

Pueblo El Mirage Pickleball Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2019

- I. Call to Order
 - A. The meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm.

- II. President's Welcome
 - A. Randy reminded the members that this is the last regular meeting of the season; the next meeting is the banquet on March 13, 2019.
 - B. Randy welcomed Vicki Jepperson (Resort Manager) and Polly Bruins (Activities Manager).
 - C. Randy introduced the board members.

- III. Vicki's Presentation
 - A. Vickie has submitted a budget for additional pickleball courts, and the response is more positive than in previous years. The decision will be made in March. The company has a new COO, who is Vickie's supervisor and contact. Items submitted goes to him and he takes it to an administrator who takes it to the Board meeting, which is the Roberts family. This should make the process more efficient.
 - B. There have been issues over the badges. Renters receive a clip badge because they are renting from the resident on record. Renters will now receive a different color badge if they are here 30 days or more. One visitor was told that to participate in Pickleball activities they had to have a badge with their name on it, not just "Guest." The amenities are for everyone here, therefore renters and guests should be treated as if they are here year-round. Vickie has asked PEMPC members to treat all guests the same as residents.

- IV. Treasurer's Report
 - A. Janett Hampton reported that the balance in the account at the end of January was \$49,026.45.
 - B. Some of the Kokopelli expenses have come in since then.
 - C. Income less expenses to date is \$27,938.98.
 - D. January income was \$11,953.01.
 - E. January expenses were \$8,677.01 (Primarily Kokopelli tournament expenses, balls, office supplies, training supplies).
 - F. Profit for January: \$3,276.
 - G. Profit for fiscal year: \$27,938.98
 - H. Additional future income will be from vendors and the Snack Shack.

- V. Committee Reports
 - A. Operations: Mike Golden reported for Rich Baumann
 - 1. Mike reminded members to not cross courts; use the gates that have been created.
 - 2. Kokopelli Classic

- a) The courts are being cleaned as scheduled.
 - b) Bike racks will get moved a week from Thursday.
 - c) No organized play on Friday, Feb 15. Set up will start at 9 am.
 - d) Golf cart parking: If people would back in when parking near the restrooms it would reduce glare; at the palm tree side all parking should be head in.
3. 98 people played in the inhouse tournament, resulting in a profit of \$449 for the club.

B. Training: Shannon McClean

1. Training is going well; numbers are very large, and the training groups fill quickly. The 2.5 cap is 16, so Shannon is asking players to attend training just one week in a row and allow new 2.5 players to have a chance at training.
2. Shannon thanked all the trainers and helpers.
3. Shannon explained that there will be a change in rating protocol. The raters have been diligent, and the rating from 3.0 to 3.5 has not been easy.
4. Randy further explained that rating for levels 1.0 to 3.0 is conducted through training. The rating protocol for moving players from 3.0 – 3.5 will be changing. An independent certified ITPTA rater will be used. Randy later thanked Frenchy Relyea for presenting the idea to Randy and Shannon.

C. Communications: Doug Gibbs

1. The club had a total of 418 members last year; the club currently has over 400 players and expects another 80.
2. Doug gave a quick explanation of how the pempickleball.com website works and went through each tab to explain what is under it.

D. Tournaments: Don Williams

1. Don thanked Rich Baumann for all his work on internal tournaments. This is Rich's last year to run the tournaments.
2. March 5 is the second inhouse tournament, which will be a doubles-mixed tournament, using the same format as the January tournament, with a social round robin for the 2.0 group. For the 4.0+ players, skill levels might be used to pair them up.
3. The Kokopelli Klassic was developed as a replacement for the Grand Canyon Games.
 - a) Feb 16-18, 2019, are the dates for this year, going from 8 am to 8 pm on Sunday to accommodate the high number of players.
 - b) Don thanked Becky Gibbs for her work on registration and organizational skills. Don recognized Mike Golden for his hard work on securing vendors, resulting in nine vendors and four major sponsors. Roberts Resorts receives the fee for the vendor tables but then gives the club profits from the Snack Shack.

