

Pueblo El Mirage Pickleball Club

2022/23 Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: January 3, 2023

LOCATION: South Card Room

- I. Ron Craig called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.
 - A. Members present included Jeff Jameson, Gwynn Gorrell, Gus Ayala, Lynn VanLierop, and Doug Gibbs.

- II. Old Business:
 - A. Jeff moved to approve the 12/6/22 Board Minutes for posting on the PEMPickleball.com website. Doug seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - B. *Follow-up - Rob asked if the PEMPC would consider a fundraiser tournament for adults that would provide money to Pickleball Legacy Scholarship Foundation.*
 1. Ron asked; when would Rob want to have the tournament. Rob answered October of next season
 2. Ron asked if this would be in-house or open to outsiders. Rob responded that this would be open to outsiders as a fundraiser.
 3. Ron asked about cost to the players – Rob answered \$50/\$60 for registration and \$10 per event.
 4. Ron asked how many players he would want to include – Rob responded that it could be any size we allow.
 5. Doug asked how many days the tournament would last. Ron responded, perhaps four days.
 6. **Ron suggested that we try conducting an in-house fundraiser tournament in April. More discussion and consideration to follow. Doug asked that Rob put this in writing so the Board can discuss the tournament.**

- III. New Business:
 - A. Kokopelli Report: Mike Golden
 1. All balls, medals are on hand.
 2. Food trucks are scheduled.
 3. We have 343 registered players, 20 unpaid. We should be able to achieve our 400 estimate.
 4. Steve Raiolo will be head of operations. Russ Sutfin will serve as operations assistant.
 5. Tony Vervloet will be soliciting more player-bag goodies. Ron will ask Dave Nye tomorrow if PEM will be willing to donate any other items.
 6. Registration will close January 22, 2023
 7. Mike asked for a remote to check with the registration team to make sure there is enough light early in the morning. Remotes and instructions are in the Lost and Found Box.
 8. Mike asked that we announce to the membership to register before the last minute. **Ron will send out an email asap.**

B. Organized Play Report: Deb Jones

1. Ron asked how to remedy the large number of players on Saturdays. Next Saturday has 124 signed up and 16 on the waitlist.
 - a) **As an experiment, this Saturday, Ron is going to lengthen the total time for Saturday from two hours to three hours and increase the number of games.**
2. The organized play schedule appears to be working well as we see player participation really ramp up this week. I foresee the 9:00 time slot having few to no vacant courts within the next couple of weeks. Some popular events (like the 3.5+ Mixed RR on Fridays) will be reaching their player limits soon. The Saturday Morning Couples reached its limit as of Sunday evening and there are currently 17 couples on the waitlist. Discussion of creating a second 11:00 Saturday Couples in underway.
3. I have received a request to purge all Competitive Group scores from the standings for previous seasons. That request has been forwarded to Shonda.
 - a) **Ron will talk to Shonda to see if she can eliminate all but the last four scores.**
4. The APPL League schedules for our six PEM teams and two outside (leased court) teams have been fully scheduled in Live Pickleball. These matches occur from 3:00-5:00 on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We do not have any situations where more than 6 courts are being used on any one day. I have attached a copy of the APPL Master Schedule.
 - a) **Gwynn will send the schedule to the Board.**
 - b) **Ron asked Jeff to make sure every APPL team has a placard.**
5. Courts have been reserved for multiple training events in the afternoons. I have attached a copy of the most recent PEM Peak Season Schedule.
6. **Jeff has received a request to send an invoice for the two teams who are renting our courts as Home Courts - ~\$1,350. Jeff suggested that next season we would ALL non-PEM members to pay the APPL Home-Court Rental Fee. Gus said that we need to decide this as a Board just before the end of the season. Ron will report this to the club at the next Membership Meeting. A decision will be forthcoming closer to the end of the season.**

C. New 2023 Pickleball Rule Changes: John Friesner will present these at the Membership Meeting.

D. Projects Update: Ron Craig

1. Two new 10-bike racks
2. Court gates are being updated with stops to prevent opening the gate outward.
3. Five solar lights were installed in the walkway areas.
4. Two more solar lights will be installed in the gazebo area soon.
5. Solar lights were raised 12" and two 40K lights were traded out for 80K lights to add more light on the courts. Testing will be done soon.

