

PUEBLO EL MIRAGE .. PICKLEBALL MEETING....January 3, 2013
From notes taken by Ruth Miller & Adele Mather

Jay Fellows opened the meeting held in the rec center at 4 P.M. Jay Fellows reported on his meeting Jan. 2nd with Manager Vickie Jepperson and Activity Director Cindy Brock.

All new 16 courts are now open for use between the hours of 7:00am and 9:00pm

The Grand Opening will be Monday, January 14thOfficial "Ribbon Cutting Ceremony" at 11:00 am. There will be a DJ from radio station KMLE 96.3 (Camel Country and Western) broadcasting & reporting live. Apparently he plans to run some sort of contest with pickleball players for fun & prizes. The park will have Hamburgers/ hot dogs and drinks available for \$5.00. There might be some people (55+) invited to attend Jan 14th, but the courts are not generally open to the public. The Park is preparing a flyer to put in mailboxes with the announcement which will include info that there will be a round robin play of pickleball from 9:00 am to 11:00 am for anyone interested in playing. An advance sign-up sheet will be posted at the old court. The park will decorate with balloons and banners. Following the opening ceremonies, everyone interested will be invited to stay and play and "try their hand at pickleball". Volunteers from our group will be on hand to assist and teach.

NOTE: Limited chairs and tables are in place.....we will need to bring our own chairs. No plans for porta-pottysfacilities at the golf course will be utilized. Numbers for the courts are on order also a lock box for paddles and a blower. Squeegies are in place. Two large bulletin boards are planned. Bike racks have been requested. We have six paddles. 20 more have been ordered. Please bring extras if you have, to lend. We as the pickleball group should strive to be good ambassadors to help make this day a success.

Barb Tieskoetter representing the Social Committee recommended that we do not offer any snacks like the last tournament since this is a Roberts/Pem event. The Pickleball group concurred.

Members discussed the wind screens and wind socks needed at the new courts. Jay said they are in the budget for next year.

Judy Graves, Chair of Organized Play Committee, then took the floor and handed out a rough draft of a weekly schedule for organized play she is recommending for the new courts. Discussion followed and revisions suggested. Judy advised "this is a try guideline" as we are in the learning stage as to what is best for PEM players and we must take it one step at a time and make sure things work for all of our player's needs. A revised schedule will begin January 21st.

Reminder that meetings of the Pickleball group will take place on the first (1st) Thursday of each month at 4:00 PM in the rec hall.

Meeting was adjourned.