- c) Don listed the many leaders of each volunteer section.
- d) If there is rain, there is not a refund because the expenditures are still there. If it rains, we will need many volunteers to dry the courts.
- e) 533 players are registered.
- f) Feb 16 – Feb 19, 2020, has been reserved for the second annual Kokopelli Klassic.
- g) The club annually incurs expenses for balls and equipment for club activities, which is one reason this tournament is important. The tournament should result in a net profit of around \$17,000.
- h) Don presented the tournament shirts. There are about 50 shirts available for sale at \$20 each on the first day.
- i) The medals have the Kokopelli theme; a button will be offered free to players. The pins are \$3.00 for purchase.

E. Organized Play: Peter McClean

- 1. Peter acknowledged that a schedule has been posted but has changed several times. There is one more change.
 - a) The number of courts allocated for organized play events are limited to two quadrants, leaving two quadrants open most times.
 - b) There are currently 391 active players, which creates a shortage of courts. The following numbers are from a week ago and will change weekly as players move up:
 - (1) 158 players registered as 0 - 2.0
 - (2) 67 players registered as 2.5
 - (3) 76 players registered as 3.0
 - (4) 90 players registered as 3.5 – 5.0

VI. Banquet: Gary Pike

- A. Gary volunteered to be the chairperson and Emcee.
- B. A DJ has been contacted; the only pay will be by a tip jar, so members are encouraged to tip the DJ.
- C. Decorations from two years ago with the Kokopelli will be used again.
- D. The evening program has been determined:
 - 1. Social: 4:40
 - 2. Dinner: 5:30
 - 3. Awards, recognitions, door prizes, etc start at 6:30. Tournament volunteers will receive tickets for door prizes. There will also be four or five door prizes for all attendees.
 - 4. There will be a video or slide show.
- E. Members can vote without coming to the banquet; there will be an area set up at the banquet hall area for voting.
- F. Tickets will go on sale at the Activities office on February 20, 2019.
- G. Dinner will be buffet style, with two main course selections.

VII. Nomination Committee: Kelli Mollison

- A. Kelli stated that the goal of the committee is to find a few qualified candidates to fill the vacant board positions.
- B. Open board positions for next year are: Vice president, Secretary, and three Members at Large.
- C. Members who are interested in running should let a Nomination Committee member know they are interested, or a couple of friends can nominate a member and then the committee will ask the member if he/she is willing to serve. There will be a vetting process for all positions.
- D. The deadline for nominations is Feb 21, 2019. Nominations can be submitted by email to pempbelections@gmail.com. Information is on the pempickleball website under announcements.
- E. Kelli introduced the committee members
 - 1. Sherry Hulbert
 - 2. Karen Isaacs
 - 3. John Owens
 - 4. Wayne Schindledecker
 - 5. Mike Mollison

VIII. Comments from Randy

- A. There has been a lot of effort put out by many club members on behalf of the club. Hats off to all who make the club what it is.
- B. Many activities in the club are being worked on: Tournaments, banquet, election, processes, rating protocol, the organized play calendar, and more.

IX. Audience questions and comments

- A. Jim Gish thanked everyone. Jim asked about infrastructure plans and stated that he would like to have a backboard available that doesn't conflict with a court.
- B. Tom Trimbach asked how many courts are being considered; Randy answered four or eight.
- C. Lee Meyers asked whether there are changes in how guest passes can be used; Randy answered that the policy has been in place for five years. Currently guests outside the park with a guest pass may play any time in open play, but the policy might be modified to state that guests outside the park may play only after 2:00, during Rec Play.
- D. A member asked what the club funds will be used for; Randy answered that there have been discussions with the park about using funds toward the cost of the courts and perhaps lighting. \$250,000 is the cost for new courts, and lights are \$30,000 per quad. The courts also will need resurfacing in two or three years at the cost of \$70,000 for each quad.

X. The meeting adjourned at 4:59 pm.