

Pueblo El Mirage Pickleball Club
Membership Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2023, 4:00 pm
Banquet Hall

Pre-meeting PowerPoint – **GUEST POLICY**

- I. **Welcome/Call to Order: Ron Craig** welcomed everyone to the meeting.
 - a. Recognition of Steve Raiolo for his work in engineering and installing a way to make the court gates open-in.
 - b. Recognition of the painters of the ‘out houses’.
 - c. Guest Policy (**GG, reshow the Guest Policy PowerPoint**)
 - d. APPL Payments - \$1,350 this year.
 - e. Changes in pickleball rules - John Friesner (See below for complete rules changes.)
 - f. T-Shirt reorder:
 - i. Lynda from In-Stitches will open our store next Friday; January 13th and it will be open for two weeks. She needs the extra days to check inventory, pricing, etc. We need to order a minimum of 100 shirts. Jody Holecek displayed the design. Styles and colors will vary.

- II. Vice President Report – Jeff Jameson
 - a. Thank you to the volunteers to helped switch out the solar lights to new lights with higher lumens.
 - b. We are working with Shonda Davidson to create the software needed to project court assignments, resort and PEMPC activities on our new TV/Monitor. We are also working on an appropriate way to hang and secure the TV/Monitor.
 - c. We are working with Shonda to figure out why we have some members that may receive round robin invites and not social invites.
 - d. Questions:
 - i. Karen Hallem asked why we have so many repeated partners and opponents in the current round robins. Other commented that this is happening at all levels. Jeff said he would look into the problem.

- III. Treasurer’s Report – Michael Boothe, Dec. 1, 2022 – Dec. 31, 2022
 - a. Sales - 5,309.48 (includes \$3,760.43 from KKT)
 - b. Purchases - \$2,652.92
 - c. Account Balances:
 - i. Checking - \$5,057.34
 - ii. Saving - \$40,179.45
 - iii. PayPal - \$2,521.33
 - iv. **Total Ending Cash Balance \$47,758.12**

- IV. Secretary Report – Gwynn
 - a. Ratings Committee:
 - i. Nothing to report at this time
 - b. Activities Committee:
 - i. Faith House! Wow! Check Facebook for pictures
 - 1. Saturday we had an additional donation of an iPad to be used in the Educational Development Center at Faith House
 - ii. After-Hours party after tonight’s meeting
 - iii. PEMPC Pickleball Rodeo, Jan. 24 - 3:00-5:00 - dress in your best western gear! Win the raffle, best dressed man, or best dressed woman! Come play games and have a good time together.
 - iv. After Couples Play BBQ on January 28th. Ron and Gwynn will make a couple big pots of chili to make chili dogs.

- V. Member At Large – Doug Gibbs
 - a. Tournaments:
 - i. Kokopelli Klassic – Mike Golden/Carrie Plemons - February 11-14
 - 1. Registration ends January 22, 2023
 - 2. Sign up sheets were placed at the back of the banquet hall for folks to sign up to help.
 - 3. Four food trucks will be at the tournament
 - 4. We have 438 players registered so far.
 - ii. Karl Kunz Memorial– Lynn Retzak – March 3-4
 - iii. PPA request/inquiry
 - iv. Pickleball Legacy Fundraiser Tournament
 - b. Communications:
 - i. PEMPickleball.com - Rob Davidson clinics and how to sign up.
 - ii. Use the Calendar Page on PEMPickleball.com
 - iii. How to see the full PEMPickleball.com website on your phone
 - iv. If you want to keep apprised as to what is going on here at PEM pickleball -
 - 1. Check the Website – pempickleball.com
 - 2. Monitor our Facebook page – PEM Pickleball Group
 - 3. Get email messages from livepickleball.com

- VI. Member At Large – Gus Ayala
 - a. Ground crew recognition
 - ii. Gus recognized those that prepare the courts for play 6 days a week on a regular or supporting basis. The names follow:
 - 1. Mike Holocek, Wayne Shindeldecker, Howie Peaslee, David Jones, Loren Keister, Kurt Kassner, Dennis Bassham, Jeff Nedrow, John Tholl, Jeff Wendel, Greg Fernald.

- b. Equipment:
 - iii. We have found a way to extend the life of the nets by installing new headbands at a cost of \$50 each, and cables at \$25 each, instead of buying new nets, which cost \$150. We have also replaced old foam rollers and waiting on new squeegees to make court drying easier after rains.
- c. Operations:
 - iv. Gus detailed the cost of resurfacing the courts over the last three years since they were built by PEM beginning in 2010. He reminded members that a portion of membership dues will be set aside for future resurfacing, likely 7 to 10 years from now. Obviously, court resurfacing will cost more then.
 - 1. Original courts – built: 2010, resurfaced: 2020 - \$6,097
 - 2. Quads #1-2 – built: 2012, resurfaced: 2012 - \$15,761
 - 3. Quads #3-4 – built: 2012, resurfaced: 2021 - \$12,194
 - 4. Quads #5-6 – built 2021

II. Member At Large – Lynn VanLierop

- a. Training: Training is going well, and Lynn recognized Bill Jameson for his wonderful training program for beginners-1.5 players.

