

Pueblo El Mirage Pickleball Club Board of Directors Meeting

**December 1, 2020
Site 103 (Kelli Mollison)**

- I. Call to Order: President Kelli Mollison called the meeting to order at 3:57 p.m. Present were Kelli Mollison, Frenchy Relyea, Lynn Retzak, Janett Hampton, Doug Gibbs, Jody Tieken-Holecek, and Craig Hutton.
- II. Doug made a motion to approve Draft 2 of the November 3, 2020, Board Meeting Minutes. Craig seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- III. Safety and Health: Kelli Mollison
 - A. We should continue to encourage members to play safely, e.g., not go after balls, no backing up.
 - B. Kelli provided an update on COVID-19 cases in the park that she is aware of; none are pickleball players.
 - C. There was discussion about the crowded spaces during organized play, especially when events are scheduled concurrently and back-to-back in quads sharing common space. Craig suggested that to reduce congestion, players use the area to the west of their assigned quad; Jody will relay the recommendation to Ron.
 - D. The club will encourage players to wear masks between games as an effort to help ensure the courts stay open.
- IV. Membership: Doug Gibbs reported that currently there are 158 paid members in the park.
- V. Finance: Janett Hampton
 - A. Income to date for the Fiscal Year: \$3,935.99.
 - B. Operating Expenses to date for the Fiscal year: \$1,323.95.
 - C. Net Profit Year to Date: \$2,612.04.
 - D. Checking Account Balance: \$12,855.10.
 - E. Maintenance and Capital Improvements account balance: \$35,022.59.
- VI. Ratings Beta Test Update: Kelli Mollison
 - A. Based on their 3.5 Scored Round Robin performances, three men and three women at the 3.5b level were invited to play with the 4.0+ players to test the Round Robin Testing Session system.
 - B. The 4.0+ players like the new system.
 - C. One Round Robin Testing Session might not be enough for observers to see all the 4.0 skills, so the 3.5b players might need to play two Round Robin Testing Sessions to give more opportunity to demonstrate the required skills.
 - D. Frenchy explained that Lee Meyer and Craig Hutton created a PEM rating form by starting with the USAPA rating form and then removing the items that require tournament play, noting that this is a club rating, not a tournament rating. The PEM rating form will flow to the other levels, to make them uniform.

- E. Kelli suggested that ratings take place during the first two weeks of the month; the first two weeks of January will be a trial period.
 - F. There was discussion about who should initiate the rating request and whether there should be a minimum average on the scored round robin. The Board decided that the player will initiate the request. While a minimum average will not be established, players should be among the highest percentages in their levels.
 - G. Kelli and Frenchy will look at current players who appear to be in an inappropriate rating group and determine what action, if any, to take.
- VII. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony: Kelli Mollison
- A. PEM management asked the club to wait for the ribbon cutting ceremony until after the courts are finished, including the installation of pavers. While this might cause a substantial delay, playing without the pavers installed could create an unsafe playing environment. The Board agreed that we will wait for management approval before scheduling the ribbon cutting ceremony.
 - B. If the ribbon cutting ceremony takes place while Kelli is gone, Frenchy will work with Doug to create and manage the event.
 - C. Ned will be asked to take an overhead picture with everyone social distanced.
- VIII. Hold my court: Jody Tieken-Holecek
- A. There was a question about whether the club should limit how many times a week a person can reserve up to four courts.
 - B. Common events for reserving courts include mentor sessions, fun play (e.g., with children and grandchildren), and Inter Community play (after COVID restrictions are lifted).
 - C. Standing reservations will not be allowed.
 - D. The Board decided to not change the process at this time.
 - E. Gary Pike will continue to run the system.
- IX. Committee Reports
- A. Banquet: Lynn Retzak
 1. The Banquet Committee held their first meeting; Jeanette Alderson is the Committee Chair.
 2. The event will be held outdoors at the courts.
 3. The tentative date is Saturday, March 13, 2021. Saturday was chosen so that members who work will have the opportunity to attend; events will start in the morning.
 4. Three Fun Committee members also serve on the Banquet Committee; the Fun Committee is organizing a pickleball rodeo, with players earning door prize tickets.
 5. Two committee members will approach PEM and local businesses for prizes.
 6. Several members will explore food options.
 - B. Nominating: Janett Hampton
 1. There are currently four Nominating Committee members: Mike Alderson, Randy Bode, Doug Gibbs, and Sherry Hulbert. Janett stated that she plans to add one more member.

