

Pueblo El Mirage Pickleball Club

Membership Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2022, 4:00 pm
Outdoors at the Main Courts

- I. Welcome/Call to Order: Interim Vice President Craig Riebow called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.
 - a. Susan Loper of Faith House attended to personally thank the club for all their contributions at Christmas time to the Faith House. The club contributed two full truckloads of new gifts to Faith House.
 - b. Craig welcomed the returning members. There are currently 350 paid members in the park.
 - c. Craig announced that, immediately following the meeting, Bill Reuter would conduct a 10-minute training lesson to teach members how to use the AED machine.
 - d. **Covid protocol:**
 - i. Craig reminded members to following the Club's Covid protocols until at least next Tuesday. This includes wearing masks when not actively playing on the court, entering from the west, and staying home if the member feels ill.
 - ii. Craig further reminded the membership that we have imposed these protocols not only to keep members safe, but also to keep ahead of the resort management – which might close and lock the courts as they did last year if we do not appropriately safeguard members ourselves. Craig asked that all members who play during this Covid shutdown period please follow the protocol
 - e. **Appropriate player conduct:**
 - i. Craig reminded the members that this is a FUN club and our expectation is that members will be polite and cordial. Bad language, insults, and argumentative confrontations do not belong on the PEM Pickleball courts.
 - f. **Kokopelli**
 - i. Craig reminded the club that Kokopelli was just around the corner and announced that Doug Gibbs and Mike Golden would elaborate later in the meeting.
 - g. **New Team – Rating Test Team:**
 - i. A new committee has been formed through volunteerism and approval by the board – the Rating Test Team. It will be this committee's responsibility to:
 1. Receive requests from players to be tested to be placed at the 3.0, 3.5, and 4.0 level;

**Rating Test Team
Members:**

**Craig Riebow
Gwynn Gorrell
Miles Ledgerwood
Ron Craig
David Basanti
Whitey Krueger**

2. Determine if requesting player meets the criteria to become candidates (received 90% of available points in five scored round robins);
3. Work with the candidates and the target level round robin coordinator to schedule rating round robins;
4. Make sure the comment forms are delivered to the rating round robin coordinator;
5. At the end of the rating round robin collect the forms and scores, compute percentages of scores to determine if candidates scored the required points to be promoted, and tally comments; and
6. Communicate results to the candidates.

ii. NOTE: This committee will implement rating procedures and will NOT make changes to the existing rating rules.

h. **General Comments** from the December meeting:

i. Judy Graves requested that we post a calendar of events on the bulletin boards:

1. This is done. A calendar of pickleball events is posted on the bulletin boards.

ii. Gary Pike raised the issue that our new committee to help quickly place newcomers into appropriate groups is contrary to our rating policy:

1. The rating policy was amended by the Board in the November 29 meeting, and the following was added to the Rating Rules within the 'Unique Situations' section:

a. "At the November 29, 2021 Board Meeting it was approved to form a new rating committee that would set up guidelines in order to evaluate the skills of a NEW person that is/was misplaced into an inappropriate skill level. [Example 1; When a player comes in from another club but has no idea what skill level they should be at. Example 2; When a player is still working, and unable to attend round robins during the weekdays]. These unique situations should not deter any player from going through the standard skill rating procedure as printed above."

b. A new Rating Evaluation Team has been formed through volunteerism and approval by the board to help place NEW members at the appropriate level.

**Rating Evaluation Team
Members:**

**Craig Hutton (<> 4.0)
Judy Graves (<> 4.0)
Kim Beam (<> 4.0)
Jim Brunner (<> 4.0)
Guy Smith (2.5/3.0 only)**

II. Vice President Report - (5 minutes)

a. **Mentoring:** No report

III. Treasurer's Report - (5 minutes) Janett

a. **Finances** as of 1/12/22:

Income - **\$45,483.35**

Paid Out - **\$5,913.73**

Checking Account Balance - **\$17,183.58**

Savings Account Balance - **\$42,844.76**

PayPal - **\$6,359.59**

Janett reminded Club members that we have a significant amount of money going out of the next month or so; \$25,000+ for Kokopelli alone.

b. **Nomination committee:** Janett Hampton

i. The following positions will be open next year:

