

PEM Pickleball

Group Membership Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 5, 2015 5:00 PM (pool cabana)

I. WELCOME (Judy Graves and Doug Gibbs, Co-Chairs)

A. Grand Canyon Games in Review

- Thank you to all the volunteers.
- We will receive \$5.00 per entry and \$2,000 plus or minus from food vending.
- Judy – glowing reports on Facebook about Grand Canyon.
- We don't know if we'll get Grand Canyon and/or Southwest Regional tournaments next year. In our favor, we have great volunteer help, great layout of courts, parking for over 300 cars and restroom. The drawback is not having lighting, which is expensive.

B. Pickleball Group Growth

- We've grown from 45 players from about two-and-a-half years ago to 450 plus now. There are over 300 players in the park now, and varies throughout the year.

C. Committee/Chair Structure

- Doug provided a history on how our pickleball committees were formed.
- Committees are made up of volunteers willing to serve. Each committee selects their own chair or co-chairs. At the end of the season (usually March) each Committee decides who the chair(s) will be for the next season. Chairs can serve consecutive years.
- The Committee Chairs select the head chair or co-chairs for the Pickleball Group, which are currently Doug Gibbs and Judy Graves. This is also reviewed on a yearly basis.
- Everyone is welcome to get involved and participate on a committee. It's always nice to get some new blood!

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance (Beth Nagle, Chair)

- The cost of dues may be affected next year if we do not have any outside tournaments.
- Major anticipated expenditures include ball thrower, water fountain and balls.
- Beth is moving on! Anne Reynolds will be taking her place next season as Finance Chair. Thank you Beth for all your hard work.

B. Social Events (Adele Mather, Co-Chair)

- Reviewed this year's events – Coffee and donuts, Mixed Match Madness, Fun Follies. Thank you to everyone who participated.

C. Operations (Ken Fiske, Co-chair)

- Ken Fiske and Denny Craig are the new co-chairs as Anne is moving to Finance.
- Thanks to everyone who pitched in to help with Grand Canyon Games, who cleaned courts before Grand Canyon and help on a regular basis.
- Will be purchasing balls and squeegees.
- Working on storage area at restroom. Equipment is currently scattered everywhere. Don Williams will be coordinating shelving.

D. Organized Play (Judy Graves, Chair)

- Round Robins are scheduled as follows for next season:
 - 3.5+ mixed on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays - Don Williams (others until he arrives at PEM)
 - 1.5-3.0 mixed on Mondays – Rich Bauman (very large group)
 - 2.0-2.5 men’s on Wednesdays – Rich Bauman and Doug Gibbs (separated into two groups because it’s so large)
 - 2.0-2.5 women’s on Wednesdays – Bert Sealing
 - 3.0+ women’s on Wednesdays – Judy Graves (mentoring round robin)
 - 2.5-3.0 women’s on Fridays (switched from Saturday) – Fran Beatty and Peggy Bradley.

E. Communications (Doug Gibbs, Chair)

- The pickleball schedule changes throughout the year. Check the bulletin board and our website (www.pempickleball.com) for current information.
- We are in extreme need of photographers for next season to cover general play, organized events, social activities and tournaments. Please contact Doug or Becky Gibbs if interested.

F. Training (Becky Gibbs and Bruce Kimmell, Co-Chairs)

- Overwhelmed this season with the number of new people who would show up each week for lessons. Separated beginner lessons from continuing novice training due to large turnout of attendees. Schedule for next season:
 - Beginner lessons (for brand new players) will remain on Tuesdays at 9:30 AM.
 - Beginner/novice skills training (1.5-2.0) will be on Tuesdays at 11:00 AM.
 - Intermediate skills training (2.5) will be on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM.
 - Advanced skills training (3.0+) will be on Thursdays at 11:00 AM.
- We need more trainers. If interested, contact Becky Gibbs or Bruce Kimmell.
- Bob Youngren will be conducting a free skills clinic on March 11 at the courts. Limited spots available for on-court participation. Everyone else is welcome to watch.
- We will be working on other skills clinics and training opportunities for next year.
- Becky has Onix paddles available to try if anyone is interested. John Freisner has an Onix paddle he is trying to sell. Contact Becky if interested.

G. Tournaments (Rich Bauman and Don Williams, Co-chairs)

- Don will be taking an assistant chair role next season and also helping with operations.
- Karl Kunz Memorial Tournament is scheduled for March 13-14 (Friday and Saturday). Cost is \$5.00. Entry forms are available at bulletin boards. Need by Sunday or Monday. Bring to F29. Will need all hands on deck to referee. See Becky if interested.

III. OTHER

A. Next and last General Membership Meeting – Thursday, November 5, 4:00 PM (Rec Building)

B. St. Patrick’s Day Party – at Doug and Becky’s, March 17, 4:30 PM. Everyone welcome to attend!