

PEM Pickleball
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 8, 2018

I. WELCOME (Doug Gibbs and Judy Graves, Co-Chairs)

- A. Doug introduced the committee chairs

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Communications (Doug Gibbs, Co-Chair)

- 1. Membership report
 - 1. Doug reported that we have over 512 members on the roster; 391 have paid dues and are here now.
- 2. Banquet – March 14
 - 1. Kitty reported on the dinner, entertainment, and prizes.
 - 2. Tickets are available now at the Activities Office. Tickets are \$15 each; dinner options are chicken cordon bleu or beef.
- 3. Roberts Communications
 - 1. Doug is still working with the Roberts about our needs. The Roberts Resorts are all negotiating the budget, and eight courts for PEM are on the list, but will likely be cut again this year.
 - 2. Enhancements like sunscreens, benches, chairs, crack repair, and one quadrant of lights are still being discussed.
- 4. Survey(s)
 - 1. The first survey has gone out; 175 members have completed it so far
 - 2. The administering company will provide a written report on the results after the survey is closed.
 - 3. A second survey will be created about the PEM pickleball program itself. The date for that survey is still to be determined.

B. Finance (Anne Reynolds, Chair)

- Financial
 - 1. The account balance is currently over \$22,000; it includes \$15,000 transferred from SSIPA; expenses like medals and shirts have not been paid out yet
 - 2. We have collected over \$4500 in dues (which includes guest passes and inter-community dues).
 - 3. The January in-house tournament brought in \$472
 - 4. We have spent \$1600 on balls so far this season

C. Operations (Rich Baumann and Mike Golden, Co-Chairs)

- Rich provided routine maintenance updates
 - 1. 458 balls were broken in January (15 per day average)
 - 2. On Friday, we will start fencing off the parking lot for the Grand Canyon Games
 - 3. Next Wednesday is the cleaning of the old courts
 - 4. Thurs Feb 15 we will clean two quads
 - 5. Friday Feb 16 we will clean the other two quads
 - 6. The table was moved from court 13 to court 5
- Judy provided answers to a question about which types of balls we use
- Mike provided capital improvements updates
 - 1. Nets for the old courts will be delivered Feb 9.
 - 2. Mike will coordinate with two vendors for quotes for resurfacing the new courts.

D. Tournaments (Rich Baumann and Don Williams, Co-Chairs)

- 1. 43 teams played in the last tournament
- 2. March 7 – Karl Kunz Memorial Tournament
 - a. Categories are: Mixed 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, and 4.0+.
 - b. Due to a lack of 3.5 women who will play, organizers created a mixed category of 6.5. This means a combo of a 3.5 player and 3.0 player creates a team for the category.

- c. All players are allowed to play in higher categories. For example, if two 3.5 players want to play as a team, they can play in the 4.0+ category.
- d. Registration opens February 9 online on Pickleball Tournaments.com. Becky Gibbs stated that players who don't have an account can go to the PEM Pickleball website, Tournaments, Karl Kunz tournament, and use that form; Becky will set up those players.
- e. There will be referees for gold medal matches.
- f. The cost is \$10 per person. To pay, participants should put money in the envelope that is in the jar at the bulletin board and then put the envelope in the mail to Rich. Do not put tournament payment or dues in the jar.
- g. Registration closes March 3.
- h. A social event will take place after the tournament, at the courts.
- i. There was a question about how many men are rated 3.5. Answer: 21 as of today; 6 women (and only two will play).
- j. Becky explained how bracketing works. Instead of having two 3.5 teams that would be forced to play with higher players, the 6.5 category was created.

E. Organized Play (Judy Graves for Peter McClean, Chair)

- Round robin/ladder/Trackithub status
 - 1. Judy reported that 3.0 organized play will start at 8:30, beginning Feb 12; 2.0 and 2.5 organized play will start at 11:00, beginning Feb 12.
 - 2. Beginning March 1, all organized play will begin at 8:30.
 - 3. Social round robin events will be random pairing.
 - 4. Scored round robin events will be by percentage level.