IX. Open Microphone

- a. A word from Rob Davidson – his vision for play and training in the club
 - i. **For competitive and mentored sessions:** playing in 1-2 rounds, then watching 1-2 rounds, followed by a quick “Here are a few things I noticed today” break
 - ii. **For social sessions:** playing 3-4 rounds, trying to make rallies longer and more enjoyable, giving advice/tips on occasion, but mainly just trying to make the games more fun
 - iii. **For Training and Skills & Drills:** What I have seen so far has been great! I watched a little of the Beginner Training, and sat in one of the 3.0 Skills and Drills, and really think that the programs are already very effective. I may suggest a few tweaks here and there, but overall I will probably not adjust these existing programs too much. If any of the Leads for these events have a question, please contact me directly.
- b. Pam O’Donnell asked why provisional players are not allowed to play on mentoring round robins. Gwynn answered that the Board would discuss this issue and put out an email to the entire club as soon as possible.
- c. Gwynn Gorrell asked, because we had run out of time to use the Banquet Hall, that anyone with a question to please forward it to the Board and we would review the issue and respond – either personally to the person posing the question, or in an email to the entire club.

- X. Raffle Ticket Drawing – Gwynn Gorrell, Ron Craig
 - a. Tim Morrison won this month’s certificate for 2023-2024 PEMPC dues.
- X. Next membership meeting is February, TBD
- XI. Meeting adjourned at 5:15pm

Gwynn Gorrell, Secretary, respectfully submits these minutes.

1. Rule Changes

- a. The one-handed spin serve is now prohibited under the 2023 pickleball rules. In particular, “[w]hile some natural rotation of the ball is expected during any release of the ball from the hand, the server shall not impart manipulation or spin on the release of the ball immediately prior to the serve.” This applies to both the volley and drop serves.
- b. Prior to 2023, a violation of the service motion or ball release rules (for instance, making contact with the pickleball above your waist) would result in a fault and loss of your serve. Starting in 2023, any such violation may now result in a replay. If the referee is not certain whether a serving violation occurred, then the referee may call a replay. The referee may also call an immediate fault if the referee is certain that a serving violation occurred.
- c. In 2023, if the server or referee calls the wrong score, then any player may stop play at any time before the return of serve to correct the score. However, if any player stops play after the return of serve (or if any player stops play and the score was actually correct), then that player would have committed a fault.
- d. As a sportsmanship guideline, pickleball players should “avoid wearing clothing that closely matches the ball color.” Further, if there are any close colors in a pickleball tournament, the tournament director may require a player “to change apparel that are inappropriate, including that which approximates the color of the ball.”
- e. Starting in 2023, a referee can award an equipment time-out to accommodate any necessary equipment adjustment or replacement, so players are not forced to use their precious time-outs. In non-officiated play, players are encouraged to work together to provide a reasonable accommodation in these circumstances, too.
- f. Other minor revisions will be added to the Official Rulebook to help reduce the potential for conflict on the courts.

Updates on Improvements:

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.
6. 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.

01-04/2023 Meeting with Dave Nye (PEM Manager) and Gini (Operations Manager).

1. The Wi-Fi signal at the courts is extremely weak.
 - a. Gini said she'll contact the contractor and get them out there ASAP. We discussed that without the Wi-Fi we can't use the Wi-Fi security cameras we are looking at purchasing. Gini said she'll contact MOJO (Internet contractor) and try to get them out there ASAP.
2. Bathroom Upgrade
 - a. Dave says they agree they need to be enlarged and will look into it. He suspects there may be an issue with infrastructure (sewer) that may not be large enough to accommodate any more toilets or urinals. Otherwise, it should be a very doable project.
3. Outside paint for the bathroom.
 - a. We ran out of paint (used 5 gallons and need another 3). Dave called right then to Mike Martinez (Maint. Supervisor) and Mike said he would drop off another 5-gallon bucket of paint. Dave asked if we would paint the trim and I said we could do that. We have leftover trim paint from painting the sheds.
4. Kokopelli Tournament in Feb.
 - a. Is PEM still going to sponsor \$500 as previously agreed.? YES
 - b. Luxury bathrooms for the tournament. Dave said PEM will look at contracting the luxury bathrooms for the tournament. He asked if we could help find a vendor and some pricing. I said we could do that.
5. Solar lights
 - a. PEMPC continues to put up more solar lights on a motion detection mode. They liked the idea of increasing the solar lights and putting them on motion activation.
6. Additional storage shed
 - a. Dave said they are getting a shed for the softball team and need a place to put it and are looking at putting it over by the courts. He didn't think it was the same design as our sheds and after some discussion, we agreed they could put it on the north end of the complex by court 24. We will have access to it for additional storage for our chairs this summer.

7. Trees

- a. Dave brought up they want to get rid of the trees around the courts. I told him Rich had already taken down many that were diseased.
- b. That lead to a discussion of removing the rock along the walkways and replacing it with Astro-Turf. The proposal is PEMPC will remove the rock and PEM will pay for the turf and installation.

8. Bistro

- a. Dave also asked if the club could try the Bistro out. They are working on making it better. They've hired a new cook and redone a lot of their menu and suggested we try it out. I told him we (Board) will try it out next week.