

# Minutes of the 11/08/18 General Pickleball Club Meeting

Randy called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm. Attending the meeting were approximately 65 members and the Pickleball Club board.

## Opening remarks by Randy:

- Reviewed the agenda for the Meeting
- Introduced the PEM Pickleball Club Board member present at the meeting. President – Randy Body, Vice President – Gary Pike, Operations – Rich Baumann & Mike Golden, Organized Play – Peter McClean, Training – Char Hutton & Shannon McClean, Tournaments – Rich Baumann
- Reviewed the pickleball survey taken in March of last year. The survey indicated members wanted less organized play, more social events, more open play – Paddles in the saddle, and have fun.
- Reviewed the Fall and Winter schedules put together by Peter. Fall season – Open play, Social Saturday Couples and Ladder Play. Winter Schedule – Open play in the mornings. Training and Scheduled events will be in the afternoons.
- Ratings -There were gripes about the ratings last year. We still have ratings. Players will be moved from 1.0 to 3.0 by our trainers. Ratings from 3.0 to 3.5 and up are being discussed. One possibility is an outside rater.
- Dues - Dues went up to \$25. Randy put together and reviewed a financial report for the club. As of 9/30/18 the Pickleball Club has a bank account balance of \$21,052.01. This surplus was generated by hosting the Grand Canyon and SSIPA tournaments in past years. If the membership dues remain at \$10 and we host no tournaments the revenue from dues minus the operating expenses (Balls, Supplies, Nets, Banquet, and so on) the club runs a deficit. Raising the dues to \$25 and only hosting one 3 day tournament (Roberts Resort Kokopelli Kassic) allows the club to complete projects such as gate relocation, court lighting and court resurfacing.
- Randy talked about Roberts Resorts responsibility for the pickleball courts major projects and the Pickleball Clubs responsibility for the upkeep and maintenance of the pickleball courts.
- Major projects the club is considering are gate relocation, lighting one quad and court resurfacing. The board will work with Roberts Resorts to classify what are major projects and explore possibility of partnering on projects.
- Lee Meyer asked why we gave up the Grand Canyon Games and the SSIPA tournaments. Randy and Mike explained the Pickleball Club netted approximately \$4,000 from the Grand Canyon tournament. Based on the number of volunteer hours and the loss of court playtime, it is not worth it. **(Editor's Note)** Also, the Arizona Sports Commission wanted a larger venue and we couldn't handle larger. The Pickleball Club netted approximately \$7,000 from the SSIPA tournament. Based on the number of volunteer hours and the loss of court playtime, it is not worth it.

## Committee Reports

Communications – Randy responding for Doug

- Doug is responsible for website maintenance, dues collection & Roster

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- There are over 100 players in the park as of meeting date
- Reminded everyone to pay their 2018-2019 dues.
- Wear your name tags at the pickleball courts.

### Operations – Rich

- Use gates at end of courts so you don't interrupt play by crossing courts.
- Please put the table umbrella down when you leave the courts.
- Trees are trimmed
- Two nets were replaced
- Need 5 or 6 volunteers to help with weed control. This will only require 15 minutes per week.

### Tournaments – Mike

- To replace income loss from Grand Canyon and SSIPA tournaments we are holding our own tournament. The tournament will be called the Pueblo El Mirage Kokopelli Klassic.
- We were looking at having a pro category however a pro category requires a \$20,000 prize pot. Very difficult to find sponsors at this late date. The Pro Category was dropped.
- Sponsors that have signed on are: Pickleball Central, Selkirk, and Mafia Video.
- Work has begun on T-Shirt design
- PEM will provide the snack shack.
- Tournament dates are February 16 -18, 2019. (Saturday, Sunday, and Monday).  
Registration begins November 15, 2018 at 7:00 pm.
- Registration fee \$65 will cover all events.

### Rich – In House Doubles Tournament.

- Doubles Tournament is January 21, 2019. Registration opens January 2, 2019 and closes January 17, 2019.
- Games will start at 8:30 am. Categories will include 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 and 5.0.
- Entry fee is \$10.

### Training – Char

- All Training up to 3.0 will be held each Tuesday from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.
- Ratings such as 1.1 and 2.3 are going away. Players will be rated 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, and 3.0.
- Mike will train and rate players from 1.5 to 2.5. Char will train and rate players from 2.5 to 3.0.
- Char has talked to trainers and people who rate at various clubs around the area.

### Organized Play – Peter

- Peter discussed the 2018 / 2019 organized play and social play schedule which his committee put together based on the 2017 year end survey.
- Every quad has over 70 players with the exception of the beginner's quad which has 50 players.
- January, February, and March -Scored Men's and Ladies Round Robins. Non-scored Mixed/Social Round Robins. These events could take up all the courts.
- October, November, and December players can move up ½ rating point to play in different quad.

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- Majority of the 2018/2019 season is open play.
- Judy requested the ability to reserve a court for practice. Peter and his group are working on a way for every member to be able to reserve a court for practice or a social function.
- Peter talked about the winter schedule. Mornings are open play and the afternoons are for training.
- Each Training Leader will receive Track It Hub training. Each Training Leader will run their group.
- Each player starts at zero in the ladder play. No percentages are carried over
- See the calendar at [pempickleball.com](http://pempickleball.com) for open play and training times and dates

### Open Discussion

#### Peggy Bradley

- Web page and email regarding ratings does not match.
- Move gardens
- What are short term members? – Randy explained a short term member is someone who is in the park for two months or less.
- Finds Track It hub stressful

#### Pam Mayo

- Who maintains the old courts? Rich said the club does. There is a blower in the shed for cleaning the courts.

#### Raja Hadawi

- The dues increase should be voted on by the club members.

#### Maryse Nelles

- Questioned the \$10 short term dues. Thought it should be \$25 for everyone. Peter explained short term is a player here for two months or less. These players would pay \$10 for each month.
- Peter also talked about guest passes that will remain at \$10. These guest passes are good for the season.

Respectfully Submitted

Gary Pike – Vice President