

# **Pueblo El Mirage Pickleball Club**

## **Membership Meeting**

**February 11, 2021**  
**Outdoors at the Main Courts**

- I. Welcome/Call to Order: Vice-President Frenchy Relyea called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
  - A. Frenchy thanked all of the club's volunteers and recognized Jody Tieken-Holecek and Lynn Retzak for their service on the board; their terms are expiring, and they are not running for re-election.
  - B. Frenchy reminded the members of the format for the meeting and asked that questions, concerns, and comments be held until the end of the meeting.
- II. Board Member Reports
  - A. Member at Large – Doug Gibbs
    1. Doug reminded the club that he is the webmaster, and any corrections to the website should be sent to him.
    2. Tournaments: Both tournaments (Kokopelli and Karl Kunz In-House) have been canceled for this season.
    3. The Fun Committee continues to offer Tuesday Night mentored round robins for the 3.0a and 3.5a players. Response has been positive and additional opportunities might need to be added.
    4. Doug met with Vickie Jepperson about the progress of the new courts.
      - a) The pavers are nearly completed (some court entrances still need to be finished).
      - b) There are two deliveries of gravel arriving soon, to complete the gravel work.
      - c) There will still be an unsafe step into the courts, which will need to be corrected.
      - d) The park is waiting for the center fence caps. The club will use the old baseball fence caps, and Craig Hutton will need volunteers to help transport them to the courts.
  - B. Member at Large –Jody Tieken-Holecek
    1. Organized Play
      - a) Jody asked members to be patient with Ron Craig, who has been very busy allocating courts to make it fair and equitable to all players.
      - b) Jody asked members to watch for COVID messages, and to remove themselves from play if they have been exposed to the player who tested positive. Ron had to manually go into the following week's events and remove players who participated in events that the COVID positive player participated in. It is the player's responsibility, not the Organized Play Chair's responsibility, to remove themselves from the events.

- c) Rob Davidson, who offered a clinic earlier in the season, has offered a three hour, \$80 per person clinic. Interested players should sign up on the sheet that is on the bulletin board.
    - 2. Training: Jeff Tomlinson explained the skills and drills that he will be offering.
      - a) The sessions will be available to 3.0b and 3.5b players.
      - b) Participants will learn how to do the skill and how to drill on their own.
      - c) There will be one mentor per court; some of the drills will be a one-to-one ratio.
      - d) There will be more information after Sunday.
  - C. Treasurer: Janett Hampton
    - 1. Janett provided an update on the club funds.
      - a) Income to date is \$6366.39.
      - b) Operating Expenses to date are \$4,700.65.
      - c) Net profit to date is \$1665.74.
      - d) Current checkbook balance: \$11,925.46.
      - e) Capital Improvements account balance: \$35,035.93.
    - 2. Janett asked Randy Bode to give an update on the Nominating Committee.
      - a) There are four open positions: Vice President, Secretary, and two Member at Large positions.
      - b) The deadline for applying to run for office is February 11, 2021.
      - c) Randy stated that there are candidates for each position, but that the committee would like to see additional candidates. He asked that anyone interested should contact one of the committee members after the meeting.
      - d) Committee members are Randy Bode (chair), Mike Alderson, Sue Roden, John Owens, Ron Craig, Lynn Retzak.
    - 3. Member at Large – Craig Hutton (Operations) described some dirty courts that he played on elsewhere and thanked Wayne Shindledecker, Howard Peaslee, Craig Riebow, Tom Barela, Dave Jones, and Mike Holecek, who clean the PEM courts each morning.
  - D. Secretary: Lynn (Banquet Committee)
    - 1. Lynn listed the event schedule for the Banquet, which is a Pickleball Picnic.
      - a) Saturday, March 13, 2021.
      - b) If the new courts are complete, there will be an official ribbon cutting ceremony at 8:30 a.m., followed by open play (9 a.m. – 11 a.m.), voting (9 a.m. – 10 a.m.), membership meeting (11 a.m. – noon), and lunch at noon. Players are welcome to stay and play or visit the remainder of the day.
      - c) Members are asked to bring their own chairs and observe mask wearing and social distancing protocols.
      - d) Banquet Committee Chair, Jeanette Alderson, provided information about the meal choices and explained where members can find the order form. She also had forms available after the meeting.
- III. Audience questions and comments
- A. Gwynn Gorrell asked for a description of the job of a Member at Large; Frenchy provided a brief explanation.

- B. Peggy Bradley reminded the club about the Ronald McDonald House project.
    - 1. Peggy asked members to donate pull tabs from cans (soda, beer, water, soup, etc.); she has a container at her site, #10.
    - 2. At the picnic she will have one full container. Members can purchase tickets to guess the number of tabs in the container, and the person with the closest guess will receive half the amount raised, with the other half going to the project.
  - C. Karen Isaacs reminded the members that since they may not know the names of all club members, if they aren't sure whether they played with a player who has tested positive for COVID, they should contact Ron Craig, who has the history of the draw for events.
  - D. Frenchy reminded the players that wearing a mask between games is a requirement, not an option.
  - E. Frenchy explained why the green ball gates have been removed.
    - 1. During the years they have been up, they have been exposed to extreme heat, which has dried out the PVC pipe.
    - 2. One gate broke recently when impacted by a player, and the pipe shattered into glass-like pieces, which could have caused severe injury.
    - 3. All gates have been removed to ensure the safety of players.
- IV. The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.