- a) **Doug asked how much these lights are costing us. Ron said an estimated total for all the lights installed so far is between \$2,500 and \$3,000. All lights not used for court lighting will be used in other areas.**
 - b) **Lynn reported that members have requested more itemization in the financial documents. Gwynn will email Michael and bring this to his attention.**
- 6. We received from a recommended steel fabricator for a steel box to store the monitor. The bid was \$2,713.62. Ron talked to Steve Raiolo, and Tony Vervloet and have received a quote from Reiter's Custom Welding to create a secure and stable wooden framework for hanging the TV. The labor and materials for the wooden framework and a hinged door to cover the TV would be \$1,120.39. **Gus moved that we move forward with this project. Lynn seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
 - a) **Doug asked when we would have internet extended throughout the court area so we can install security cameras, and asked that we hold off buying any security cameras until we have the internet extended.**
- 7. Ron recommends we buy two more squeegees. Currently we have six (and six rollers) which are not enough if all 24 courts have water on them.
 - a) Gus offered to research a company that has equipment that could be very effective. Cost is approximately \$3,000.
 - b) Ron researched a commercial grade blower that may be effective. Cost is between \$900 and \$2,500.
 - c) The purchase of new equipment (expect the two new squeegees) will be presented at the next Board meeting.
- 8. One set of screens blew down. Ron called the company from which PEM bought them. The company representative said that the zip ties are designed to break in the event of high winds so the entire fence won't blow over. The company is sending a patch kit to fix a rip in the screen.

E. Presidents Report: Ron Craig

- 1. APPL: We have sold eight additional Guest Passes to be used by team members who play at PEM
- 2. Ron said that we need to remind the membership to close gates when leaving the courts to eliminate the possibility of coyotes being trapped inside.

F. Vice President Report: Jeff Jameson

- 1. Jeff said he, Gus, and Ron are going to go look at sunscreens at Sun City Grand to see what they have installed. We would use this idea for both sun screening and wind support for the fences.
- 2. Jeff asked how we should be handling accidents on the courts. Terry Swanson suggested that we have a blood pressure cuff available. **Doug will talk with Denny Rask and have him buy one and put it in the Medical Box by the Bulletin Board.**

G. Financial Report: Michael Boothe (This report is incomplete at present because Michael is in the hospital.)

1. Dec. 5, 2022 – Jan. 2, 2023

Income - \$ _____ (includes \$ _____ from Kokopelli)

Purchases - \$ _____ (includes \$ _____ for Kokopelli)

Net change in cash - \$ _____

Checking Account Balance - **\$5,278.18**

Savings Account Balance - **\$40,145.75**

PayPal Account Balance - **\$2,293.57**

Total Ending Cash Balance - **\$47,717.50**

- a) Gus questioned the numbers, wondering if the Savings Account is correct.
- b) Doug reiterated his request to create a Budget.
- c) Ron said that he would contact Michael Boothe and validate these numbers, break them apart into 'previous reserves', 'Kokopelli income', etc.

2. Board approval was TABLED until we have more information.

H. Secretary Report: Gwynn Gorrell

1. Ratings

- a) Ratings testing has restarted.
- b) The Ratings Committee would like to propose three changes to the 2023-2024 Ratings Policy:
 - (1) - that the required three-round robin average of 90% be changed to **three consecutive round robins at or above 90%**.
 - (2) - that the **95% opportunity be removed**.
- c) The Ratings Committee, with input from Rob Davidson, are working on improved ways to test and empirically record skill achievement. Being considered are:
 - (1) Players wishing to move to 3.0 will undergo a skills test assessment rather than the skinny singles games.
 - (2) Players moving to 3.5 will play in a four-game round robin with each game having a different set of rules. Each game is designed to test for specific skills.
 - (3) The method for testing 4.0 candidates has not been sufficiently discussed to report here.

2. PEM Activities Expo - 9:00-12:00 - Banquet Hall, January 11th.

- a) Ron, Jeff, Rob, and Gwynn will host the PEMPC table.
- b) Gwynn has flyers.

