

**Pueblo El Mirage Pickleball Club**  
**Membership Meeting**  
**December 12, 2019**

I. Vice President Gary Pike called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm and introduced the Board and Committee Chairs.

II. Treasurers Report – Janett Hampton

- A. Income for the year: \$39,327.89.
- B. Outflow: \$3,599.67.
- C. Net cash change: \$35,728.22 (includes fees from Kokopelli).
- D. Current balance: \$72,862.17 (expenses from Kokopelli have not come in yet).

III. President's Report

A. Additional Courts

- 1. The resort submitted a permit request for several projects, including the addition of pickleball courts. Doug Gibbs provided a history of the 2012 city permit for the installation of the current PEM pickleball courts. Unfortunately, there were some issues that hadn't been completed with the 2012 permit which affects the new permit for additional pickleball courts.
- 2. The permit is still waiting for approval; city stipulations have resulted in an increased price. Negotiations are still ongoing and it is probable that the courts will not be built in the immediate future, but may be a possibility with next year's budget.
- 3. Doug reported that Roberts Resorts, especially Vickie Jepperson, is working diligently to get the courts approved and built.

B. Policies and Procedures Manual

- 1. Gary reported that he has formed a committee to work on Policies and Procedures.
- 2. There will be a central location for the manual.
- 3. The topics will be operational procedures and policies.

C. Mission Statement and Guiding Principles

- 1. Jody reported that there is a committee working on revising the mission statement and adding guiding principles.
- 2. The document should be available to present to the club in February.

D. 3.0 Ladies Intercommunity Group

- 1. Becky Gibbs announced that there is a new 3.0 (UTPR rated) Intercommunity Group.
- 2. LoriJo Claunch Jones, Joan Jensen, and Diane Peaslee are the captains.
- 3. LoriJo provided information about the requirements, schedule, and cost.
- 4. Membership will be based on the player's UTPR rating, and the player must commit to play in three sanctioned tournaments in 2020.

E. Nominating Committee

- 1. Gary Pike named the Nominating Committee: Pam Mayo, Forest Vlahogorge, and Gary Pike.
- 2. The three positions that will be open are President, Member at Large, and Treasurer.
- 3. Gary identified the current board members who will be running for re-election: Janett Hampton (Treasurer) and Rich Baumann (Member at Large).

4. Members who would like to run should contact a member of the Nominating Committee. Two members in good standing may nominate a member (with the member's approval).
- F. Bylaws Committee
1. Gary Pike reported that there were a few items missed during last year's revision of the club bylaws.
    - a) Proxy voting will be revised to include some type of email, electronic, or written ballot.
    - b) There will be a statement added to clarify when the newly elected board members take office.
    - c) There are a few minor typos and errors to correct.
  2. The revised bylaws will be posted at the courts and posted on the website in January for review.
  3. The changes will be voted on at the February meeting.
- G. Mike Golden announced that there are a couple of spots left in both levels of the Dave Weinbach clinic.

#### IV. Committee Reports

- A. Jody Tieken-Holecsek explained the roles of the Members at Large.
- B. Training
1. Jody introduced Gary Retzak as the leader of the Orientation Program and provided a short explanation of what takes place at the Orientation.
  2. Shannon provided an update on the training modules and explained that there will be changes in January to accommodate the expected large number of players in the skills levels.
    - a) Training is a 4-week program; each week has different skill sets.
    - b) In January, all of the training will be on Mondays.
    - c) Beginner players are moved up quickly, so there will be weekly entrance points.
    - d) At the end of the four weeks, evaluations will be held for those who want to move; Ratings above 3.0 must be conducted through an outside evaluator or through sanctioned tournaments.
    - e) Jeff Tomlinson will be back in January to run skills and drills.
  3. Skill Rating and Rating Protocol
    - a) Jody presented the draft skill rating and rating protocol document and reviewed additional items that have been introduced.
    - b) Home club rating was included for players who move up at their home courts; players will be asked to provide some type of documentation.
    - c) Players with a self-rating will be given an opportunity to demonstrate that they are playing at that level.
    - d) Ron Craig will be the point person for rating direction (placing someone in a 30-day provisional period, validating individuals with USAPA or IPTPA rating and advising record keepers of a rating change).
    - e) There was discussion about staggered registrations in USAPA sanctioned tournaments, which restricts upper level spots to players with the higher UPTR rating. This keeps IPTPA rated players from playing at their IPTPA level.

- C. Organized play
  - 1. Ron Craig presented the Winter Schedule and discussed potential additional play opportunities.
  - 2. Judy Graves recommended that Sunday be rec play instead of open play, which would allow for the current social groups to play on any court, not just the skill level group. Ron asked for a hand vote of who agreed with the recommendation, and the group overwhelmingly approved of it.
  - 3. Ron reminded players about paddles in the saddles: if you are not in your assigned court because you were invited to play in that court, and additional players arrive and have paddles in the saddle, you need to come off the court at the end of the game. Jody reminded the group that during open play, players should not stay with the same players if there are paddles in the saddle.
  - 4. Gary Pike pointed out that courts can be reserved during rec play only, through Hold My Court.
  - 5. Ron presented the Ambassador program. There are vests in the lost-and-found bin; members are encouraged to take turns wearing the vests and being available for new players who have questions.
- D. Operations
  - 1. Rich Baumann recognized Forest Vlahogorge for creating and building the ball barrier fences.
  - 2. Additional paddle saddles have been installed so that there is one saddle for each pair of courts.
  - 3. Rich recognized Mike Holecek for his work in tying up all of the nets.
  - 4. The old courts are deteriorating rapidly; Rich sought bids, and the best bid was \$6,735 to resurface the two courts.
  - 5. Rich pointed out that at the old courts there is a bag of balls in the shed on the shelf to the left of the door. Players should use those balls to replace broken balls.
  - 6. When it rains, Monday through Friday water removal begins at 8 a.m.; Saturday water removal begins at 7:30 a.m. On Sundays the equipment will be available; there is enough equipment for 13 people.
  - 7. To the west and east of the restrooms, parking will soon be eliminated due to sun reflections.
- E. Tournaments
  - 1. Rich Baumann reported on the Kokopelli Klassic.
    - a) Ball gates will be installed on all of the openings.
    - b) 609 players are registered, which includes players on the wait list, so all three days will be very busy.
    - c) Rich recognized Mike Golden for his outstanding work in securing sponsors and 14 vendors.
    - d) Rich reported that donations have already been coming in.
    - e) The skills clinic filled rapidly and is now closed.
  - 2. Rich reported that the Karl Kunz Tournament committee will meet in December to determine the March dates.
- F. Membership/Communications
  - 1. Doug Gibbs reported that 250 players have already paid.

2. There are nearly 600 current members on the roster, even after clearing out inactive members last season.

V. Audience questions/comments

- A. Lee Meyer is helping organize line judges for Kokopelli and is looking for volunteers for line judging. He reported that there is training available, and that there is a small compensation.
- B. Pickleball Founders on Bainbridge Island
  1. Doug Gibbs presented information about a fundraiser to build a park to honor the late Barney McCallum and others who invented and promoted pickleball.
  2. Bricks are available for \$150 to honor someone; the Board has recommended that the club buy a brick in the memory of Karl Kunz.
  3. A show of hands indicated that all members present supported the purchase.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 pm.