2. There are four positions up for election: Vice-President, Secretary, and two Member at Large positions (Jody and Doug).
- C. Operations: Craig Hutton
1. Craig will order awnings for the new courts.
 2. Craig will order skill level signs to affix to the gates.
 3. Craig decided to not order paddle saddles yet. Jody talked about different styles of saddles and Kelli recommended providing pictures of saddle options.
 4. Doug asked for a work party to fix the gate on the old courts; the work order he sent to PEM has not been answered yet.
 5. Frenchy has talked with Les about running conduit before the pavers are laid.
- D. Capital Improvement: Craig Hutton
1. There was a suggestion to look at replacing the worn chairs with bleachers or benches.
 2. Since the club is encouraging social distancing, which is more difficult on bleachers and benches, the suggestion will be tabled until later.
- E. Organized Play: Jody Tiekken-Holecek
1. The winter schedule will not be posted until after the new courts are open.
 2. The Organized Play Leads will decide whether to continue with organized play over the holidays.
 3. The Leads have experienced some challenges with the software; Shondra is quick to respond, but sometimes the fix causes a glitch elsewhere.
 4. Providing Open Play every morning might take some of the pressure off the organized play later in the day.
- F. Training: Jody Tiekken-Holecek
1. Training is scheduled for only the first two weeks of December, resuming in January.
 2. Beginner Training has been moved to 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. on Tuesdays.
 3. 2.0 Training is 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. on Tuesdays.
 4. The Beginner Mentored Round Robin is 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Mondays.
 5. Craig asked whether there is a way for members to see all the events that are taking place, not just the ones the player is involved in. Ron is working with Shonda to create a calendar that lists all the club events.
 6. Kelli gave an update on the number of players in the Round Robin A and B groups.
 - a) 3.0 player numbers are split almost evenly between the two groups.
 - b) The 3.5A group has only six players; the remaining 3.5 players are in the B group.
- G. Communications: Doug Gibbs
1. Doug will send out a message about using the west Gates and wearing masks; Kelli will draft the message.
 2. There have been no submissions to the Suggestion Box.
- H. Fun Committee: Doug Gibbs
1. The committee is working on a Tuesday fun night and a daytime fun event.

2. The committee is also working on an event combining the 3.0 A and 3.5 A groups.
- I. Tournaments: Doug Gibbs reported that Sherry Hulbert is putting together her crew and team for the inhouse tournament.
- X. Mentor Program: Frenchy Relyea.
 - A. Frenchy reported that he posted the names of five mentors on the board this morning; more will be added as people return to the park.
 - B. The mentor names and pictures will also be posted on the website.
- XI. Other: Frenchy will lead the December Membership Meeting. The meeting will be held at the courts again; the meeting will be canceled if COVID-19 cases at the park balloon.
- XII. The Good of the Order: Kelli reminded the board members to thank all the volunteers.
- XIII. Meetings.
 - A. Board: First Tuesday of the Month, Time, and Location TBD
 1. Jan 5
 2. Feb 2
 3. Mar 2
 - B. Membership: Second Thursday of the Month in Rec Hall at 4:00.
 1. Dec 10: Members should bring their own chairs, setting up outside the main courts, in the gravel near the restrooms. Gary Pike will set up speakers.
 2. Jan 14
 3. Feb 11
 4. March 13
- XIV. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. Mountain Standard Time Zone.