

# **Pueblo El Mirage Pickleball Club**

## **Membership Meeting**

**February 13, 2020**

- I. Welcome/Call to Order: President Randy Bode called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and introduced the board members.
  - A. Randy began the meeting reminding members that patience and kindness is needed because of the number of paddles in the saddles. There are new members who don't know the routine, and we should all act as ambassadors and help them out.
  - B. The Kokopelli Klassic Tournament preparations are well underway. Tape has been applied to the tennis courts for temporary courts that will be used for some of the Mixed Doubles play. The old courts have been resurfaced.
  - C. Randy announced that Gary Pike has submitted his resignation as Vice President. Randy thanked Gary for all of the work he has done on behalf of the club over the last two years.
  - D. Gary addressed the membership, stating that it has been a pleasure working with the board and that he is resigning to have more time for personal things.
- II. Treasurer's Report: Janett Hampton provided an update on the club funds.
  - A. Current balance: \$56,983.00.
  - B. Profit and loss based on this season: \$45,440.80 in total income; \$25,591.75 in operating expenses; \$19,849.05 net profit this season.
  - C. There are still outstanding payables for the Kokopelli Klassic Tournament, including referee pay, line judges pay, and the skills clinic. In addition, the cost for refinishing the courts has not been paid yet.
  - D. There will be an estimated \$45,000 to \$50,000 in the club bank account after the tournament and all the expenses are paid out. We will need most of that for resurfacing the current quads over the next three to five years.
- III. Bylaws: Gary Pike reviewed the changes to the bylaws.
  - A. There are now provisions for vote casting options.
  - B. A statement was added to provide clarification of when new officers' duties begin.
  - C. The bylaws have been posted, and no comments have been submitted.
  - D. Ron Craig moved to accept the bylaws as presented; it was seconded by Peter McClean. There was no further discussion. A hand vote was taken; the motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Committee Reports
  - A. Operations: Rich Baumann
    1. Rich asked for helpers to meet at the Recreation Hall at 10:00 a.m. on Friday to move tables and chairs. He also needs volunteers to meet at the courts to rake rocks and put up tents.
    2. The old courts will open at 8:00 a.m. on Friday.
  - B. Membership/Communications: Doug Gibbs
    1. There are currently over 400 paying members.

2. Doug requested volunteers to put up portable nets at the tennis courts at 6:45 a.m. on Sunday.
- C. Banquet Committee: Gary Pike
1. The banquet is March 11, 2020. The doors will open at 4:30 p.m. for social hour; dinner is at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person and will be available at the Activities Office on February 24, 2020.
  2. There will be door prizes for Kokopelli Klassic volunteers.
  3. To help decorate the Banquet Hall, meet at 11:00 a.m. on March 11.
- D. Tournaments: Don Williams
1. Kokopelli Klassic, February 15-17, 2020.
    - a) 575 players have registered.
    - b) Don requested members to stay after the meeting to help stuff player bags.
    - c) Don reminded the members that volunteers are appreciated, and that for each hour they work, they will receive a ticket for the door prize drawing at the banquet.
    - d) There are 10 sponsors and 10 vendors; Mesa RV will have an RV to tour.
    - e) Kokopelli shirts and visors will be sold at the tournament.
  2. Karl Kunz club tournament, February 28-29, 2020.
    - a) Kitty Hadawi will be running the desk.
    - b) 88 members have registered, so some events have only two or three teams. Registration is still open, so members are encouraged to sign up.
    - c) Registration fee is only \$10 per event.
    - d) On Saturday night, pizza will be provided for players.
    - e) Frenchy Relyea encouraged 1.5 and 2.0 players to play in a fun tournament on that Saturday. The fee is only \$5.00 per person.
- E. Training: Shannon McClean reported that the training team (Shannon, Karen Isaacs, Mike Golden), have been very busy. March is the last month for training.
- F. Organized Play: Ron Craig asked players to attend their events if they have clicked “yes” in TrackitHub for the event. There have been many no-shows, which causes delays in starting the event. Our Organized Play schedule is very full, so please arrive 15 minutes early to sign in, and ensure your event and events that follow start on time.
- V. Mission and Guiding Principles
- A. Jody Tieken-Holecek presented the mission and guiding principles and read the text for all members.
  - B. Committee members were Jody, Lynn Retzak, Carol McEnulty, and Karen Hallam.
  - C. Jody encouraged newer members to volunteer for club activities.
- VI. Nominations
- A. Lynn Retzak introduced the current Nominating Committee members: Forest Vlahogeorge, Lynn Retzak, Randy Bode, Doug Gibbs, and Mike Alderson.
  - B. There are three positions on the ballot.
    1. Treasurer has one candidate: Janett Hampton.
    2. Member at Large has one candidate: Rich Baumann.
    3. President has two candidates: Kelli Mollison and Frenchy Relyea.

- C. The deadline for nominations is midnight February 21.
- D. There will be three ways to vote: in person before the banquet, by proxy, and electronically.
- E. Electronic voting will take place March 4 through March 9.
- F. Information on the voting methods will be sent in an email to all members.

VII. Audience questions and comments.

- A. Doug Gibbs informed the members that some PEM residents want to play for fun and don't want to pay dues. The issue is resolved through Hold My Court; all residents may use the system to reserve a court. Non-paying residents are not eligible for participating in organized play or training.
- B. Jeff Tomlinson announced that there will be no skills and drills next week due to the skills clinic.
- C. Ron Craig asked that recent medal winners stand up and be recognized.
- D. Len Rodenbush asked about security during the tournament. Don Williams replied that security will be provided 6:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m.
- E. Char Hutton asked about IPTPA rating and whether it was still being used. Randy answered that it will still be used. Char asked about the sentence concerning playing at that rating. Randy explained that while other clubs might expect players to play at their club rating in sanctioned tournaments, IPTPA no longer requires it. Randy added that ratings are a controversy because there are club ratings, IPTPA ratings, home club ratings, and UTPR (which changes frequently). The PEMPC training process moves players to 3.0. Beyond that, members can move up in rating through IPTPA and/or UTPR. Dave Bisanti asked why the club doesn't set the rule that members must use their club rating for sanctioned tournaments. Randy asked Becky Gibbs (Kokopelli Klassic Tournament Director) about registering at a rating higher than your UTPR, and Becky replied that it depends on each tournament, and the tournament director decides whether to let people register at a level higher than their UTPR. She added that players can contact the director and ask for an override to register at a higher level. Many tournaments use a top down staggered registration process, so that the higher UTPR ratings in a skill level fill first.
- F. Phyllis Foreman asked about a resident pro (Dee Ahern) who was interested in being a resident pro at PEM. Jody Tieken-Holecek stated that she had attended a clinic and she talked to Dee about coming to PEM. Her current contract is not over for two more years, and the club would need to look at the cost. Dennis Hulbert asked if the pro would do all the training, scheduling, and organized play. Jody stated that she doesn't know at this time or what the cost would be. It is just too soon to speculate because she is only six months into her current contract.
- G. Doug Gibbs is looking for volunteers for the golf tournament. Gary Pike, Stacy Goins, and Bert Sealing volunteered.
- H. Loren Klain gave a shout out to the trainers: Craig Hutton, Bruce Kimmell, Ron and Sue Craig, and Peter and Shannon McClean.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.