

Pueblo El Mirage Pickleball Club

Membership Meeting

November 14, 2019

- I. Welcome and Introduction of Board and Committee Chairs
 - A. President Randy Bode called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm and welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the season and reviewed the agenda.
 - B. Randy introduced the board'
 - C. Randy reported that we are already up 30-40 players more than at this time last year.

- II. Presidents Report
 - A. Additional Courts
 - 1. Roberts Resorts is going through a process for the resort to gain permission from the city to make changes. The additional courts are part of that process.
 - 2. The club will announce any updates as they become available.
 - B. Policies and Procedures Manual: Randy reported that Gary Pike is leading the charge of developing a policies and procedures manual to expand the details of how the club works.
 - C. Mission Statement and Guiding Principles
 - 1. The club is also looking at creating a Mission Statement and Guiding Principles.
 - 2. Jody Tiekem-Holecek and Lynn Retzak are leading the task.

- III. Treasurers Report
 - A. Janet provided the numbers for the current fiscal year'
 - B. Current balance is \$40,604.48.
 - C. There are three outstanding checks and tournament costs to be included, which will change the total.
 - D. Profit to date is: \$2206.63.
 - E. Randy discussed the total and how it will be used. The courts will need resurfacing, which is about \$9,000 per quad. Hopefully we won't have to resurface for a couple more years. The old courts will also need resurfacing. Hopefully tournament proceeds will enable us to add lighting in a future year.

- IV. Committee Reports
 - A. Training
 - 1. Jody explained her role on the board and introduced the lead trainers (Shannon McClean and Mike Golden) and lead for Organized play (Ron Craig).
 - 2. Jody outlined that there has been a lot of work setting up training for the year.
 - 3. Orientation Program – Gary Retzak
 - a) Gary gave a high-level overview of the orientation program.
 - b) The board implemented the orientation for new players and players new to PEM.
 - c) The orientation includes training and information. Players register and pay dues, and then Peter enrolls them into TrackitHub.
 - 4. Jody reminded the members that they need to be enrolled in TrackitHub in order to be invited to training and org play.
 - 5. Training Modules - Shannon

- a) Shannon announced the leaders for each level.
 - b) Shannon explained that the players will be expected to watch videos and go over the lesson plans.
 - c) There will be an expectation that players will practice their skills outside of class time.
 - d) Mike added that practice means doing drills, not just playing games.
 - e) Mike explained that testing will be once a month; players can choose to test or practice more before testing.
 - f) There will be ten spaces for each level available, which provides training for 95 players.
 - g) Shannon announced that Karen Isaacs is lead for beginner training; it has been going for three weeks, and the players have all come from the orientation.
6. Mike announced that Dave Weinbach will come to PEM on December 19, 2019, to provide training.
 7. Jody presented the new rating protocol.
 - a) PEM will provide ratings through 3.0'
 - b) 3.5+ will be through ITPA testing (outside certified rater) or USAPA.
 - c) The first goal of PEMPC is recreational play and welcoming players'
 - d) Randy added that rating has been an issue for years and is a problem at all clubs; we are a recreational club and here to have fun.

B. Organized Play

1. Ron Craig presented Organized Play updates.
 - a) The current schedule is on the website.
 - b) The fall schedule is also posted at both court areas.
 - c) Open play is paddles in the saddle; Ron explained how the saddles works.
 - d) 1 pm -3 pm time on four days is for training.
 - e) Ron is looking for a Point of Contact to help with each of the round robin sections.
 - f) Ron explained the difference between open play and rec play
 - (1) Open Play: play in rated quadrant.
 - (2) Rec play: play anywhere.
 - (3) Courts can be reserved during Rec play time through Hold My Court.
 - g) Ron explained the difference between Round Robins and Ladders; the Point of Contact will be the person to determine which play is conducted in their timeframe.
 - h) The winter schedule will be similar to the fall schedule; Ron is looking for input to be ready for the board approval. One item is to provide training opportunity for 3.0 and 3.5 players to play together.
 - i) There is a possibility of adding a Sunday social play time, like a dinking tournament or potluck.
 - j) The Intercommunity group is looking at adding a 3.0 group.
2. Ambassador Program
 - a) Ron is attempting to have a member available on the courts (wearing a red vest) to be available to answer questions for new players during open play time.

C. Operations

1. Rich thanked all the members who did maintenance before he arrived.

2. Water faucets have been added, which will make cleaning the courts easier.
 3. The palm trees were removed and gravel will be added.
 4. Four more saddles will be purchased so there will be one saddle for two courts; players should leave the saddles where they are placed.
 5. Rich reminded players to use the gates and not run through the back of the courts.
 6. Rich encouraged members to take new ideas and suggestions to him directly.
 7. Four shades have been put up; the remaining five shades will be put up in January.
 8. 400 lime colored Franklin balls have arrived and will be placed in the ball sleeves.
- D. Tournaments
1. Don Williams presented information about the Kokopelli Klassic.
 2. The In-house tournament will be in March.
- E. Membership/Communications
1. Doug reminded members to pay their dues.
 2. 200 members are here already.
 3. Total players are about 580.
 4. Gary Retzak is now helping with the website.
- F. Nominating Committee
1. Gary Pike presented information about the election in March.
 2. Three positions will be on the ballot: President (Randy is not running), Member at Large (Rich will run again), and Treasurer (Janett will run again).
 3. An email will go out next week about the positions, who to contact, interview information.
 4. Voting takes place at the banquet.
- G. By-Laws Committee
1. Gary Pike announced that there are some by-laws revisions that are needed, especially proxy voting.
 2. Several changes came in after the by-laws were approved last year; all of the letters and comments will be looked at when revising.
 3. The date of the new board taking over will be added.
- V. Audience Questions/Comments
- A. LoriJo Jones commented that the members of the club are great...thanked everyone for training her and encouraging her; it has changed her life.
 - B. Becky Gibbs recognized LoriJo and Forrest Vlahogeorge for their medals at Nationals.
 - C. Donna Szathmary asked whether any of the funds will be used for the new courts.
 - D. A question was asked whether the tennis courts are resurfaced by the resort.
 1. Doug commented that in other places, the resort would take the money that the club earns through tournaments and dues.
 2. Peter asked whether the old courts will be worked on; resurfacing, fences, etc.
 - E. Faye Meek mentioned the PEM Pickleball FB page and the challenge Doug posted; she collected her reward from Doug.
- VI. Next Membership Meeting is December 12, 2019.
- VII. Meeting adjourned at 5:24 pm