

# Potluck & Pickleball Group Meeting - March 4, 2012

## *Minutes*

This meeting was held immediately following the annual potluck dinner held at the cabanas in the PEM pool area. Thanks to all who helped put up tables, rearrange chairs for the meeting and clean up after.

Jay Fellows opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the potluck.

He thanked all that participated and helped in the tournament - especially (Ed & Meg Chrisman, Doug & Becky Gibbs, John & Kay Morgan, Judy Graves and Denny Craig). He discussed the statement made by co-owner Niels Roberts at the pool beach party that PEM will have 8 new courts by October, 2012.

Jay then discussed how our 2011 budget was used for the center screen and lights on the courts and how next year we hope to have wind screens on the existing courts.

Jay then turned the meeting over to Ed Chrisman to discuss New Business.

### Ed Chrisman -New Business

Ed Chrisman explained how the tournament committee used a "committee format" to run the recently held women's, men's and mixed tournaments. Ed then discussed the possibility of running our Group business using the same type of committee format (especially with the new courts we will have next year and anticipated increase in players).

Suggested committees needed:

- Communications/Promotions
- Operations/Unified Committee delegate
- League Play/Rules/Ladder
- Training
- Finance/Membership
- Tournaments

Ed discussed other issues related to the committee format:

Would like to get the committee chairpersons and committee members in place before the end of March, 2012 so we can "hit the ground running" in October.

We will also establish descriptions of the duties for each committee chair and the scope of what each committee should accomplish – will be posted on our website.

This would allow members to contact the appropriate committee chairperson with questions, issues, etc. Members can then contact committee chairperson to volunteer and/or participate in committee activities.

Ed then asked for a vote to approve establishing a "committee format" to help run the business of the Group. A motion was made and seconded by Jay Fellows to establish said committee format. Discussion was held on the topic including (but not limited to):

- Open play
- League play
- Descriptions for each committee
- Committee structure/volunteers
- Compliance with PEM rules

After discussion, it was obvious that these and many more topics need to be addressed by the pickleball group. It was agreed that we should pursue the "committee format" because it is a good starting place to give structure to the activities of the group and will

also help to spread out tasks and responsibilities. The motion was restated and a vote was taken. The motion carried.

Ed asked for volunteers to serve as committee chairs and/or members by contacting Becky or Doug Gibbs or Meg Chrisman in person, by email or website "contact us" form. The only committee chairperson already assigned is Jay Fellows who was elected to represent the Group in the Unified Meeting.

Ed then discussed the financial aspects of the recently held tournaments. Becky Gibbs has estimated that the funds spent were somewhere around \$700-\$800 for all three tournaments. A special acknowledgement and thank you was made to Marilyn Kunz for her extremely generous donation. Other contributions were made by Ruth Miller, Jane McKesson, Meg Chrisman and many others. The tournament committee emphasized the need to raise some money for next year's tournament to supplement what PEM will budget for us.

One suggestion by the tournament committee was to establish a Membership Program in the Pickle Ball Group with only two requirements:

A member must play pickleball at PEM

A member may **voluntarily** donate \$5.00 annually to help cover the costs of events

Discussion was held on the topic of membership. It was clarified that a person does not have to be a member. Other issues related to membership were discussed including: bank accounts, what the funds would be used for, discretion in recording donations, how other groups in the park raise money for their events. Some people expressed that \$5 was perhaps not enough. Ed clarified that a member could donate more if they wanted to.

A motion was made by Don Williams, seconded by Doug Gibbs to establish a Membership Program. The motion carried.

Ed then discussed the need to have regularly scheduled Pickleball Group meetings on the first Thursday of every month from October through March – reminders to be sent by email and posted on our website and bulletin board. He expressed the importance of updating and/or making sure Doug Gibbs has your current information [and getting in the PEM phone book]. Committee chairpersons would be required to meet several days before the Thursday meetings each month to solidify the agenda for the meetings to make sure we have short and efficient meeting. Agendas can be emailed to all members prior to each meeting. Members may contact any committee chairperson to get a certain topic on the agenda.

Ed then discussed the need to establish a calendar for our website (continuously being updated) of important dates to include

Unified Meeting date

Pickleball Group Meeting dates

Chairperson Meeting dates

Tournament dates [both PEM and local tournaments of interest]

USAPA important dates

Doug Gibbs then gave a short report on the PEM Pickleball Website. The website will have information like a calendar of events, photos, minutes of the group, valuable links, etc.

The meeting was adjourned at dusk and Doug and Becky Gibbs presented a "Tribute to Karl Kunz". The video was spectacular and everyone enjoyed it immensely.