

# **Pueblo El Mirage Pickleball Club**

## **Membership Meeting Minutes**

**November 11, 2021, 4:00 pm**

**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 207 paid members in the park.
  - B. Kelli gave an update on Dixie Billings and Louise Shindledecker, two members suffering with cancer. Dixie wanted her thanks to all our club members for all the support, cards, and communication sent and hopes to see everyone in January. Louise, who was recently diagnosed with stomach cancer, is now in hospice but is hoping for the best and to make it back to PEM soon.
  - C. Kelli thanked all members who have volunteered to help get the courts up-to-speed and ready for this season's play.
  - D. Kelli reviewed the changes that have taken place in the last 18 months;
    1. LivePickleball.com went online last season, and with some tweaks here and there, it has been a wonderful platform for our organized play. The number and variety of organized play opportunities has increased, and will continue to increase based on membership requests. In addition to organized play, members can self-schedule with Drop-in 'Open' Play, or reserve a court with, 'Hold my Court' to self-schedule and guarantee a court will be available. These options are available through PEMPickleball.com: click on Organized Play.
      - a) Ron Craig offered a comment that, should a player want to start a specialized group – such as Geezers, or Geezerettes, all the players need to do is contact him and he can create and create an organization for the group. The only caveats are that the group may have to play outside the regular organized play schedule if courts are not available, and the group will need a group coordinator.
      - b) Kelli reminded the members that this is a recreational club; our purpose being to have fun and get some exercise. To that end, please watch the language, play to both opponents, and be positive and encouraging.
    2. Kelli reviewed the development of the current rating policy and summarized the policy as it stands in final form. She shared an accommodation that will help players wishing to move up. The Board will use the BEST five scores from the last TEN Round Robins in order to help players reach the 90% needed to request

testing to move to the next level. Members can find the ratings policy at [www.PEMPickleball.com](http://www.PEMPickleball.com); click on the Training/Skills Ratings tab.

- E. Kelli reviewed 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. Vice President's Report: Frenchy Relyea

- A. Mentoring has been going well, and Frenchy is working on an updated list, with pictures of mentors. Frenchy will post the updated Mentor List on the bulletin board; players should email the mentor to schedule sessions.
- B. Frenchy and Gwynn Gorrell are working together to create an updated Mentor List, flyers for the PEMPB Bulletin Board and PEMPickleball.com.
- C. Frenchy asked that anyone interested in mentoring contact either him or Gwynn Gorrell at [mtrealyea@msn.com](mailto:mtrealyea@msn.com) or [gwynngorrell@gmail.com](mailto:gwynngorrell@gmail.com).

## III. Treasurer's Report: Frenchy Relyea for Janett Hampton

- A. Checking Account Balance is \$1,484.00
- B. Reserve Account is \$22,844.00
- C. PayPal Account is \$50.00
- D. Large purchases over the summer include:
  - 1. Speaker system: \$6,401.90
  - 2. Court resurfacing: \$12,194.00
    - a) Mike Golden is working Elite to repair the cracks that were not acceptably repaired when resurfacing is complete.

## IV. Nominating Committee Report: Kelli Mollison for Janett Hampton

- A. There are currently three open positions for next year.
  - a) President: Kelli Mollison
  - b) Treasurer: Janett Hampton
  - c) Member at Large: Craig Hutton
- B. The deadline for applying to run for office will be published as soon as possible.

## V. Secretary's Report: Gwynn Gorrell

- A. The Banquet Committee has not yet met, but the Banquet Chairman, Jeanette Alderson is working on both planning and a budget request to present to the Board.
- B. The Special Activities Committee has planned and distributed a Calendar of Events. It is posted on PEMPickleball.com and will be email-blasted out each month. A calendar is printed at the end of these minutes.

VI. Member at Large – Doug Gibbs

A. Communications:

- 1. Doug reminded everyone that the communications methods are; LivePickleball.com, PEMPickleball.com, and the PEM Pickleball Group in FaceBook. He asked that everyone check them often for updated information about the club.