1. **President (2-year term)**

2. **Vice President (1-year term, temporarily)**

3. **Treasurer (2-year term)**

4. **Member at Large (2-Year term)**

ii. Janett asked that anyone wanting to run for one of the above offices, or who would like to nominate someone for a position, to please contact her. She will give these names to the Nominations Committee and they will contact each nominated individual to assess their willingness to run for an office.

iii. Members of the Nomination Committee are:

1. **Mike Alderson**

2. **Marlene Ayala**

3. **Susan Craig**

4. **Doug Gibbs**

5. **Janett Hampton**

IV. Secretary Report - (5 minutes) – Gwynn

a. **Special Activities Committee:**

i. The December gift collection for Faith House is going well. We will collect your gifts again this coming Saturday. Toys and gifts will be delivered to a Faith House representative on Fri., Dec. 17th.

ii. The next fun event will be February 1 – the PEM Pickleball Rodeo from 3:00-5:00 (and beyond?). Wear your Western Gear; bring your paddles, a chair, and your choice of beverage. There will be TWO food trucks available at 4:00.

iii. During the Kokopelli Tournament (Feb 12-15), the Activities Committee encourages everyone to wear RED on the 12th.

V. Member At Large - (5 minutes) Doug

a. **Tournaments:**

- i. Kokopelli Klassic:
 - 1. Mike Golden announced that we were doing well in the planning. We have nine vendors, but we are looking for two more sponsors. Mike stressed that we are in need of several volunteers. There were sign-up sheets set out on a table for various volunteer jobs, but Mike said to feel free to contact him
- ii. Karl Kunz Memorial Pickleball Tournament:
 - 1. Doug announced that we have leadership for the Karl Kunz Tournament in March. Lynn Retzak gave a report on the progress of the upcoming tournament.

b. Communications:

- i. Doug pointed out that some club members have mistakenly pressed "UNSUBSCRIBE" on emails from LivePickleball.com. By unsubscribing, players are permanently shutting off Invites and communications. If you don't want emails, the correct action is to go into your LivePickleball.com profile and mark yourself "GONE". Upon return, the player can change that setting to "HERE" and will begin again to get Invites and communications from the club.
- ii. 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 - (5 minutes) Gus

a. Training:

- a. Rob Davidson Clinics:
 - i. Gary Retzak, the training coordinator for this event, reported that we have six signed up for the Advanced clinic; there are two openings. This clinic will be held at 9:00am on January 25th.
 - ii. Gary also reported that we 15 people signed up for the Intermediate clinic; there is one opening. This clinic will be at 1:00pm on January 25.
- b. Gary also reminded members of the email he sent out a few days ago asking for help in three specific training/skill & drills areas:
 - i. 2.0 Training (contact Lynn van Lierop to volunteer)
 - ii. 2.5 Skills and Drills (contact Nancy Johnson)
 - iii. 3.0/3.5 Skills and Drills (contact Jeff Tomlinson)

b. New Lobster Ball Machine:

- a. Gus announced that the club has ordered and received a new ball machine for the use in training, skills and drills, and for individual check-out use. We are working on an effective way to check out the machine to groups and individuals as well as how to securely store the machine (as well as the new PA system). He recently learned of a Unified Park Committee at PEM which meets with representatives of the various clubs in the resort. Doug attended this week's meeting and met the new manager, who agreed to review the repair of the storage building doors and locks. We currently have an issue with the bathroom/storage building. Door casings are in disrepair and there are multiple keys floating around for the various storage rooms. Once we have a workable check-out policy, the Board will notify the membership that the new ball machine is ready for use and check-out.

VII Member At Large - Craig Hutton (not in attendance)

- c. **Operations:** No Report

VIII. **Open Microphone** - limit to 3 minutes per comment with 2 additional minutes on proposed solution.

- a. Rich Baumann announced that, during Kokopelli, golf car parking will be moved to the area across the street from our parking lot to make room for food trucks and vendors.
- b. Gary Pike asked for clarification of a statement in the January 4 Board meeting minutes regarding 'disgruntled players'. He asked if a written complaint applied to those who get injured on the court. NO, this statement applied only to players who felt they were unfairly confronted or insulted by another club member.
- c. Gary Pike asked about the Guest Policy. Doug directed him to the PEM Pickleball Guest Policy (posted on PEMPickleball.com under HOME button, Pickleball Minutes/Bylaws/Finance. (The entire policy is printed at the end of these minutes.) Craig will send out an email to all club members to remind them to have their guests wear the Guest badges given to the club member when he/she registered the guest and paid the guest fee.
- d. Gary Pike said that the club needs a 'mask reminder' and asked what club members should do if someone comes to the court without a mask. Jeff Tomlinson responded that, if the club member feels comfortable to ask the non-masked player to put on a mask, do so. If the player is uncomfortable in asking, then contact a Board member. Craig will include this request in his email to all members.