F. Training and Ratings (Charleen Hutton, Co-Chair)

- Ratings
 - 1. 13 ratings were conducted
 - 2. A rating schedule will be created.
- Training
 - 1. Char provided status of Beginner lessons and skills training
 - 2. Due to the change in start times for round robins on Monday, the training sign-up process is now at 8:00 for 1.5 and higher training sessions.
 - 3. Char reminded everyone about the mentor program and reported that today's 3.0 mentored RR went well.
 - 4. Char reminded everyone that at skills classes, you don't magically learn how to do the skill. You must practice the skills; moving up is not automatic.
 - 5. She reminded players to use social round robins to work on your game; don't always hit it to the weaker player; play with others higher skill level to improve game.

G. Grand Canyon Games (Anne Reynolds)

- 1. Tournament dates are Feb 21-25.
- 2. There are 745 players from US and Canada; there were over 900 trying to get in.
- 3. To accommodate the numbers, the schedule includes early start times, late end of day, and a second venue on Saturday
 - a. Saturday has a 7:30 start. The 3.0 mixed bracket is the smallest, so they will use the resort courts at 8:00. That venue will be run exactly the same as the main courts, with the Pledge of Allegiance, referees, etc. Winners will receive their medals at the medal stand at the main courts
- 4. Volunteering
 - a. Anne stated that there is a need for more volunteers; 150 last year
 - b. Peggy and Judy will be organizing line judges and providing training. Peggy requested that people sign up for training so that there will be enough judges.
 - c. Rich announced that he needs someone to pick up ice and deliver it to the courts.
- 5. Shading will be added; artificial turf will be placed under the vendors; 150 Volunteer GCG shirts will be provided; additional bathrooms (comfort trailer) will be provided. The last item drew applause from the audience.

H. SSIPA Tournament (Anne Reynolds)

- 1. Tournament March 20-22
- 2. Ages 60 and older – there is room left in women's doubles, men's doubles and some events in mixed.
- 3. We are putting it on, so we need to provide volunteers. Finishes by 3:00 or 4:00
- 4. Becky is handling the registrations

5. We enjoy benefits from the tournaments: We get to see great play and we make some money for the club. We receive \$10/head for GCG. For SSIPA we keep all the funds but also incur expenses; we should clear \$7,000 or \$8,000.

III. OTHER

A. Message from Doug and Judy

1. Doug and Judy began serving as co-chairs 7 or 8 years ago, when the club had 45 people. They had agreed to only co-chair if the other person was. They have decided to step off the board, and when they announced their decision to the Executive Board, Becky and Anne decided to also step down.
2. Doug and Judy looked for a methodology to get more people onto the board and put together a nominating committee to find candidates to replace the four of them.
3. John Owen introduced the nominating committee
 - a. Karen Isaacs Chair
 - b. John Owen
 - c. Polly Beam
 - d. Jan Bode
 - e. Susan Craig
4. John reported that the committee is working to come up with a slate of officers. He explained that for the first year only, there will be two one-year terms. After that, two officers will be elected each year for a two-year term.
 - o One Year: Secretary
 - o One Year: V-president
 - o Two Year: President
 - o Two Year: Treasurer
5. If anyone is interested in running, he/she should give a short resume to one of the committee members within the next 10 days (Feb 18); short interviews will be conducted.
6. The slate will be presented by Feb 28 to the existing board.
7. The election will be at the March Banquet.

B. Audience comments/questions/suggestions

- Peggy: will the survey results be used to influence the Roberts family? A: Yes
- Raja Hadawi: 3.5 men need a list of 3.0 women for the tournament. A: look at the list on the board
- Ron Craig: When is next rating time A: It is in the discussion phase. Q: Can we make it easier since it is a club rating? Just watch them and move them? A: Char...doing for others, but not yet 3.0 to 3.5, or for the higher levels. We recognize the problem and are trying to find a solution.
- Bob Hodgins: He is here for six weeks, belongs to two clubs in British Columbia, and PEM is top notch. He gave a lot of praise for our programs, organization, and friendliness.
- Don Williams gave accolades for Judy and Doug, praising how much time they and Becky and Anne have given to the organization. The club gave the four a well-deserved standing ovation.

C. Next General Membership Meeting – March 14 (at the banquet)