

Pueblo El Mirage Pickleball Club

Membership Meeting

January 16, 2020

- I. Welcome/Call to Order: Vice President Gary Pike called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. and introduced the board members.
 - A. Gary asked for a show of hands for who is new to the club; the attendees welcomed the new members.
 - B. Gary asked how many members saw the signs (reminding them of the meeting) that Jody put up, and many hands were raised.
 - C. Gary recognized the club members who have medaled in recent tournaments.
- II. Treasurer's Report: Janett Hampton provided an update on the club funds.
 - A. Current balance: \$75,531.20
 - B. Profit and loss based on this season: \$42,823.20 in total income; \$4,425.95 in operating expenses; \$38,397.25 profit this season.
 - C. There have been very few expenses entered from the Kokopelli so far.
- III. Additional Courts: Doug Gibbs
 - A. Doug had an opportunity to meet with the City Building Department and Fire Marshal to try and understand why our pickleball permit is being held up.
 - B. Doug met with Vickie Jepperson about when it would be good to meet with the city to possibly renegotiate Roberts Resorts' previous agreement with the city when the 16 courts were built in 2012. There were still some outstanding issues that were never completed by Roberts Resorts.
 - C. Roberts Resorts feels that since they didn't complete the development of the "Sports Complex" per plans (i.e., moving the baseball field, adding eight pickleball courts, and establishing a "dog park") that were on the previous agreement, they shouldn't have to complete the additional stipulations like fencing and parking lot requirements.
 - D. Vickie, our park manager, has been assuring the club that Roberts Resorts plans to build additional pickleball courts, but they need to talk with the City about releasing the permit.
 - E. Roberts Resorts now has a CFO who would like us to negotiate with the City to see if we can come up with a win/win settlement. In the meantime, the City has put a stop work order on the creek side development which is somewhat attached.
- IV. Guiding principles: Jody Tieken-Holecek reported that the Guiding Principles are close to being finished, and she plans to submit them to the club at the February meeting.
- V. Nominating Committee: Gary Pike
 - A. Gary Pike reported that the committee has been looking for candidates for President, Treasurer, and one Member at Large position. Janett is running for Treasurer and Rich is running for Member at Large. So far there are additional Member at Large candidates (Dave Bisanti and Mike Mayo), and one candidate

(Frenchy Relyea) for President. Forest Vlahogorge and Pam Mayo are also on the committee. Gary encouraged other members to run for office.

- B. Gary stated that there will be absentee voting options for this year's election.
- C. There were questions about how the committee was formed. Gary stated that he offered to head it up and recruited additional members.

VI. Bylaws Committee: Gary Pike

- A. Gary reviewed the two major changes.
 - 1. Proxy or absentee voting has been added; Gary gave examples of possible options for electronic voting.
 - 2. New officers will take over responsibilities immediately after the election.
- B. The proposed changes will be posted on the website and at the bulletin board. Gary asked members to send him comments by January 20, 2020, so they can be posted on January 27, 2020. Voting for the changes to the bylaws will take place at the February 13, 2020, membership meeting.

VII. Committee Reports

- A. Training
 - 1. Jody listed the areas she is responsible for: training, organized play, and ratings.
 - 2. Jody introduced the leaders of those areas: Gary Retzak, Orientation; Shannon McClean and Mike Golden, Training.
 - a) Shannon reported that the Module system is running smoothly, and players are moving through training as planned.
 - b) Testing takes place once a month to move players from 2.0 to 2.5, and 2.5 to 3.0, using the IPTPA standards.
 - c) Shannon requested volunteers to help on testing days: 3.5 or higher to evaluate, and 3.0 to play with the candidates.
 - d) The club has two ball machines that are in the locked shed. To access a machine, contact a trainer who has a key (Shannon, Mike, Karen Isaacs); the trainer will stay with the player to ensure that the machines are used and returned properly. There is a sign out sheet in the shed.
 - e) Mike Golden presented information on where to find the training modules online so that players can find the videos.
 - (1) Go to www.pempickleball.com.
 - (2) Click on the training tab.
 - (3) Click on the appropriate training module.
 - f) Mike reminded players that they must be on TrackitHub (TiH) to attend training, and that invitations will be automatically sent. Players who are not seeing invitations should go into their spam folder to look for TrackitHub invitations.
 - g) Jody is looking for a member to lead the mentor program.
- B. Skill rating system and protocol
 - 1. Jody updated the draft Skills Rating System and Protocol that had stated when players obtained IPTPA ratings, they had to sign a statement saying they would enter tournaments at that level. However, IPTPA has clarified that this

agreement with USAPA has yet to be realized, so that paragraph has been removed.