I. Member-at-Large: Doug Gibbs

1. Communications

- a) Doug will send an email to approximately 95 members who are listed as being here at PEM, but have not paid dues. Most are not intending to come back to PEM. We would like to remove them from our total numbers count so that we can get an accurate count of members.
- b) Doug will add a brief explanation to the front page of PEMPickleball.com to show members how to access all the pages of the website on a smart phone.

J. Member-at-Large: Lynn VanLierop

1. Training

- a) We are down in numbers in the training events.

K. Member-at-Large: Gus Ayala

1. Operations

- a) There is a water leak on the Southeast corner of court 1. Gus discussed this with Rich Bowmann and reported the problem to PEM.
- b) Ron said that operations volunteers should not be the sole responsible folks to dry courts. Gus said that since the volunteers are already there, they will start the process and Ron can email the general membership to get volunteers.

L. Open Mic Questions

1. No general members present.

IV. The Board moved into executive session at 5:50pm to discuss a member issue.

V. The Board moved out of executive session at 6:15pm.

VI. Motion to adjourn by Gwynn. Motion seconded by Jeff. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.

VII. Next Board Meeting is scheduled for 02/06/23.

These minutes respectfully submitted by Gwynn Gorrell

Water Volleyball ~ Wood Shop ~ Shuffleboard ~ Golf ~ Sewing/Quilting

Attention Residents: we are looking for reps from our groups to participate in our Expo next January!

Please sign up (or call us @ 623.583.6092) in the Activity Office to reserve your table.



Horse Shoes ~ Lapidary ~ Men's Softball ~ Lawn Bowling ~ Pickle Ball

ACTIVITIES EXPO

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

You're invited to see what PEM residents and guests do for fun!

Many of our activity groups will be represented to show what they do, play, make, etc

9:00am - 12:00pm

Banquet Hall

PEM Peak Season Schedule

		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday				
		# of Courts	Group	Lead	# of Courts	Group	Lead	# of Courts	Group	Lead	# of Courts	Group	Lead	
7:00-9:00	4	Rec Play (Paddle in Saddle) 1-4	Jeff Jameson	4	Rec Play (Paddle in Saddle) 1-4	Jeff Jameson	4	Rec Play (Paddle in Saddle) 1-4	Jeff Jameson	4	Rec Play (Paddle in Saddle) 1-4	Jeff Jameson		
	9:00 - 11:00	2.5 Men's Competitive RR	Loren Keister	2.5 Mixed Social RR	Lynda Wilson	2.5 Women's Competitive RR	Lynda Wilson	1.5-2.0 Mixed Social RR	Gary Pike	2.0 Mixed Social RR	Gen Brunner			
		2.5 Women's Social RR	Lynda Wilson	3.0 Mixed Social RR	Gary Noahr	2.5+ Men's Mentored RR	Loren Keister	2.5+ Women's Mentored RR	Lynda Wilson	3.0 Men's Competitive RR	Gary Noahr			
		3.0+ Men's Mentored RR	Gary Noahr	4.0+ Mixed Social RR	Ron Craig	3.0+ Women's Mentored RR	Prissy Booth	2.5 Men's Social RR	Bill Hollenberg	3.0 Women's Competitive RR	Cally McKenzie			
		3.5+ Women's Mentored RR	Becky Gibbs			4.0+ Women's Social RR	Maureen Fitzpatrick	3.5 Mixed Social RR (2nd & 4th Thu)	Tom Gannon	3.5+ Mixed Social RR	Tom Gannon			
	4.0+ Men's Social RR	Jeff Jameson				Geezers (Men - 3.5 & up, 75+ years old)	Don Williams							
11:00 - 1:00		1.5-2.0 Mixed Social RR	Gary Pike	3.5 Women's Competitive RR	Jody Tiekens-Holecek	4	1.5 Mentored RR	Gen Brunner	3.0 Men's Social RR	Gary Noahr	1.5 Mixed Social RR	Gen Brunner		
		3.0 Women's Social RR	Norma Gangi	3.5 Men's Competitive RR	Tom Gannon		2.0-2.5 Mixed Mini Social RR	Lynda Wilson	4.0+ Women's Competitive Ladder	Maureen Fitzpatrick	PEM Mixed Mini-Social RR	Lynda Wilson		
				PEM Mixed Social RR	Norma Gangi		3.5+ Men's Mentored RR	John Fitzpatrick	4.0+ Men's Competitive Ladder	Kevin Carver				
1:00 - 3:00	4	1.0 Beginner Training	Bill Jameson	4	1.0 Beginner Training	Bill Jameson					4	1.0 - 1.5 Evaluations	Bill Jameson	
	4	3.0 Skills & Drills (every other week)	Tony Vervolet	8	2.0 Mixed Training	Lynn VanLierop								
	8	3.5 Skills & Drills (every other week)	Jeff Tomlinson	4	2.5 Skills & Drills (every other week)	Nancy Johnson	4	West Valley Intercommunity (2:00 - 4:00)	Ron Craig			2:00	New Member Orientation (South Card Room)	Gary Retzak
	2	Rob Davidson Clinic	Rob Davidson	2	Rob Davidson Clinic	Rob Davidson	2	Rob Davidson Clinic	Rob Davidson	2	Rob Davidson Clinic	Rob Davidson		
3:00 - 5:00	4	Rob Davidson Clinic	Rob Davidson	4	Rob Davidson Clinic	Rob Davidson	4	Rob Davidson Clinic	Rob Davidson	4	Rob Davidson Clinic	Rob Davidson		
	6	APPL League Play	Debra Jones				6	APPL League Play	Debra Jones	6	APPL League Play	Debra Jones	6	APPL League Play
Evening	2	Under the Solar Lights (9 & 10)	Jeff Jameson				2	Under the Solar Lights (9 & 10)	Jeff Jameson			2	Under the Solar Lights (9 & 10)	Jeff Jameson
	2	3.0 FUN Event @ 25/26	Doug Gibbs	2	Dink & Drink @ 25/26	Lynda Wilson				2	Dink & Drink @ 25/26	Lynda Wilson		

