

PEM Pickleball Club

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 9, 2024, Location: South Cardroom, Time: 4:00

1. Call to order: Ron Craig
 - a. Present: Ron Craig, Howie Peaslee, Gwynn Gorrell, Michael Boothe, Lynn Van Lierop, Kurt Kassner, Christine Finocchiaro (guest speaker), and approximately 30 members.
2. Approval of past meeting minutes (12-05-23)
 - a. **Michael moved to approve the 12-05-23 Board Meeting Minutes. Kurt seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
3. Treasurer's Report: Michael Boothe
 - a. Monthly: December 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023
 - i. Income: \$12,690.32
 - ii. Operating Expenses: -\$21,891.23
 - iii. Investing Activities: -\$ 1,757.70
 1. Change in Cash: **-\$10,948.61**
 - iv. Accounts:
 1. Cash _____ \$ 9,076.65
 2. Reserve _____ \$25,181.85
 3. PayPal _____ \$ 6,410.09
 4. Total _____ **\$40,668.59**
 - v. *Important numbers to remember;*
 1. *Biggest expense: \$20,000.00 for court surface repair.*
 - b. Year to Date: October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023
 - i. Income: \$49,785.68
 - ii. Operating Expenses: -30,049.50
 - iii. Investing Activities: - 1,747.70
 - iv. **Net Income Year-to-Date: \$17,988.48**
 - v. *Important numbers to remember;*
 1. *Biggest income: Kokopelli registration of \$31,000 and SSIPA service payment of \$6,500*
 2. *Biggest expenses: \$20,000 court surface repair, \$220 in Kokopelli entry fee charges and \$2,400 for paddle in the saddle paddle holders and we will have approximately \$20,000 in expenses from Kokopelli in February*
 - c. **Kurt moved to approve the December Financial Report. Kim seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
 - d. Michael distributed a list of Uncategorized Expenses from November 8, 2023 - December 15, 2023 and asked Board members to identify them and give him the receipts.
4. Officer Reports:
 - a. Officer Reports:
 - i. President, Ron Craig
 1. New Event - Drillers, daily drilling exercise event from 7:30-8:45 am - 3.0 and above. But the event can be expanded to 1.5-2.5 if the members desire.

- a. Howie added that the drillers who come and drill have a separate drill each day.
 - i. *Judy Jameson added that a handout will be distributed to help instruct, and that several 4.0s have offered to meet with lower-level players to help them learn effective drilling.*
- 2. Guest Policy, Non-Members Policy
 - a. Ron met with Christine to discuss the resort's decision regarding how the club should handle non-members, guests of non-members, etc.
 - b. Christine added that this topic is a complicated one and that this topic is not limited to PEM but to all the RR resorts that have pickleball courts. She expressed her appreciation for the PEMPC. Christine asked that anyone with questions or comments email her at cfinocchiaro@robertsrc.com
- 3. Bathroom update
 - a. The bathroom area has been expanded to include two toilet stalls. Infrastructure such as electrical, plumbing, etc. are done. Tiling is up and grouted. The ceiling was textured today. We need to add toilets, paint, stall walls, etc. Forrest said that a large crew made this happen and will send Gwynn a list of all the volunteers.
- ii. Vice President, Howard Peaslee
 - 1. No report
- iii. Secretary, Activities, Gwynn Gorrell
 - 1. Chili Cook-Off, AED/CPR Training and Blood Pressure checks: 01-13-24
 - 2. Pickleball Legacy Scholarship ½ day Carnival and BBQ: 01-27-24
 - 3. Ratings Policy Changes
 - a. Tournament ratings (i.e., UTPR, etc) will be accepted with proof of participation in four or more tournaments
 - b. IPTPA accepted without evaluation
 - c. Ladder play is no longer required to qualify for testing
 - d. Players may retest only once per season
 - 4. Ratings Committee Changes
 - a. Steve Raiolo has stepped down as Testing Lead. Tina McComb has stepped up.
- iv. Member-at-Large, Training, Lynn Van Lierop
 - 1. Nine people are going to test for 2.5 on Friday
 - 2. Training and testing is going smoothly. Lynn expressed her continued appreciation of all those who help.
- v. Member-at-Large, Operations, Kurt Kassner
 - 1. Selkirk pickleball response
 - a. The biggest issue with the Selkirk balls is that they will go out of round. But they do return to the round when they are left alone for a while. We have one broken (stepped on), one broken by being hit with something. There are no Selkirks at the courts at this time. All Selkirks have been replaced with the Franklin balls for now.. We had 34 Franklin balls break this morning. It appears that when the temperature is under 40 degrees, the balls break more frequently.

