

Pueblo El Mirage Pickleball Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2019
Rec Hall

- I. Call to Order
 - A. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.
 - B. Randy welcomed new members.

- II. Bylaws Report: Gary Pike
 - A. Gary thanked the committee members and members who sent in recommendations for changes; many of those changes were integrated into the bylaws.
 - B. One main change is how board members are voted in. Under the new bylaws, PEMPC will have an all elected board: President, V-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three Members at Large.
 - C. Gary reported that the bylaws were posted and sent out as required.
 - D. The bylaws state that 2/3 of the present members must approve the revisions; the board already unanimously agreed to recommend the passing of the new bylaws.
 - E. Gary Pike made a motion to approve the bylaws as submitted. Gary Prosser seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. There will be a Policies and Procedures Manual created after the bylaws are created.
 - F. The bylaws were approved by count of hand.
 - G. The board will put together a nominations committee; ballots will be available at the March banquet so that members can vote without having to attend the dinner.

- III. Treasurer's Report: Janett Hampton
 - A. The starting balance was \$21,052.01.
 - B. Income from dues, guest passes, intercommunity fees, and shirts was \$6906.15.
 - C. Income so far from registrations for the Kokopelli Classic tournament is \$25,655; tournament expenses will come out of that amount.
 - D. Expenses were \$6968.01 (office supplies, tournament administration, gates, etc.).
 - E. Balance in the account is \$46,645.15.

- IV. Committee Reports
 - A. Operations: Rich Baumann
 - 1. The gates are finished.
 - 2. Rich reminded members to pick up balls and trash, and to put umbrellas.
 - 3. Four quads need to be washed before the Kokopelli tournament. Rich will schedule cleaning times and contact members to help.
 - 4. Peggy Bradley relayed thanks from the SSIPA tournament for all the help that Rich provided.
 - B. .Training: Shannon McClean

1. Training has been full. Shannon reminded members that they need to sign up on Trackithub in order to get into training.
2. For members who are not progressing in their training section, they might be asked to practice on their own before they come back to a training session.
3. Shannon went over the Skill Ratings Protocol document.
 - a) Advancement to 3.0 is handled through the various training sessions.
 - b) To advance from 3.0 to 3.5, players need to apply on the pempickleball website to ask for a rating change from 3.0 to 3.5. Raters now look at ladder scores to help determine if that player is ready, and then they will be observed.
 - c) Peter McClean showed the members how to navigate the PEM webpage to see the rating level protocols and to request a rating review for those moving to 3.5 and above.
 - d) Above 3.5 needs to be rated by an IPTPA sanctioned rater.
 - e) If a player has more than one rating (such as USAPA/IPTPA and PEM), that player should use their highest rating for internal tournaments and club sponsored tournaments.

C. Communications: Doug Gibbs

1. Over 300 members are at the park playing.
2. Doug showed on the pempickleball website where to find minutes, access information about tournaments, and how to find the calendars.
3. Doug will put a hard copy of the calendar on the bulletin board.
4. Any discrepancies should be brought to the attention of Doug or a board member.
5. A member asked about the difference between Open Play and Social (Rec) Play. Peter McClean answered that Open Play is you play in your appointed quadrant. Social (Rec) Play provides time to play in any quadrant, regardless of rating.
6. There is a discount for buying from Pickleball Central, plus the club gets 5% back.

D. Tournaments: Mike Golden

1. The Kokopelli shirt order is being placed; additional shirts might be available for purchase.
2. 519 have registered for the tournament.
3. 386 medals are needed; additional medals will be ordered for a price cut and will be used next year.
4. Mike asked Pickleball Central to provide extra balls.
5. Sponsors have sent donated paddles already.
6. Lighting is being picked up by Roberts Resorts and they are providing the Snack Shack plus power bars.
7. Rich stated that he will need more volunteers for shuttle driving.

8. Peggy Bradley asked for volunteers for line judges; teams are created so that when there is a gold medal round, a team is called to that match. Volunteers will be trained.
 9. Adele asked for volunteers for food.
 10. The Kokopelli Classic will be held Feb 16-18, 2019
- V. Inhouse tournament: Rich Baumann
- A. The inhouse tournament is January 21.
 - B. Rich stated that the closing date for registrations is January 17.
 - C. Rich asked for parking assistance on various dates for the Kokopelli tournament.
 - D. Rich asked for help lining the parking lots the week of February 11.
- VI. Organized Play: Peter McClean
- A. The winter schedule is in effect.
 - B. Each ladder group has a host for organizing the specific group on Trackithub plus providing the materials for the ladder day.
 - C. Movement from 1.5 to 2.0 is very fast and sometimes it takes a few days to make sure everyone is in the right group; Peter asked for players to be patient.
 - D. The calendar shows the court time allocated for specific events. When the courts were allocated, the total number of players in that specific group were considered. As the winter progresses, Organized Play will be able to better determine how many courts are needed. Currently there are 10-20 players signed up for each event. There will usually be four courts open where all players are allowed to play, with paddles in the saddle.
 - E. Peter reviewed the schedule and explained how the various levels differ. 2.0 just does social round robins, and the other groups do ladders plus social round robins.
 - F. Peter explained how the ladder works to place the players.
 - G. This is a year to try out the ladder scheduling to determine what will work best for our club. (The current schedule is based on the feedback received from last year's survey.) Each quadrant level has enough players to fill over 16 courts. Currently during ladder play, the courts are not being filled so there are open courts.
 - H. A member asked how the percentages are calculated. Peter explained that the total number of points a player scores for that day's ladder is divided by the total number of points available for that day's ladder.
 - I. Peter brought up the Trackithub website and showed how to find information.
- VII. President's Report
- A. Gary and Randy met with Vickie Jepperson and Polly Bruins.
 1. Randy compiled a draft of a proposal for PEMPC to partner with Roberts to build additional courts.
 2. The conversation included how the club can put moneys from tournaments toward paying Roberts for the additional courts.

- B. Open Board Meeting
 - 1. Meetings are open to members to observe.
 - 2. The minutes are already posted on the website.

- VIII. Scheduling Software: Hold My Court
 - A. Gary presented information about the free software, Hold My Court.
 - B. The layout will mimic Peter's layout.
 - C. Members can go in and click on a specific time to reserve a court.
 - D. The club is looking at creating a reserved sign for the court, plus a sign with the QR code will be posted. The QR code goes directly to the website so players can see what is reserved.
 - E. If it becomes popular the club might need to add some restrictions such as number of courts that can be reserved at a time.

- IX. Banquet Committee: Gary Pike
 - A. The banquet committee needs men; sign up with Gary.

- X. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.