

PEM Pickleball

General Membership Minutes

Thursday, December 5, 2013 – 4:00 PM

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Doug Gibbs reported that the meeting with PEM Management and Activities was very productive. In summary:

- All activities in the park are required to change to the new financing format.
- Roberts Resorts will continue to cover capital improvements such as electricity, water, restrooms, perhaps lighting, etc. We will be responsible for supplying nuts-and-bolt type items including balls, paddles, maintenance equipment, office supplies, web hosting, etc.
- We are allowed to do fundraisers. Activities can help us to raise money by cooking for special events; profits go to our club minus the ten percent that goes to the Activities office (a win-win for everyone).
- Activities can help us with copying, plasticizing, setting up for events, etc.
- We can be a club or a group.
- No groups or clubs can maintain their own checking accounts using the Roberts Resorts name for insurance/liability reasons.
- Activities will set up an account for each activity and provide a spreadsheet with our financial status (including revenues, expenditures, current balance, etc.).
- We can utilize the funds in our account as we wish.
- Revenues and expenditures will still funnel in and out our Finance Committee for accounting and checks-and-balances purposes.
- We can now ask for dues. Dues for the 2013-14 (October-April) season will be \$10.00 per person. Players in the park for less than one month are not required to pay, but would be encouraged to donate, especially if participating in training and organized play.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Training – Bruce Kimmell, Committee Member

- The following classes are canceled due to holiday schedules:
 - Beginner Lessons (Tuesdays) – December 24 and 31
 - Intermediate Skills Training (Wednesdays) – December 25 and January 1
 - Beginner Skills Training (Thursdays) – December 12, 19, 26 and January 2
- Anne Reynolds will be teaching another referees class after the holidays.

Operations – Jay Fellows and Anne Reynolds, Co-Chairs

- Anne and Jay are now co-chairs for this committee.
- This committee has a large number of responsibilities, including court cleaning and maintenance, setting up for activities, moving equipment, repairs, etc. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help or serve on the committee should contact Anne or Jay. They are really in need of people who are willing to help clean the courts on a regular basis.
- Judy Graves, Judy Weihe and Anne Reynolds cleaned all courts with the exception of courts 5-8 which still need to be done. Cleaning the courts requires that you first loosen the dirt with a

push broom and then blow it off with the gas blower. It takes a half-hour to clean one court. Anne will be sending out a memo to those serving on the committee to meet on Thursday, December 12, at 2:00 PM to clean the remaining courts. This will be an on-going process. Roberts Resorts will clean the courts after large storms; the Committee will contact PEM Management to schedule when such occasions occur.

Organized Play – Anne Reynolds, Committee Member

- There is now signage on the courts so new people will know where to go for “drop in” play in their general skill level. Courts are assigned as follows.
 - Beginner (1.0-1.5) and Novice (2.0-2.5), 9:00 AM to Noon, Courts 13-16
 - Intermediate (3.0 -3.5), 9:00 AM to Noon, Courts 9-12
 - Advanced (4.00 +), 8:00 to 11:00 AM, Courts 1-4
 - Courts 5-8 are reserved for training and “open” play when not in use.
- Players can play on any court at any time the courts are not reserved for scheduled activities or events.
- The Skills Ratings (noted on the court signs) are specific to our park. Ranking in our park may be a little different than USAPA ratings. Skills Rating information is available at our website and on the bulletin board.
- The Ladder for the “A” group is being changed from Tuesdays to Saturdays at 8:00 AM.
- There was such good attendance at the Meet-and-Greet in November we will continue to do it on the fourth Thursday of every month. The next Meet-and-Greet will be on Thursday, January 27 from 2:30 to 4:30 PM, followed by happy hour and appetizers at El Mirage Bar & Grill for those who are interested.
- Ladies Day – This is a new event and opportunity for ladies of all skill levels to play and get to know one another. Ladies Day will be on the third Wednesday of every month from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM, with lunch at El Mirage Bar & Grill (inside) for those who are interested. Our first event will be on Thursday, January 15.
- Doug will be asking Roberts Resorts about the possibility of putting a practice backboard on the north side of courts 5-8. This will be useful for training and provide an opportunity for players to practice and/or warm up on their own.

Finance Committee - Beth Nagle, Co-Chair

- Beth reviewed the current financial report. Thirty players have paid their dues out of 278 (approximately 133 players are currently in the park).
- Dues are \$10.00 per person for the 2013-2014 season. In order to make it easier for people to pay their dues we’re providing special payment envelopes located at the bulletin boards at both sets of courts. Just complete the form within the self-addressed envelope, enclose cash or a check made out to “Roberts Resorts” and send it to Beth Nagle via intra-park mail. Specific instructions are located at the bulletin boards. Dues cover a lot of items for our group, including balls, office supplies, maintenance equipment, supplies for special events, etc. (Dues can also cover capital improvement items not covered by the park.)

Tournament Committee – Rich Baumann, Co-Chair

- The Roberts Resorts Round Robin was on November 8. Approximately 25 players from Sunrise and Gold Canyon came to our park to play. Many stayed after to have lunch at the club house and compare what everyone was doing at their park. They are interested in doing this again in the future.

- Round Robin reminder – novice/intermediate round robin is tomorrow (Friday). No sign-up required; just show up!

Social Committee – Becky Gibbs, Stand-in

- Coffee and donuts will be provided at the courts on the first Tuesday of the month at 9:00 AM. It's just a fun opportunity to provide a short break, socialize, drink some coffee and carb up before or in between games.

Communications/Promotion – Doug Gibbs, Chair

- Reminder – the Grand Canyon Games will be here in our park on February 19 – 23, 2014. We expect approximately 400 players (plus spectators). This is the third largest tournament in the world. We will need volunteers from our group to help with parking, cutting bananas, filling water containers and assisting Activities with food vending (no food handlers permit required). This five-day event will really spread the park's "A Team" thin, so they could really use our help. And profits (minus ten percent) go back into our coffers!

OTHER/AUDIENCE COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

Andy Fisher asked about the possibility of wind screens at the new courts. Doug said there have been mixed opinions on the subject because of the potential wind (venturi) effect and screens can block spectator viewing during tournaments. However, wind screens could be helpful, especially at the southwest corner where the prevailing winds come from, and the screens could be rolled up during tournaments. We probably will not get them this year, but we could request them for the future.

Andy also asked if there will be grandstands at the Grand Canyon games like at Nationals in Festival. Doug reported that the request had been made to move the temporary bleachers from the softball field for use during the tournament.

Jerry Grimes asked about the target dates for capital improvements being made at the courts. Doug reported that a new power vault is going in soon. Logically, water would follow because it requires power. Eventually there will be a sports complex to the west of the courts, to include a baseball field, dog run, restroom and storage building. Entry to the courts will be on the west side.

Guy Smith suggested that a list of Committee Chairs with their photos be posted on the bulletin board so players know who they are. Doug will follow-up.

Doug reminded everyone to please be good stewards of our beautiful digs by remembering to put balls back in the holders so they don't get damaged by the sun, to pick up garbage and lower the umbrellas if you are the last to leave. Personal items left at the court will be put in the brown box where the paddles are stored for two to four days, and then taken up to the lost and found at the concierge's office.

Next monthly meeting: Thursday, January 9, 2014 – 4:00 PM

If you have any comments, concerns, questions, or ideas please contact the appropriate Committee Chair or Pickleball Group co-chairs Judy Graves or Doug Gibbs by going to the [PEM Pickleball Group](#) website and use the "Contact Us" tab. We will make sure your message gets to the appropriate person.