

Pueblo El Mirage Pickleball Club

Membership Meeting

November 12, 2020
Outdoors at the Main Courts

- I. Welcome/Call to Order: President Kelli Mollison called the meeting to order at 3:58 p.m.
 - A. Kelli welcomed the returning members. There are currently 137 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.
 - 4. Kelli will contact the person making the recommended solution within two weeks.
 - 5. Kelli reviewed the various methods available to members for communicating with the board: board email (available on www.pempickleball.com website), electronic suggestion form (available on the www.pempickleball.com website), and the new suggestion box (built by Howie Peaslee) attached to the bulletin board at the main courts.
- II. President's Report
 - A. Board Changes
 - 1. Shortly after the March 2020 election, the Board discussed filling the vacant vice-president position and confirmed the appointment of Frenchy Relyea to fill the remainder of the term (one year).
 - 2. Rich Baumann resigned his position as member at large, and the Board approved the appointment of Craig Hutton to the position.
 - B. Safety and Health:
 - 1. Kelli reminded members to play safely to prevent injury.
 - 2. Kelli asked members not to come to the courts to play or observe games if they are not feeling well.
 - 3. Kelli reminded members that whether or not they are wearing a mask, to observe social distancing whenever possible, defined by the CDC as 6 feet.
 - C. Volunteer Recognition: Kelli asked for all volunteers since the March meeting to stand and be recognized. The list of volunteer actions included software setup, writing new policies and procedures, preparing taxes, washing the courts, daily cleaning of courts, training, and organizing events.
 - D. Rating Procedure: Kelli announced that the new rating procedure is being implemented and is posted on the club website.

III. Vice President's Report

- A. Guest Policy: Frenchy reviewed the guest policy:
 - 1. Per the current PEM policy, no out-of-park guests are allowed.
 - 2. The club's \$10 guest fee to play in organized events will cover the \$2 LivePickleball fee. The remainder of the \$10 is used for supplies.
 - 3. When a member wants to purchase a guest pass, Doug Gibbs will provide detailed information.
- B. Mentoring
 - 1. Mentoring has proven useful for players who prefer to have a one-on-one or small group setting for training.
 - 2. Frenchy will post pictures of mentors on the board, and members are encouraged to volunteer for mentoring. He noted that previous mentors are happy to help new mentors.

IV. Treasurer's Report

- A. Janett Hampton provided an update on the club funds; total funds are currently \$47,805.41.
 - 1. Current checkbook balance: \$12,732.82.
 - 2. Capital Improvements account balance: \$35,022.59.
 - 3. Paypal account: \$50 (to keep the account active).
- B. Profit and loss based on this season:
 - 1. \$2,945.00 in dues income.
 - 2. Expenses include \$25.00 for contract services, \$321.46 for court supplies, \$139.26 Organized Play operating expenses.
 - 3. \$2459.28 is the current net profit for the 2020/2021 season.
 - 4. The Board is working on finalizing committee budgets.
- C. Janett reported that she is the point of contact for the Nominating Committee and is looking for additional volunteers.

V. Secretary's Report

- A. Lynn Retzak reminded members that minutes for board meetings and membership meetings can be found on the club website under the "Home" tab.
- B. Lynn reported that she is overseeing the Banquet Committee and provided options for the club in the event the traditional banquet is not possible due to COVID. Voting will take place on that day before the banquet event. She also asked for volunteers for the committee.

VI. Member at Large – Craig Hutton

- A. Operations
 - 1. Craig thanked Rich Baumann for all his years of hard work.
 - 2. Craig thanked everyone who cleaned courts this fall.
 - 3. Craig thanked the many members who helped him as he started his new role, including Wayne Schindlecker, Howard Peaslee, Dean Jensen, Craig Riebow, and Mike Holecek.
 - 4. New courts have been power washed so the surface should be going on soon; the saw cuts need to be caulked first per Mike Golden.

5. Craig reminded members that if they want to play after a rainstorm, they should please come down and help dry courts.
6. Capital Improvement: Craig reported that we need a WIFI extender and PA system and asked for volunteers with relevant experience to assist him.

VII. Member at Large – Jody Tieken-Holecek

A. Organized Play

1. Jody recognized Ron Craig (Organized Play Chair) and Jeff Jameson (Technology Chair).
2. Ron and his team continue to add events; next week there will be 14 events for paid members. A formal schedule will be published after the new quads are ready. There will be some changes from what we see today, and more training will be offered.
3. Court assignments will be posted with the schedule.
4. Rob Davidson has offered to run a skills clinic on December 5 or 26, depending on how many members sign up. Interested members should contact Ron Craig.
5. LivePickleball: Ron, Jeff and Doug worked many hours over the summer to implement the new software, and feedback has been positive. They continue to work on issues, adding and training new members, and training organized play leads on LivePickleball use. Please be patient as they work through new issues.

B. Training

1. Gary Retzak, the Training Chair, conducts the Orientation. He has held two sessions, which have added 11 new members total. Jody reviewed what is covered in the session.
2. Karen Isaacs and her team run Beginner's Training. There were 5 beginners this week.
3. Nancy Johnson is the lead for 2.0-2.4 Training and has assembled a team but would like more volunteers. Trainers need to be level 3.0 or higher; interested members should contact Nancy.
4. Skills and Drills will be run on Wednesday afternoons by Jeff Tomlinson, for 2.5-3.5 players.

VIII. Member at Large – Doug Gibbs

A. Communication

1. Doug asked for a raise of hands to see who is receiving the emails through LivePickleball.
2. The club has 442 current members on the roster; 137 have paid dues this season.
3. The website is being updated with current policies and new information. If you see something that doesn't look right, please contact Doug or a board member.

B. Tournaments

1. The Kokopelli Classic was canceled this season due to the onerous regulations required because of the pandemic.
2. The Karl Kunz In-House Tournament will be held in February, COVID-19 permitting.
 - a) Sherry Hulbert has volunteered to serve as Tournament Director.

- b) Sherry listed the chairs that she needs and recognized chairs from past tournaments.
 - 3. Fun Day: Doug reported that Randy Bode volunteered to lead the committee; Randy asked for volunteers to help out with fun days and social time.
 - C. Doug reported that the club plans to hold a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new courts; information for the ceremony will be made available after the plans are finalized.
- IX. Peggy presented information and a handout about the Arizona Pickleball Players League (APPL).
 - A. APPL is a formal organization for players who want to play for fun but in an organized manner.
 - B. WAPPL is the new West Valley league.
 - C. There is a fee to play, which covers attorney fees and other organizational costs.
 - D. The teams need to have six people to play other teams in the West Valley each week.
 - E. The best team in the west valley will play the best team in the east valley.
 - F. This season home matches will be in Surprise.
 - G. Peggy also reminded the club that she is still collecting can tabs. Just drop them in the big bucket at site 10.
- X. Audience questions and comments.
 - A. Judy Graves suggested for social distancing that on the Round Robins that the captains put a clip board on each court that the group is using.
 - B. Marlene Ayala asked if we will be doing paddle in the saddle; the answer is yes, anytime during open play or when open courts are available.
 - C. Peggy asked whether we are the pilot for LivePickleball. Jeff Jameson said yes and added that the club received a great price on the software, which enables the club to cover the cost for each player this season.
- XI. The meeting was adjourned at 4:39 p.m.