

Pueblo El Mirage Pickleball Club

Membership Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2022, 4:00 pm
Outdoors at the Main Courts

- I. Welcome/Call to Order: Interim Vice President Craig Riebow called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.
 - a. Craig welcomed the returning members. There are currently 474 paid members in the park.
 - b. Craig announced that, immediately following the meeting, Bill Reuter would conduct a 10-minute training lesson to teach members how to use the AED machine.
 - c. **Kokopelli:**
 - i. Craig thanked everyone for their participation and willingness to volunteer during this tournament. It was a great success and a wonderful experience for many PEM and area pickleball players.
 - d. **Change in Guest Policy:**
 - i. Craig reviewed the changes that were made to the Guest Policy, reminding players that, between 9:00 and 1:00 Organized Play Groups have preference on the courts. Members and guests may play provided it does not conflict with any scheduled organized play. Guests must either wear or prominently display their guest pass and the sponsoring PEM resident host must be present with the guest.
 - e. **Appropriate player conduct:**
 - i. Craig reminded the members that this is a FUN club and our expectation is that members will be polite and cordial. Bad language, insults, and argumentative confrontations do not belong on the PEM Pickleball courts.
 - f. **Attendance:**
 - i. We have had a number of no-shows at the courts recently. There is no reason for a no-show when we all have access to the email and phone numbers of every lead. In past years we have had a rule that, if you are a no-show twice in one week, you will be removed from Round Robin Invitations for one week. Ron sent out an email last week reminding player of this rule and that **the Club will be following our protocol for no-shows.**
 - g. **New Team – Rating Test Team:**
 - i. This new team has worked hard over the last four weeks to create a smooth-flowing system to received test requests, confirm

eligibility, schedule tests, and delivery timely results. This team has slimmed to three: Ron Craig, Craig Riebow, and Gwynn Gorrell.

- ii. NOTE: This committee will implement rating procedures and will NOT make changes to the existing rating rules.
- iii. **UTPR Rating Increases due to Kokopelli. IF your UTPR rating has increased above your Club rating, print out a 'proof' document from the usapa.org website and give it to any of the Rating Test Team and we will get your current rating adjusted to match your UTPR.**

h. **New Team – Rating Evaluation Team**

- i. This is another team that has made a great contribution since it started with last month's Board Meeting. Many new club members who were previous pickleball players are being placed in the correct rating. Special thanks to Guy Smith for his many evaluations of incoming/new players. We are very happy to be placing new players where they *should* be playing.
- i. **General Comments** from the January meeting:
 - i. Mike Martin requested an email reminder of upcoming membership meetings. Starting with this meeting, members will receive an advance email with highlights of discussion for the meeting.

II. Vice President Report - (5 minutes)

- a. **Mentoring:** mentoring report deferred to Gus.

III. Treasurer's Report - (5 minutes) Janett

a. **Finances** as of 2/7/22:

Income - **\$52,920.48**

Paid Out - **\$17,492.60**

Net Income: \$35,427.88

Checking Account Balance - **\$15,250.84**

Savings Account Balance - **\$42,845.11**

PayPal - **\$4,150.24**

Accounts total: \$62,246.19

NOTE: Not all the bills have come in and not all the sponsors' fees are paid from PayPal yet. More to come!

b. **Nomination committee:** Janett Hampton

- i. Nominations are **CLOSED**. Paper ballots will be available at the Annual Meeting and Picnic. Online voting will open 2/18/22.

ii. The following members are on the ballot:

1. President – Ron Craig
2. Vice President – Jeff Jameson

3. Treasurer – Michael Boothe
4. Member at Large – Lynn Van Lierop
- iii. Members can find a short Bio and Picture of each candidate on PEMPickleball.com
- iv. Janett recognized the nominating committee and thanked them for their hard work. Nominating Committee members include:
 1. Janett Hampton
 2. Mike Alderson
 3. Marlene Ayala
 4. Susan Craig
 5. Doug Gibbs