B. Tournaments:

- 1. SSIPA is paying us \$6,500 to hold the SSIPA Tournament at PEM in November. This \$6,500 purchased the new sound system (cost: \$6,401.90).
- 2. Kokopelli Tournament is progressing. Mike Golden is the tournament coordinator. Mike reports that we have received PEM consent, El Mirage City permits, and USAPA sanction, a full complement of referees, and the team is working on enlisting sponsors and vendors.
  - a) Craig Hutton, Russ Sutfin and Craig Riebow are in charge of operations.
  - b) Susan Craig is in charge of food.
  - c) Mike Golden and Robert Jones are securing vendors.
  - d) Becky Gibbs leads the team who will manage the website and organize registration. Becky had some important comments to add about registration.
    - (1) Registration opens Monday, November 15.
    - (2) Registration will be staggered, based on category/age.
- 3. We currently have no director for the Karl Kuntz Tournament in March, 2022. Without a director, we cannot hold this tourney.

VII. Member at Large – Gus Ayala

A. Training:

- a) New Player Orientation is Mondays at 4:00 in the Computer Lab
- b) Leads training are:
  - (1) 1.0 – Karen Isaacs
  - (2) 2.0 – Lynn Van Lierop
  - (3) 2.5 Skills and Drills – Nancy Johnson
  - (4) 3.5/4.0 – Jeff Tomlinson

B. Organized Play:

- a) We need leads/coordinators for the following groups
  - (1) 2.5B
  - (2) 3.5A
  - (3) Tournament Prep

VIII. Member at Large – Craig Hutton

A. Operations:

- a) As stated earlier, the court resurfacing is complete.
- b) All quads were cleaned in September and early October. They will need cleaning again in late January.
- c) Craig said thank you for all the volunteers who came to the courts to trim trees, wash quads, pull weeds, and help set up. This was a huge job and it required a lot of volunteers to accomplish.

IX. Open Microphone: limited to three minutes with two additional minutes on proposed solution:

- A. Craig Riebow – We need volunteers for SSIPA!!
- B. Bill Rueter (who installed the new, donated AED) offered to run a class to learn how to use the AED.
- C. Bob Johnson took exception to the way rating advancement was structured. His solution suggestion is for the club to make one quad available all day, every day for paddle-in-the-saddle play.
- D. Jeff Jameson asked that changes in policy be reported to the general membership as the decisions are being made. He asked for more transparency between the Board and the general membership so there will be fewer surprises. He suggested a summary of rule changes be posted online at the end of each season so members can prepare both mentally and physically for the coming season.
- E. Jeff Jameson reported that the LivePickleball.com website has gone through several changes – 1) you can now add your age, and 2) you can now add an emergency contact. He asked that anyone who experiences a bug to please let him know and he will contact the developer to correct the error.
- F. Russ Sutfin asked why Board meetings were now closed to general members. Kelli explained that this procedure allows the Board members to speak freely and honestly. She also pointed out that all Board and Membership meeting minutes are posted online at [www.PEMPickleball.com](http://www.PEMPickleball.com).

X. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Gwynn Gorrell.

# PEM Pickleball Club – Special Activities Committee

## Calendar of Events

### 2021/2022 Season

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Event</u>
11/6/2021	Saturday	Collect canned goods/proteins at Couples RR (St Mary's Food Bank)
11/13/2021	Saturday	Collect canned goods/proteins at Couples RR (St Mary's Food Bank)
11/30/2021	Tuesday	Ice Breaker Event at old courts
12/4/2021	Saturday	Collect Toys for kids at Faith House
12/11/2021	Saturday	Collect Toys for kids at Faith House (Toys delivered to Faith House on 12/17/21)
12/18/2021	Saturday	Christmas Dress Up Day at Couples RR
1/22/2022	Saturday	Pickleball Rodeo w/ Food Trucks (Rain Day 1/29/22)
1/29/2022	Saturday	Team Shirt Day at Couples RR
2/13-19/22	Sun-Sat	"Week of Red" to celebrate Valentines Day (note - Kokopelli is 2/12-2/15)
3/12/2022	Saturday	St Patricks Day dress up at Couples RR
3/19/2022	Saturday	Annual Picnic