

PEM Pickleball Monthly Meeting November 1, 2012

Doug Gibbs facilitated this meeting in Ed Chrisman's absence. Doug identified the committees that were formed last year and announced the members that had signed up for each committee. The contact names for each committee appear below with the update from the committee.

The minutes from the last meeting on March 4, 2012 were read by Dee Roark.

Finance Committee - Meg Chrisman, Becky Moritz, Brenda Moore

Meg emailed the treasurers report and Becky reported the following figures:

Deposits		Expenses	
Voluntary Dues Collected	\$295.00	Refreshments Round Robin	\$65.75
Miscellaneous Donations	\$124.40	Website Expense	\$71.80
Total	\$419.40		\$137.55
Balance in account	\$281.85		

A question was asked concerning the cost of refreshments for last year's tournament. Last year's minutes reflected the cost was between \$700- \$800. Someone suggested tournament entrance fees will have to be charged to cover these expenses in the future.

Communications Committee - Doug and Becky Gibbs

Doug shared that the website contains pictures of the construction of the new Pickleball courts and identifies PEM members that have won/played in outside tournaments. He has received positive responses about the website information, especially those checking the progress of the construction. He requested suggestions and ideas to make the website even more interesting.

New Court Construction - Bobby Butterfield, Larry Hyatt

Bobby and Larry advised the courts are being poured and they will have 8 courts completed with a 10 foot chain link fence. There will be two courts within these enclosures, with a 4 foot chain link fence between the two courts. There is some concern that the 4 foot fence won't have a cap on the top to prevent injuries which could be a liability issue. It appears that PEM may not be installing lights at this time or windscreens because of the expense. Bathrooms might be port-a-potties initially. In getting the construction approved the city of El Mirage stipulated play needs to end at 9:00 PM. It was noted that the courts will need a shed to keep playing equipment and maintenance equipment. Other items that members were concerned about included; bulletin boards, numbers for the court, refrigerated water, umbrellas, tables and chairs. Jay Fellows will request these items at the Unified meeting with PEM officials.

Organized Play Committee - Judy Graves, Rita Weihe, Anne Reynolds - Judy would like to wait until the new courts are available for ladder or tournament play. It was suggested that the round robin play was a lot of fun last year. There was discussion on having two different skill levels for the round robin tournament with set times for the matches. Judy stated that they would put together a Round Robin event soon.

Training Committee - Wayne Mortiz, Gerry Gleiss, Larry Hyatt - Beginning lessons have started and they have had a few people attend. The lessons are on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am. Larry Hyatt will start intermediate lessons in the future.

Tournament Committee - John & Kay Morgan, Denny Craig, Rich Baumann, Ruth Miller, Don Williams - Pickleball tournaments are listed on the PEM Pickleball website. The National USAPA Pickleball Tournament is being held in Sun City Festival starting on 11/4/12.

Operations Committee - Jay Fellows - Jay will be meeting with management and people from other activities for the budget in a few weeks. He requested suggestions for items he should add to his list. It was unanimous to ask for restrooms, windscreens that roll up, tables, chairs, umbrellas, shed, and lights for the new courts, paddles and balls.

Miscellaneous

Member Don Ferguson emailed that he wanted to voice a concern about; with the new courts that he might not get to play with everyone and he really liked mixing with all members. This concern prompted discussion on how other sites handle play. Surprise has 12 minute matches and the winners stay on the court and split up and the losers move to another court and also split up. They also have two levels of play. Someone shared that Happy Trails has a magnetic bulletin board and people put their name tags up for play rotation.

Doug Gibbs asked members for any other comments, concerns or questions – hearing none the meeting was adjourned.