IV. Secretary Report - (5 minutes) – Gwynn

a. **Special Activities Committee:**

- i. The Pickleball Rodeo was another success for the Activities Committee. We have 50+ attendees who enjoyed goofy modifications to pickleball and corn-whole games, and many raffle prizes were given.
- ii. **Doug Gibbs was approached about the Faith House Golf Tournament – NEXT TUESDAY – 2/22/22. The Golf club asked that we again sponsor the 4th T-box and green. This activity would require SIX volunteers and two prizes. Several volunteers stepped up to make this even happen. Laurie Penny agreed to Chair the committee and they will meet on Friday to organize the event.**
- iii. Our next event will be the March Annual Meeting and Picnic. MARK your calendars! Saturday, March 19th - 9:00am-12:00pm. This year, we will host food trucks instead of boxed lunches, but all other events will be there – paddle in the saddle play from 9:00-11:00, raffle prizes, our annual meeting, the Ronald McDonald 50/50, and then more raffle prizes. 19 Raffle tickets may be purchased for the Ronald McDonald House 50/50 starting March 5 at the Couples Round Robins

V. Member At Large - (5 minutes) Doug

a. **Tournaments:**

i. **Kokopelli Klassic recap:**

Mike Golden reported that we have over 450 participants. Mike asked for recognition of all leads and support that helped make this year's Kokopelli a success. Leads are listed at the end of these minutes.

ii. **Karl Kunz Memorial Pickleball Tournament:**

Lynn Retzak has volunteered to coordinate the Karl Kunz in-house (non-sanctioned) tournament on March 11th & 12th. **Registration open February 19 and closes March 6.** The registration fee will be \$20.00. Individuals with 1.0 and 1.5 ratings will hold a fun group event and have a fee of \$10.00. This fee includes the pizza party for all participants on Saturday. Guests cost \$5.00 for the pizza party. The schedule follows:

- Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles Friday March 11.
- Mixed Doubles and Fun event Saturday March 12, with pizza afterwards.

Requirements are:

- You must use your club rating at time of registration or the rating of your partner, if higher.
- Payment: Cash preferred; checks from US banks, payable to Lynn Retzak.
- Use the email on the info sheets pem_karlkunz@yahoo.com
- Go to pempickleball.com for more information.

iii. **Future of Tournaments at PEM - Discussion**

Mike Golden has indicated that he isn't sure that he wants to be the tournament director again. It is a huge undertaking. If we don't have a tournament director we will not be in a position to host tournaments. An alternative Instead of doing the Kokopelli, would be to invite all-inclusive tournaments like SSIPA (Super Senior International Pickleball Association) or WPT (World Pickleball Tournaments). All-inclusive tournaments provide a tournament director and all the associated things that go along with it. We know that a SSIPA tournaments can earn our club approximately \$6,000.

Do we need the money?

This topic is deferred to the 2022-2023 new Board. Doug will meet with the WPT and see what they have to offer.

b. **Communications:**

- i. If you want to keep apprised as to what is going on here at PEM pickleball,
 1. Check the Website – pempickleball.com
 2. Monitor our Facebook page – PEM Pickleball Group
 3. Get email messages from livepickleball.com

VI. Member At Large - (5 minutes) Gus

- a. **Training:** An interesting note this year in club growth is that we now have 135 members at the 1.0 - 2.0 level, and an additional 83 at the 2.5 level. Training continues well, along with 2.5 and 3.5 Drills and Skills. Also, as a reminder, we have a number of members that are available as mentors,

whose photos, names and contact information are posted on the Bulletin Board.

VII Member At Large – Currently Vacant Position

- a. **Operations: Tough Shed Storage – Management is open to the idea of either purchasing or building a new shed for our equipment and supplies. In order to move this forward, we need a group to design and create a proposal. See Doug Gibbs if you are willing to help with this project.**

VIII. **WELCOME BACK KELLI !**

- a. Kelli welcomed all new players who arrived during her absence.
- b. Kelli also announced that we have another new case of Covid in the club. She asked everyone to be cautious and NOT to come play if you are feeling unwell.