- i. Lynn asked the price of the Selkirks: \$2.75, and Franklins: \$1.40.
- ii. Howie suggested that we put Selkirks out for the first 'shift' of 9:00 - 11:00 and the Franklins for the 'second' shift of 11:00 to close.
- iii. Ron said that we could mark the balls so that the players will know which ball to use between 9:00 and 11:00, etc. and then we could just load the ball holders with a supply of BOTH balls and let the players pick the right ball for the time of day:

1. UPDATE: As of Wednesday, 01-10-24, Kurt is marking all Selkirk balls with an 'm' for morning and all Franklin balls with an 'a' for afternoon.

2. Member-at-Large, Communications and Tournaments, Kim Beam

3. Kokopelli update:

- a. Medals, vendors, sponsors, leads are all in place.
- b. Mike's main concern is the Wi-Fi connectivity.
- c. Mike also worries about the cost of security - Arizona Veterans has done the security but they are asking over \$2,300 for 3 nights from 6:00 pm - 6:00 am
 - i. Tony Vervloet, part of the Kokopelli planning committee said that the planners are working toward enlisting individuals to do three twelve hour shifts.

4. Ron has asked that we hold a separate workshop to work on these issues.

b. Old Business

- i. No old business

c. New Business

- i. Ron Craig:

1. Cleaning up the membership roster

- a. Ron suggested that we remove/delete all players who have not played in PEMPC for two years.

- i. **Kurt suggested that we email players before we delete them.**

- ii. **Howie requested that we ask Shonda to write a routine that will archive a member who has not signed up for membership in one-two years.**

2. Request from the Canadian Get-Together Committee for a PEMPC membership contribution.

- a. **Kurt said that he will donate the membership that he won to this group.**

- ii. Gwynn Gorrell:

- 1. Request by Doug Gibbs for the club to buy a Dropbox subscription for digitally housing PEMPC documents, images, etc.
- 2. Personal Ads on the bulletin board
 - a. Gwynn's Proposal:

- i. Purchase a large cork board for the BACK of the bulletin board.
 - ii. Write a 'PEMPC Personal Ads Policy' that allows club members to post a personal ad on the Club Personal Ad Bulletin Board.
 - iii. Part of the board space will be reserved for 'For Sale' items and the other part for 'Services'. Rob Davidson suggested to Gwynn earlier in the day that we not allow folks to advertise NEW items for sale so we don't run into a problem with supporting a club player's business.
 - iv. Policy could include:
 - 1. Only PEMPC members may post ads
 - 2. Only Pickleball related ads and services allows
 - 3. Ad must be approved by the Board Member-at-Large-Communications
 - 4. Ads may remain on the bulletin board from October 1 - March31
 - 5. Ads deemed irrelevant or inappropriate may at any time be removed by the Board
3. Lynn Retzak requested that we purchase picture frame document holders for the insides of all bathroom stalls (six total) to put various information like 'Member Meeting - 01-16-24, etc.

iii. Ron instructed that the Board will discuss all these ideas at a Board workshop in the near future.

5. Comments, questions and announcements

- a. Tony Vervloet asked if there are plans to upgrade our PA system at the courts.
 - i. Kurt answered that he is looking at the system now.
- b. Kim Swanson asked if feeders are prepared to administer the tests. Gwynn said that the Testing Lead has picked reliable feeders.
- c. Kim Swanson asked about pickleballs - could we test with the balls we liked. Gwynn told her that testers will be allowed to play with the ball they want to test with.
- d. Kim Swanson asked that upcoming testers be allowed to play for a longer period of time with the level up before testing; like they got to last year. Gwynn will bring this to the Ratings Committee. Also, Gwynn encouraged Kim to play regularly with the 3.0+ mixed and ladies events.
- e. Gary Pike asked the Board if he can run a skinny-singles tournament for the 4.0 men and women for PEMPC members - double elimination or round robin, on a Friday, perhaps January 26th or after the Kokopelli. Gary will be the lead.
 - i. **Ron moved to allow this tournament. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

6. Ron called for the Board to enter Executive Session

- a. Executive Session was called at 5:24
- b. Executive Session was adjourned at 6:15

7. Adjournment:

- a. **Kurt called to adjourn the Board meeting. Howie seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

