

PEM Pickleball
General Membership Meeting Minutes (Banquet)

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

- I. WELCOME (Doug Gibbs and Judy Graves, Co-Chairs)
 - A. Doug and Judy welcomed everyone to the annual banquet.

- II. RECOGNITIONS
 - A. Doug acknowledged Kitty Hadawi for her leadership in putting together the banquet; he also thanked the A-Team.
 - B. Anne Reynolds and the leads were thanked for their amazing work and commitment to make the Grand Canyon State Games a success. There were over 152 volunteers from the club.
 - C. Training Co-chairs Charlene Hutton and Shannon McLean recognized the trainers and mentors.
 - D. Peter McLean thanked the people behind the scenes who helped with organized play and the implementation of trackithub.

- III. VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR
 - A. Doug Gibbs presented awards to the three Volunteers of the Year and gave a synopsis of their contributions to the club.
 1. **Adele Mather** has been around since the inception of our pickleball club. In our early years she brought the fun by creating many social events, often requiring players to wear crazy outfits and participate in fun pickleball team competitions, usually involving blind folds and hula hoops. She is widely known for her involvement with the food group over the last five years at the Grand Canyon Games and our other tournaments. She and her trusty crew are the ones who prepare and provide player snacks through the long days. She is also our personal barista angel who greets all the worker bees in the morning with a steaming cup of coffee, in a special cup, to get their day started. Adele is quiet and unassuming and is always there to help the club in whatever way is needed.
 2. **Kitty Hadawi** doesn't even play pickleball and is not even interested. But she probably hears a lot about it at home and she often comes out to support her significant other in completion play. She is a resident volunteer at large and has her hands into many things that benefit those of us who live and play here at PEM, including pickleball. She is another one of those volunteers who is willing to step in and help whenever and wherever needed and her efforts often go unnoticed. She helps to coordinate our banquets, not the easiest job in the world. She also has taken an active role in working the tournament desk for our in-house tournaments and the Grand Canyon Games and will be helping with this year's Super Senior International Pickleball Association Tournament. Kitty is recognized for her endless support and willingness to step up to help out and be a part of our pickleball club.
 3. **Jane McKesson** is a charter member of our organization. She has been there from the early days when we first formed our club with only 45 members. Since the beginning and over the years she has been involved in organizing many fun social events as well as routinely lending her time and expertise teaching others the art of pickleball. She's a regular at the courts every week, helping with skills training and also mentoring "her" ladies as she likes to call them. Most recently she took on the daunting task of organizing and feeding the many volunteers who worked late into

the evening at the Grand Canyon Games. Tiny in stature, but fierce in nature, Jane is a very special gem who has brought so much to our club in so many ways.

IV. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A. John Owen recognized the work of the nominating committee.

1. Karen Isaacs (Chair)
2. John Owen
3. Polly Beam
4. Jan Bode
5. Susan Craig

B. John announced the results of the election.

1. President (Two Years): Randy Bode
2. Vice President (One Year): Gary Pike
3. Secretary (One Year): Lynn Retzak
4. Treasurer (Two Years): Janett Hampton

V. OTHER: Randy Bode thanked Doug and Judy for all of their work and concluded the meeting.