ladder events with increased fees. Approved unanimously.

Action Item: Gary Milhoan to finalize plans for winter ladder events.

6. Crimson Pickle Partnership

Discussion Points:

- Proposal submitted by Timber Tucker for a potential merger between Crimson Pickle and BPC.
- Financial and facility upgrades, such as adding air conditioning, are critical for long-term sustainability.



- The board expressed mixed opinions on the partnership, emphasizing the need for a clear strategic plan.

Action Item: Gary Milhoan and Ellery Likens to continue discussions with Timber Tucker.

7. Event Planning

- January board meeting rescheduled to January 8th, 2025, due to the holiday.
- Strategic planning meeting scheduled for January 22nd, 2025, at the Monroe County Public Library.
- Pre-meeting survey to be distributed in January to gather member input.

Action Items:

- Jodee Smith to finalize and distribute the pre-meeting survey.
- Dave Martin to assist with event planning graphics and communication.

8. Leadership Transition

- Dave Martin reiterated his intention to step down as Chair at the end of 2024.
- Nominations for Chair were opened, but no candidates accepted.
- The Vice Chair, Ellery Likens, will assume duties temporarily if no Chair is elected.

Discussion:

- Gary Milhoan proposed delegating tasks to alleviate the Chair's responsibilities.
- Dave Martin outlined ongoing responsibilities, including website maintenance and email communication, and encouraged sharing the workload.

Action Items:

- Dave Martin to document tasks for delegation.
- Board members to identify potential candidates for Chair.

9. Other Business

- Bob Costello proposed hosting a social gathering on December 14th or 21st at his home, with a potluck-style meal. He will confirm the date via email.

Action Item: Bob Costello to finalize the social event date and send invitations.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was extended by 15 minutes to address key items. Dave Martin officially adjourned the meeting at 8:17 PM EST.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 8th, 2025, at 7:00 PM via Google Meet.