IX. **Open Microphone** - limit to 3 minutes per comment with 2 additional minutes on proposed solution.

- a. Jeff Tomlinson asked if we might be able to either purchase or move the practice board from the old courts to one of our back courts for use in Skills and Drills.
- b. Jeff Tomlinson also asked if we would consider having a Pro in the future.
- c. Wayne Shindlecker reviewed the various receptacles around the courts and reminded members that we recycle only cans. There are two cans – one for cans and one for garbage. Please do not place not-recyclables in the square cans.
- d. Maureen Fitzpatrick invited all members to this Friday's Pickleball Challenge from 1:00-3:00 at the main courts.
- e. Bill Reuter announces that the USAPA Regional Director in Tempe contacted him that are looking for medical volunteers for the Tempe-Legacy Tournament in March. Contact Bill through the LivePickleball.com email in you are available to help.

X. Next membership meeting is Thursday, March 19, 2022.

XI. Meeting adjourned at 4:50pm.

Thanks everyone for coming. Play safe. Stay healthy. Have FUN!

Gwynn Gorrell, Secretary, respectfully submits these minutes.

Kokopelli Leads

- Becky Gibbs: Desk
- Carrie Plemons: Desk
- Marina Browne: Desk
- Lynn Retzak: Desk
- Kitty Hadawi: Desk
- Russ Sutfin: Operations
- Craig Riebow: Operations
- Susan Craig: Player Snacks
- Bill Rueter: First Aid
- Doug Gibbs handled all the technical equipment
- Rich Baumann: Parking
- Robert Jones: Assistant Sponsor

GUEST POLICY (Revised 02/09/19)

Residents may purchase **seasonal guest passes for \$10.00 each**. Guest passes remain with the PEM resident host and is transferable between all their guests during the season. Each guest must have a PEM Pickleball guest pass. The following guidelines apply:

Guests staying with you here at the resort:

- Guests staying in your home (or RV) with you here in the resort may participate in all **organized activities** provided they have a **pickleball guest pass** (regardless of length of stay). Organized activities include; open play, training, round robins, ladders and Rec Play. In-house tournaments are excluded unless otherwise specified. Guests must wear the guest pass you provide while on the courts.

*Note: This policy is not intended for the occasional family and friends who are staying with you in the resort for a short period of time (**defined as 1-10 days**) and only playing on open courts outside of organized play and scheduled activities. A guest pass is not required for these situations, but always appreciated! For guests who want to participate in organized or scheduled play, a guest pass would be required.*

Guests from outside the park:

- Guests visiting from outside the resort may play with you during "Rec play" after 2:00 PM, provided they have a **pickleball guest pass which is provided by the PEM resident host.**
- The sponsoring PEM resident host must be present and you must have a guest pass for each guest.
- The PEM Resident Host must retain all guest passes; they are not to be given to the guests to keep.
- PEM Resident players take priority. No closed groups on open courts (especially when courts are busy) if residents are waiting to play. (Exception: scheduled interleague/reciprocal play).
- Outside guests cannot participate in organized play, including round robins, training, ladders or in-house tournaments, etc.
- To obtain a pickleball guest pass fill out the dues form with your name, site info, etc. and note that you want a "guest pass."

PEM PICKLEBALL DUES & PLAY

Annual Pickleball dues are \$25.00 per player (for the entire season)

Dues are payable by cash or check made out to "PEM Pickleball Club". Please use the self-addressed envelopes provided at the bulletin board and send all dues to Doug Gibbs at Site #699 **through our intra-park mail**. You can also pay your dues at the monthly general membership meeting. If you want, you will receive a sticker (in the color for that season) to place on your name badge. **Name badges are required by PEM management and our Pickleball Club for all park activities.**

All PEM resident pickleball players, whether playing socially, drop in play or organized play, are expected to pay their annual dues (\$25 per player). Your dues go toward the purchase of balls (we use a lot), maintenance equipment (we take care of our own courts), paddles, training equipment, office supplies, and much more.

If a person is here for a "**short stay**", loosely defined as [less than two (2) weeks], the member can obtain their membership for \$10.

"Organized Play" (re-defined) includes all training, in house tournaments Ladders and Round Robins. All organized play is scheduled by our Training committee and/or Organized Play Committee. Scheduled organized play has priority on the courts. In order to engage in organized play you must be current in your dues.

"Drop in Play" includes all social and drop in play where PEM members come to the courts during the day or night to play with other PEM members. Although not mandated during drop in or social play, all PEM members are encouraged to play in a level that represents his or her present skill level.