

**PEM Pickleball**  
**General Membership Minutes**  
Sunday, March 9, 2014 – 4:00 PM (at pool cabana)

**WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

Doug Gibbs and Judy Graves welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Social Committee – Barb Tieskoetter, Committee Member**

- Barb reviewed social activities that took place this year (i.e. Fabulous Fun Follies, Mixed Match Madness, Coffee and Donuts on Tuesdays, etc.
- The Committee is in the process of planning for next year and will aim to spread events out over the season.

**Operations –Anne Reynolds, Chair**

- Anne thanked all the volunteers who helped to clean the courts before the Grand Canyon Games.
- This year they purchased a water broom to clean the courts and other cleaning equipment.
- Plan to purchase replacement squeegee rollers and more balls for next season.

**Organized Play – Judy Graves, Chair**

- Next year there will be no beginner, novice, intermediate and advance classifications for players. Instead we will be going to a club rating. The club rating is typically .5 higher than a USAPA rating that people acquire if involved in playing in USAPA sanctioned tournaments. Ratings go from 1.0 to 5.0 in .5 increments. We are asking players to self rate. If anyone wants assistance they can ask the Rating Committee for help by going to our website and using the “Contact” form.
- Round Robin for next season will be organized by skill rating. Sign-up will be in advance and limited to a certain number of players, plus subs. The robin will be set up to play with players within the same skill level who still want the social aspect.
- Round robin for this season will end in March. (Note: Depending on the level of interest, Doug may offer to continue the Friday round robin through April.)
- Approximately twenty “A” (advanced) players and thirty “B” (intermediate) players participated in the ladder this year. The ladder for this season ends April 1 and 5. If ladder participants are leaving before then they should contact Judy to make sure she takes them off the list until next season.
- Judy passed around a roster so people could indicate their rating. She emphasized that you can’t compare to tournament play where the USAPA rating is typically higher than a club rating.

**Training – Becky Gibbs, Committee Member**

- This season we provided beginner lessons to over 145 people. To our surprise, November was a very busy month. A big thank you to Gerry Gleiss who carried the load until other instructors arrived at the park and when gone during the holidays. Beginner lessons will conclude the end of March.

- Earlier in the season we had two separate days for beginner/novice skills practice and intermediate skills practice. We recently decided to combine the groups into one day. We are in the process of evaluating whether to keep this on one day or split back into two.
- The Committee is looking for ways to better improve our training and skills classes for next year. We will be looking at what organizations do in order to enhance what we offer.
- A number of paddles walked away towards the end of the season, causing instructors to scramble to find paddles or use their own for beginner classes. The Committee will be purchasing paddles specifically for training that will be used only for that purpose.
- Bruce Kimmell and Becky Gibbs are working on a Tai Chi Gong inspired video specifically for Pickleball players. Net proceeds from the DVD and instruction manual will be donated to our Pickleball group.

### **Tournament Committee – Rich Baumann and Don Williams, Co-Chairs**

- We had two in-house tournaments this year, one in February and the other in March. Twenty-nine teams participated in the February tournament and thirty teams in the Karl Kunz Memorial Tournament in March.
- Next year the committee is considering a two-day back-to-back tournament, with emphasis on using the skills rating system. Information forthcoming. (Note: Since this meeting the Tournament Committee decided to have one tournament in January and the other in March.)  
We plan to hold a "doubles" tournament on Friday, Jan. 30th, and a "mixed doubles" on Friday March 13th.
- Anyone with ideas or suggestions is encouraged to contact their Committee.

### **Finance Committee – Beth Nagle, Chair**

- Beth announced that our group received \$1,596 profit from food service provided by the “A” Team during the Grand Canyon Games. She asked that people spread the word to use Activities for fundraising. Activities collected 10% of the proceeds; we received the rest.
- Expenses for food donated by our group for the Grand Canyon Games totaled \$250.00. This included pretzels and other items provided to the players.
- Beth thanked those who paid their dues for the season. Doug reminded players who haven’t paid already to do so. The \$10.00 for one season is much less expensive than just one day of golf. He also thanked those who either paid dues or made donations even though they weren’t here for 30 days. Funds go to help our group purchase needed items such as balls, paddles, maintenance equipment, capital items as well as support special activities and events. Players who have paid dues for the 2013-14 receive a green star to be placed on their name tag.
- We will start collecting dues again in the fall for the 2014-15 season.

### **Communications/Promotion – Doug Gibbs, Chair**

- Doug reported there were approximately 370 players throughout the year, with 220-250 being in the park at any one time. There are about 220 players in the park right now.
- Emails will start dwindling as the season ends in March and start up again as things get going in the fall.
- A calendar of all Pickleball events is located on our website at [www.pempickleball.com](http://www.pempickleball.com).
- We have a Facebook page that players can use to communicate with one another to set up informal games and share information. This is a closed page, only viewable to the members who join. You must have a Facebook account. If interested, send an email to [pempickleball@outlook.com](mailto:pempickleball@outlook.com) and you will receive an invite to join the page. Note: this does not mean you become friends with members of the group on your personal Facebook page.

- We are in desperate need for photographers to help cover Pickleball events next season. If interested, please contact Doug or Becky Gibbs. You do not have to be a professional photographer!

## OTHER/AUDIENCE COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

- **Bulletin Board** – Don thanked Guy Smith, Bobbie Butterfield, Doug Gibbs and Gerry Gleiss for helping him with the new bulletin board, and Roberts Resorts for funding it.
- **Grand Canyon Games** – Judy and Doug thanked everyone who helped with the Grand Canyon Games. There were over 80 volunteers who worked the five-day event. The Grand Canyon Games organization is planning an appreciation event for those who volunteered. We received a lot of good feedback, especially from players, on how well organized the event was. We hope to host the tournament for the next couple years. A special shout out to Denny Craig who not only works for the park but does a lot of volunteer work for our organization.
- **Committee Participation** – anyone wishing to serve on a committee should contact us via our website.
- **Next General Membership Meeting** – next November (tentatively).
- **Pickleball T-Shirts** – We are still working on t-shirts for our group. Information forthcoming via future email announcements.
- **St. Patrick's Day Party** – Doug and Becky reminded everyone they are invited to their annual St. Patrick's Day Party on March 17. Information sheet is located at the bulletin board.
- **Capital Improvement Projects at Courts** – audience members inquired about the status of planned improvements for the Pickleball courts, specifically restrooms and water. Doug reported that Roberts Resorts wants to provide power, water, restrooms and lighting. They are working on it and have made a request to their headquarters. Everything has to be budgeted. The electrical vault will be installed this summer. There are other park activities they also need to spend money on.

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 our [website](#). We will make sure your message gets to the appropriate person.