2. USAPA Tournament Player Rating (UTPR) drives what level a player plays at, but not as a club rating. Players can always play higher levels in sanctioned tournaments.
3. Becky Gibbs clarified that sanctioned tournaments use UTPR; the club only requires players to use their club rating in internal tournaments.
4. The Skills Rating System and Protocol document explains the process for players who come in with a home club rating.
5. It was asked who to talk to if there is someone in your Round Robin that is on a 30-day provisional skill rating. Jody stated that members should go to their Organized Play Skills Lead, who will take the group's feedback to the Organized Play Chair for a final skills rating decision at the end of the 30 days. The Organized Play Committee information has been posted at the main and old pickleball courts.
6. The Round Robin event groups are randomly selected by TiH and are not organized by incremental skill level. Players in a specific skill level group can ask for their scores to be recorded so that they can be ranked by percentage. It is up to the entire skill group to agree and inform their Organized Play Lead that they want scores recorded.

C. Organized Play

1. Ron Craig presented the revised winter schedule, which is on its 8th revision.
 - a) Ron proposed adding Club Play to the calendar. He explained that Rec play can be reserved, but Club Play cannot. Discussion ensued, with a couple members recommending leaving them all Rec play. Gary Pike asked for a show of hands of how many members want to revert back to Rec play. Most players raised their hands, so Club Play will be removed.
 - b) Ron pointed out that ladders have been added on Sundays; players will sign up on a sheet at the bulletin board.
2. Ron presented the Ambassador program: there are four vests in the lost and found box; members are encouraged to wear the vests periodically.

D. Operations

1. Rich has trimmed the trees and assured members that it does not kill the trees.
2. Rich reminded players to put broken balls in the net. He counts the balls every day, and it appears some are missing.
3. For the Kokopelli Klassic, the old courts and the tennis courts (with temporary nets) will be used.
4. Rich listed the dates for court washing: February 3, 5, 6, and 10. Tennis court cleaning is January 30.
5. On Thursday, February 13, courts 1-8 will be closed until 11:00 a.m. to hang banners.
6. There will be no organized play on Friday, February 14; courts will be open for tournament players to practice. The lights will be installed on February 14.

7. Vendors will arrive on Feb 14 for set up. There will be security available each night so that vendors can leave their contents.
 8. Rich went over the parking configuration.
 9. Forrest will help build eight more ball barriers to be used at the tournaments.
 10. Rich presented the bid for resurfacing the old courts.
 - a) It was requested that the courts be completed soon so they can be used for Kokopelli.
 - b) Rich stated that the fence post just needs to be re-welded, which we will ask the resort to do.
 - c) Doug Gibbs made a motion to accept the bid of \$6,735.00 and Lynn Retzak seconded.
 - d) There was discussion: Some members have questioned whether the club can do the resurfacing job ourselves. Rich explained that there is a lot of preparation that should be done by a professional.
 - e) A voice vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.
 - f) The old courts will be resurfaced during the first week of February.
- E. Tournaments: Don Williams explained that the tournament committee has two responsibilities: host one outside and one inside tournament.
1. Kokopelli Klassic, February 15-17, 2020.
 - a) February 15 is Women's Doubles; February 16 is Mixed Doubles, and, February 17 is Men's Doubles. February 18 is the Kokopelli Klassic all day skills camp for tournament players who have already registered for it.
 - b) 636 players have registered, but the number will decrease as the tournament date gets closer.
 - c) The tournament requires 50 active volunteers daily for routine tasks; court cleaning and set up are additional tasks.
 - d) Primary leaders were introduced: Becky Gibbs, registration; Mike Golden, vendors and sponsors; Doug Gibbs, first aid, Susan Craig, snacks; Lee Meyer, line judging.
 - e) PEMPC should net at least \$12,000 from the tournament.
 - f) Tournament shirts will be available for sale onsite while supplies last.
 - g) Visors that say "Kokopelli Klassic" will be provided to volunteers. Additional visors with PEM Pickleball Club on them will be available for sale. Contact Don Williams to volunteer.
 - h) Becky issued a plea for help at the registration desk. She is also looking for people to learn the registration system.
 2. Karl Kunz: February 28-29, 2020.
 - a) There will be a memorial to Karl Kunz.
 - b) Registration is \$10 per event. Sign up at www.pickleballtournaments.com or www.pempickleball.com. Play starts at 9:00 a.m.
 - c) Kitty Hadawi will work registration.
 - d) Players must sign up using their highest rating. Typically, that is their club rating, IPTPA, home, or self-rating.

- e) Friday is Men's Doubles and Women's Doubles. Saturday is Mixed Doubles.
- f) Referees will be provided for only medal rounds.
- g) Frenchy will work with the 1.5 and 2.0 players to help them learn what takes place in a tournament.
- h) Saturday pizza will be provided for players.
- i) Don stated that the inhouse tournament is a good way for new players to try out a tournament. Players should be good sports at this event. He ended with: Have fun, be safe, sign up.

F. Membership/Communications: Doug Gibbs

- 1. Doug showed members where to find information on the website.
- 2. Over 350 registered players are here so far this season.
- 3. Over 600 members are on the roster.
- 4. The board authorized a \$200 donation to the PEM Ladies Charity Golf Tournament for the Faith House in Glendale, AZ. PEMPC will sponsor the 4th hole; the PEMPC 4th green will be a fun event again and Doug is looking for volunteers. The event will be held on February 25, 2020.

VIII. Gary reminded everyone to be safe. We had a 2.0 level player fall, resulting in two broken wrists.

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.