

PEM Pickleball

Group Membership Meeting Notes

Thursday, April 4, 2013 – 4:00 PM

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

A small group was present for the end-of-the season meeting. Next year, the last General Membership meeting will be in March.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications/Promotion – Doug Gibbs

- Doug sent out an end-of-the-season email to all players. Emails to PEM Pickleball players will resume again in October when the season starts. Player contact information is kept private (as requested by many members) and will not be posted on the web or public locations. The contact list is used to keep players informed about Pickleball activities.

Social Events – Adele Mather

- Jane McKesson will remain Chair for the next season.
- Adele Mather reviewed season events including the January 14 grand opening for the new courts, February 16 tournament, March 1 Fun Follies, March 10 Potluck/General Membership meeting, March 16 Karl Kunz 2nd Annual Memorial Tournament, and the March 28 Mixer Up.
- The Committee will strive to spread out social events throughout the next season, starting in January. They will wait until Tournament dates are set before planning social events.
- The cabana has been reserved for Sunday, March 9 next year for the annual potluck/meeting.
- Adele thanked those who volunteered to help their committee with events.

Operations – Not Present

- Doug Gibbs reported that Don Williams, Roy Markwardt and Larry Hyatt volunteered to build the kiosk (bulletin board) for the new Pickleball courts. Preliminary approval was given by PEM Management. The kiosk will be located in the center quadrant, close to where the check-in booth was located for tournaments. Don is working on a schematic to be reviewed by PEM Management; construction should begin in the fall.
- It was the general consensus that more people are needed on the Operations Committee. Right now it's a committee of one person. Operations committee responsibilities should or could include court maintenance (blowing/sweeping courts), equipment acquisition (balls, paddles, wind screens, clocks, leaf blowers, etc.) and equipment installation and maintenance. It was also determined that pick-up, set-up and take down of equipment for tournaments and social events should fall under this committee. Rita Weihe, Jay Hennies, and Guy Smith all volunteered to serve on this committee. It was also suggested that Roy Markwardt, Denny Craig and Mary Ragland would be good candidates if they were willing. Anyone interested in serving on this committee should contact us at: [Contact Us on our Website](#).

Organized Play – Judy Graves

- Judy will remain Chair of their committee for the next season.
- Judy thanked Rich Baumann for coordinating the round robin on Fridays.
- The committee is looking at making some changes to organized play next year, including changing the day and time for the Shoot Out to accommodate more players.
- We are going to try going to the USAPA rating system next year that will help players to better define their skill level. Players can self rate, or enlist the help of the Organized Play Committee to help rate them. The USAPA rating is a helpful tool for players to know what to work on as they progress in skill level. For more information go to: [Skill Level Definitions](#)
- The cost to support **organized play** and other activities is incurred by the “Pickleball Group.” In order to continue to support organized activities, players involved in “organized play” (Shoot-Out, Round Robins and Mix-it-Up) are encouraged to contribute their \$5.00 yearly donation. Costs incurred include supplies and expenses not covered in the PEM Management budget. It was clarified that general recreation play is always open to everyone at the courts all day, every day at no cost, and that fees for “organized play” are donations. Thanks to all who donate, and especially to those who go above and beyond to support the group.
- Judy received a call from Sun City West wanting to set up reciprocal play with our park. The down side is that it only includes 4.0 women players. Because we have three 4.0 players in our park, the other 55+ participating parks would only send three players from each resort. Play at our park would occur once a month and would only involve a few courts. There aren’t a lot of 4.0 women players in each resort, so this affords an opportunity to play with other people within their skill level. Judy will run the concept by PEM Management. This does not preclude us from starting reciprocal play at other skill levels for both men and women, it’s just a matter of people being willing to organize it.

Training – Wayne Moritz

- Larry Hyatt will be the Chair for the next season. Wayne will remain on the committee to help.
- Wayne expressed his appreciation to everyone who helped with training this last season.
- Working on getting more organized for next year.

Finance – Becky Moritz

- Jane Hyatt will be coming on to the committee. Becky will approach her about being committee chair. Jane lives here in the park all year long.
- Becky reviewed the current financial report. There is \$528.53 available, with some outstanding expenses yet to be submitted for reimbursement (web hosting, kiosk, etc.). Revenues this year came from voluntary member dues, tournament fee donations, and donation cans at events. Expenditures included costs for organized play, tournaments, social events, equipment and operating expenses. Examples include food, beverages, office supplies, printing, trophies/ribbons, etc. Asset acquisition included a gas blower, wind socks, clock, clipboards, dry erase board, tournament sign, rule books, cord covers, etc. The group also made a \$50 donation to Rally for the Cure fundraiser at the golf course.

Tournaments – Don Williams and Rich Bauman

- Don and Rich will remain co-chairs for the next season. At the end of next season, one chair will rotate out and a new chair will be selected to replace them. The idea is that there will always be one chair with previous experience working alongside a new chair. Chairs will serve two-year staggered terms.

- Rich reported there were 42 teams (84 players) participating in the February 16 Tournament. Next year we will probably make it a two-day event. Not as many people participated in the March Tournament.
- Our goal is to get more referees next year. Anne Reynolds is happy to provide more training.
- Don said he contacted two other Roberts Resorts, Gold Canyon and Sunrise, with a social invitation to come play here at our park. Aiming for the third week in January. Most of their players are beginner and intermediate, with an emphasis on social rather than competitive play. Each park indicated they could bring 25 players each. Looking at mid-week, no refs, and a round-robin format. The Tournament Committee will need the help of the Social and Operations Committees to set-up the event. Don also requested assistance from the Organized Play committee in structuring an event for that many people.
- Don said they may try some new things for the tournament next year, like drawing names instead of picking partners. It's just an idea and something different that they may try once; it's still under discussion. Will be doing one tournament in February and one in March.
- The park is supposed to purchase two more speakers that will help to cover the courts better.
- Don and Rich welcome any comments and ideas for their committee.

OTHER

- None

AUDIENCE COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

- None

Next monthly meeting: October 3, 2013 (tentative)

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 Pickeball Group](#) website.