- e. Mike Martin asked that Craig include in that email a reminder for all club members to wear their PEMPB name badges. Craig will include this request.
 - f. Mike Martin asked that the Board provide an Agenda in advance of membership meetings, both as information, and as an incentive for members to attend because they are aware of the topics that will be covered in the forthcoming meeting.
 - g. Jeff Jameson asked about dues – where is the break between playing free, paying \$10.00, and paying the full \$25.00 membership fee. Doug provided the general guidelines for fees that have been in place for the last couple of years. They read: **“All PEM resident pickleball players, whether playing socially, drop in play or organized play, are expected to pay their annual dues (\$25 per player). Your dues go toward the purchase of balls (we use a lot), maintenance equipment (we take care of our own courts), paddles, training equipment, office supplies, and much more. If a person is here for a “short stay”, loosely defined as [less than two (2) weeks], the member can obtain their membership for \$10.”** The complete Guidelines document can be found at PEMPickleball.com, HOME tab, Pickleball Minutes/Bylaws/Finance. (The entire policy is printed at the end of these minutes.)
- IX. Next membership meeting is Thursday, February 11, 2022.
- X. Meeting adjourned at 5:05pm.

Thanks everyone for coming. Play safe. Stay healthy. Have FUN!

Gwynn Gorrell, Secretary, respectfully submits these minutes.

GUEST POLICY (Revised 02/09/19)

Residents may purchase **seasonal guest passes for \$10.00 each**. Guest passes remain with the PEM resident host and is transferable between all their guests during the season. Each guest must have a PEM Pickleball guest pass. The following guidelines apply:

Guests staying with you here at the resort:

- Guests staying in your home (or RV) with you here in the resort may participate in all **organized activities** provided they have a **pickleball guest pass** (regardless of length of stay). Organized activities include; open play, training, round robins, ladders and Rec Play. In-house tournaments are excluded unless otherwise specified. Guests must wear the guest pass you provide while on the courts.

*Note: This policy is not intended for the occasional family and friends who are staying with you in the resort for a short period of time (**defined as 1-10 days**) and only playing on open courts outside of organized play and scheduled activities. A guest pass is not required for these situations, but always appreciated! For guests who want to participate in organized or scheduled play, a guest pass would be required.*

Guests from outside the park:

- Guests visiting from outside the resort may play with you during "Rec play" after 2:00 PM, provided they have a **pickleball guest pass which is provided by the PEM resident host**.
- The sponsoring PEM resident host must be present and you must have a guest pass for each guest.
- The PEM Resident Host must retain all guest passes; they are not to be given to the guests to keep.
- PEM Resident players take priority. No closed groups on open courts (especially when courts are busy) if residents are waiting to play. (Exception: scheduled interleague/reciprocal play).
- Outside guests cannot participate in organized play, including round robins, training, ladders or in-house tournaments, etc.
- To obtain a pickleball guest pass fill out the dues form with your name, site info, etc. and note that you want a "guest pass."

PEM PICKLEBALL DUES & PLAY

Annual Pickleball dues are \$25.00 per player (for the entire season)

Dues are payable by cash or check made out to "PEM Pickleball Club". Please use the self-addressed envelopes provided at the bulletin board and send all dues to Doug Gibbs at Site #699 **through our intra-park mail**. You can also pay your dues at the monthly general membership meeting. If you want, you will receive a sticker (in the color for that season) to place on your name badge. **Name badges are required by PEM management and our Pickleball Club for all park activities.**

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"Organized Play" (re-defined) includes all training, in house tournaments Ladders and Round Robins. All organized play is scheduled by our Training committee and/or Organized Play Committee. Scheduled, organized play has priority on the courts. In order to engage in organized play you must be current in your dues.

"Drop in Play" includes all social and drop in play where PEM members come to the courts during the day or night to play with other PEM members. Although not mandated during drop in or social play, all PEM members are encouraged to play in a level that represents his or her present skill level.