

Pueblo El Mirage Pickleball Club
Membership Meeting
January 21, 2021
Outdoors at the Main Courts

- I. Welcome/Call to Order: President Kelli Mollison called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
 - A. Kelli welcomed the returning members. There are currently 223 paid members in the park.
 - B. Kelli provided the format for the meeting.
 - 1. Each board member will give a short presentation.
 - 2. Kelli asked that questions, concerns, and comments be held until the end of the meeting and that they be limited to three minutes; members should use two of the minutes to recommend a solution to their concern.
 - 3. Kelli stated that the concerns and recommended solutions would be discussed at the next board meeting; no decisions would be made at the membership meeting.
- II. President's Report
 - A. Safety and Health:
 - 1. Kelli thanked the members that reported illnesses and the results of their COVID-19 tests, both positive and negative. Their actions helped to ensure that all members stay healthy.
 - 2. Kelli thanked the members for their efforts for observing social distancing, and for wearing masks that cover the nose and mouth, which are mandatory anytime players and spectators are not playing.
 - 3. Kelli asked members not to come to the courts to play or observe games if they are not feeling well.
 - B. Volunteer Recognition: Kelli asked for all volunteers since the last meeting to stand and be recognized.
 - C. Rating Procedure
 - 1. Kelli stated that the board is still searching for the perfect procedure for rating members.
 - 2. After the beta test in December, the board made modifications to the rating system; the system now combines scores of "testing" round robins with input from those players and possible some other players equal to or above the level being rated.
 - 3. Thirteen players wanting to move to the 3.0, 3.5, or 4.0 levels participated in the new rating procedure.
 - 4. The procedure appears to be quite successful; the board will review the process and comments and, if necessary, tweak it.
 - D. Paver work on the new courts will begin on Monday. Kelli stated that members should not interrupt the workers or ask questions. All questions should be sent to Doug Gibbs, who is the club point of contact with Vicki Jepperson.

III. Vice President's Report

- A. Mentoring has been going well, and Frenchy posted pictures of mentors on the board; players should email the mentor to schedule sessions.
- B. The club changed bank accounts to a bank that is located closer to PEM. Frenchy stated that Janett was well prepared, so the lengthy process went smoothly.

IV. Treasurer's Report

- A. Janett Hampton provided an update on the club funds; total funds are currently \$46,727.64.
 - 1. Current checkbook balance: \$11,641.81.
 - 2. Capital Improvements account balance: \$35,035.83.
 - 3. PayPal account: \$50 (to keep the account active).
- B. Profit and loss based on this season:
 - 1. \$5,175.00 in dues income; other miscellaneous income is \$171.29.
 - 2. Expenses include supplies, balls, repairs, and small budget items for a total of \$3,964.30.
 - 3. \$1,381.99 is the current net profit for the 2020/2021 season.

C. Nominating Committee

- 1. There are four open positions.
 - a) Vice President: Frenchy Relyea is undecided whether he will run.
 - b) Secretary: Lynn Retzak has decided to not run.
 - c) Member at Large: Doug Gibbs has decided to run.
 - d) Member at Large: Jody Tieken-Holecek has decided to not run.
- 2. The deadline for applying to run for office is February 21, 2021. Information for applying will be on the website.
- 3. The Nominating Committee members include Randy Bode (chair), Mike Alderson, Sue Roden, John Owens, Lynn Retzak. [Shortly after the meeting, the committee member list was updated to add Ron Craig.]

V. Secretary's Report: Lynn reported that the Banquet Committee is working on food choices, and Debra Jones has been soliciting businesses for door prizes. The Fun Committee is working on the activities.

VI. Committee Reports

- A. Member at Large – Craig Hutton: Operations
 - 1. Craig thanked Wayne Shindlecker, Howard Peaslee, Mike Holecek, and Tom Gannon, who clean the courts each morning.
 - 2. Canopies for the new courts have been delivered and will go up when the courts are finished.
 - 3. Craig has submitted a PEM budget request to Vickie Jepperson for ten sets of tables and chairs, plus umbrellas.
- B. Member at Large – Kelli in place of Jody Tieken-Holecek
 - 1. Organized Play
 - a) A formal schedule will be published after the new quads are ready. There will be some changes from what we see today.
 - b) To find which events are being offered, go to livepickleball and click on "Club Schedule."

- c) Open play is available most days until 9:00 a.m. and after 1:00 p.m.
- d) Watch email for changes to your events, such as time changes and cancellations.

2. Training

- a) Orientation has been successful but takes over an hour when there are numerous new members because Jeff Jameson creates a livepickleball account for each person.
- b) Jeff Tomlinson will be running skills training and asks that it be kept to a reasonable number of attendees. He also requested helpers who have had instruction on the skills.
- c) Players at levels 2.5 and above are encouraged to work with mentors to obtain training.

C. Member at Large – Doug Gibbs

- 1. Tournaments: Due to COVID-19 restrictions, both tournaments (Kokopelli and Karl Kunz In-House) have been canceled for this season.
- 2. Fun Day
 - a) Pickleball Picnic: Gwynn Gorrell and Laurie Penny asked for volunteers to help with the multiple activities that will take place during the annual banquet.
 - b) Tuesday Nights: the 3.0a and 3.5a members are invited to play in a round robin; no slamming is allowed. It has been a great opportunity for players to work on their soft game and finesse.

VII. USAPA Rules Changes – John and Peggy Friesner

- A. 125 new rules go into effect on Monday, January 25, 2021.
- B. The let serve is in play as long as it lands in the proper receiving area.
- C. The server can start the serve motion before the score is completely called as long as the ball has not been contacted. If the score is not completely called first, it is a re-serve, not a fault.
- D. Technical fouls now remove a point from the offending party; if the offending party is at 0, a point is added to the score of the opposing side.
- E. Outside coaching is allowed only during timeouts, between games, and when switching sides. Switching sides was added because it is an official one minute timeout.
- F. The drop serve is a provisional rule for one year, after which time it will be evaluated. The ball must be dropped (not tossed or thrown) and can bounce more than once. There is no restriction on style of serve.
- G. During tournaments, both serving and receiving players can ask for the score, whether they are the correct server, whether they are on the correct side.
- H. Balls are considered “out” only if the player can see red (at PEM courts) between the line and the ball.

VIII. Audience questions and comments: there were no questions or comments.

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.