APPL League PEM Court Usage

	1/8	1/15	1/22	1/29	2/5	2/12	2/19	2/26	3/5	3/12
Sunday										
8,13,14				PEM VG	PEM VG					
15,16,21		KG						KG	KG	KG
22,23,24										
Monday										
8,13,14	PW			PW			PW	PW		
15,16,21										
22,23,24	PEM VG		DF		DF					KK
Tuesday										
8,13,14										
15,16,21										
22,23,24								DF		
Wednesday										
8,13,14	DD	PEM VG								
15,16,21				PP						
22,23,24					KK	KK	KK	KK		
Thursday										
8,13,14										
15,16,21	GG		PP	GG	DF		GG	GG		GG
22,23,24	KK	DF		DD			DD	DD **		
Friday										
8,13,14										
15,16,21				PP				PP		
22,23,24		KK			KK	KK **	KK		KK **	

KG	Kitchen Grillers (Leased Courts)
PW	Paddle Warriors
KK	Kokopelli Klassics
GG	Grand Guys (Leased Courts)
DF	Dink Floyd
PP	PEM Picklers
KK	Kokopelli Kouples
DD	Dink & Drive
PEM VG	PEM Volley Girls

DF

PEM VG

Kokopelli Tournament Sat. 2/11 - Tues. 2/14 (2/10 Prep Day)
Karl Kunz Tournament Fri. 3/3 - Sat. 3/4 (3/2 Prep Day)

* Match to be rescheduled

** Conflict not an issue per Mike Golden or Lynn Retzak

PEM Team not Home Team but using PEM courts vs. SCF 65+

PEM Team not Home Team but using PEM courts vs. Pebblecreek Senioritas

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Estimate

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DATE	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
01/03/2023	QTY. 1 FABRICATE 1" SQ TUBE FRAME AROUND FRONT EDGE OF WOOD BOX QTY. 1 FABRICATE 14 GAUGE STEEL DOOR WITH PIANO HINGE , LOCKING TABS ON EACH SIDE QTY 1 3/8" HOLD OPEN PIN	1	1,026.00	1,026.00
SUBTOTAL				1,026.00
TAX				94.39
TOTAL				\$1,120.39

Accepted By _____

Accepted Date _____