

**Pueblo El Mirage Pickleball Club**  
**Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**Recreation Hall**  
**December 6, 2018**

- I. Call to Order
  - A. President Randy Bode called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.
  - B. New PB members were introduced; Randy welcomed all the returning players.
  - C. Randy introduced the Board members.
  
- II. Introductory Comments
  - A. Randy stated that Gary Pike is in charge of creating the bylaws, which is required after being changed to a social club under IRS regulations. The Board looked at the bylaws that were created last year and then made modifications. Randy touched on the main changes.
  - B. Randy talked about the responsibilities of the other Board members.
  - C. Randy pointed out that the Club has grown from around 100 members to over 450 over the last few years.
  - D. PEMPC is hosting a tournament that is completely our own. There are already 450 people signed up. The income generated from the tournament will help the Club make needed upgrades.
  - E. Rating will have an updated process in the near future.
  - F. Randy thanked Charlene Hutton for her years of leadership with training.
  - G. The Banquet is on March 13; we need a committee to put it together.
  - H. Courtesy reminder: when you are going through the gates into another court, please make sure the play has stopped.
  
- III. Treasurer's Report
  - A. Janett Hampton provided the treasurer's cashflow report.
  - B. The starting balance was \$21,052.01.
  - C. Income from account interest, dues, guest passes, intercommunity fees, and shirts was \$5127.65
  - D. Expenses were \$1252.14 (office supplies, tournament administration).
  - E. Net profit is \$3893.32.
  - F. Balance in the account is \$24,945.33.
  - G. This does not include the amount in PayPal for the Kokopelli Classic tournament; tournament expenses will come out of that amount.
  - H. Ron Craig asked whether the amount spent on balls is enough for a year; Rich stated no. Anne Reynolds stated that the current balls are from nationals and went through a machine to rough them up a bit. The breakage is less than prior years. Charlene Hutton asked about using Franklin balls since many tournaments now use them. Randy stated that the price we currently pay is good.
  
- IV. Bylaws Report
  - A. Gary presented the proposed bylaws, reviewing items that have changed.
    1. Guest passes are \$10 for the season.
    2. Board members will all be elected.

3. Gary explained the duties of the Members at Large.
  4. Questions arose about the change in structure; Gary and Randy clarified the change.
- B. The election process was reviewed. The slate will be presented before the March meeting.
  - C. The term of office for each position is two years, with staggered terms.
  - D. A new standing committee, Skills Rating, will be created.
  - E. Board meetings can be held via phone, internet, or email.
  - F. A Privacy of Members Article was added.
  - G. The goal is to have the bylaws approved at the January meeting.
- V. Committee Reports
- A. Operations: Rich
    1. It rained and will rain in the morning. Squeegees will be out in the afternoon, so people can help dry the courts.
  - B. Training: Shannon
    1. Training has been going well. Shannon recognized the many trainers for the levels, which is helping to keep training fun.
    2. Shannon reported on a new rating protocol. The training staff will move players to 3.0. To move to 3.5 the member needs to apply online. It goes to the training lead who will look at the ladders to see how the member has done. Two PEM Pickleball Players rated 4.0+ will observe play, following the IPTPA guidelines. They will discuss their findings with the Training Lead. The Training Lead will relate the decision to the player requesting a rating change. The protocol will be added to the website.
    3. Players who have USAPA rated player will assume the USAPA rating for their PEMPC rating.
    4. Charlene Hutton asked about ratings from other clubs; most are over-rated because the play is not at the same level as at PEM. So will accepting the USAPA rating create an issue with players who come in with a club rating from elsewhere. Shannon recommended that we put the player in a ladder and have someone watch them play. The training lead then can advise the player where they place at PEM.
  - C. Tournaments and Projects: Mike
    1. The gate replacements were supposed to start on December 7, but it needs to be rescheduled because of the rain. It is a two-day process, which affects the outside of the court.
      - a) Tuesday they will start on Courts 1-4 in the morning. Play might need to be shifted to other courts.
      - b) The goal is to have it completed before Thursday's ladder play.
      - c) The company chosen is reputable and provided the lowest bid; they will provide the same gauge of gates we have now.
    2. Kokopelli Classic Feb 16-18, 2019:
      - a) Becky is doing a great job with registration.
      - b) The shirt design is completed.
      - c) The Durafast ball will be used; Pickleball Central is donating the balls and player bags.

3. January 21, 2019 is the inhouse tournament.
  - a) Registration opens on January 2, 2019.
  - b) \$10 per player; register on Pickleball Tournaments.com or PEM Pickleball website. More information is on the website.

D. Communications: Doug

1. The calendar and court schedule will be on the website.
2. Doug reminded that communication is just the conduit for the information from the Board.
3. The contact form has been changed so that Board member information is kept private.
4. It was recommended that the Club create its own account so that Doug's email isn't used.
5. 220 players are in the park, out of our 540 members. We had to move to blue dots because we ran out of star colors.
6. Randy added that the hotlinks to Board members and Committee chairs were removed. All incoming email is sent to a gatekeeper.

E. Organized Play: Peter

1. On TrackitHub there will be a Men's Ladder, Women's Ladder, and for each 2.0 to 3.5 will be social events.
2. Each rating group has a large number, so it is not as easy to manage as in the past.
3. Open play times are still in question. In January each division will have its own representatives for TrackitHub to set up events.
4. It was asked why the Saturday mixed RR is at 9:00 when everything else starts at 10:00. Peter stated it is just from history and that it can be changed.
5. A member asked about having a designated 4.0+ court in the morning.
6. Peter reiterated that the numbers are causing the overload and creating a court shortage.
7. Flex play was created to allow some migration within reason if the quadrants are full and there are open spots in other quadrants.
8. Rec play was created for players to play with whomever they wanted; there might be the ability to book a quadrant in the future. Lee Meyer asked when it would happen, and Gary responded that the committee is looking at it starting in January. The process is still being created. Judy recommended reservemycourt.com.
9. Peter clarified that each group during the week will have a men's ladder, women's ladder, and a mixed social.

VI. Volunteers

- A. Rich listed the many volunteers he needs for the Kokopelli Classic
  1. Balls
  2. Restrooms
- B. Banquet Committee needs volunteers

VII. Randy closed with listing all of the dates of activities.