

**Pueblo El Mirage Pickleball Club**  
**2021/22 Board Meeting Agenda**  
**DATE: March 1, 2022 - TIME: 2:00 pm**  
**LOCATION: Kelli Mollison's Deck, Site 103**

- I. Kelli welcomed everyone. She asked that we remind each other to have fun, play safe, and be respectful of each other.
- II. Board Meeting Minutes Approval:
  - a. Gus moved to approve the February 8 minutes. Doug seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- III. Doug reported that there are **493** paid members so far this season.
- IV. Reports:
  - a. President - Kelli Mollison
    1. **Volunteer recognition** – The volunteer-appreciation gifts are in. Kelli asked for any additions/changes to the list of volunteers she emailed out this morning.
    2. Kelli would like to recognize the outgoing board members for all the efforts and numerous hours of work. Kelli proposed a gift certificate for a local restaurant: Janett - \$100 (four years of service); Frenchy Relyea \$50, Craig Hutton \$50.
      - a. Gwynn amended Kelli's request to add an additional \$50 gift certificate for Kelli Mollison, retiring President.
      - b. Approved! Kelli will get the gift cards.
    3. Kelli announced the **rating statistics** under new rating system:
      - a. October 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021
        - To the 3.0 level: 9 tested (1 did not meet criteria)
        - To the 3.5 level: 14 tested
        - To the 4.0 level: 13 tested (5\* did not meet criteria)  
\*3 subsequently retested and met criteria
      - b. October 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022 (Statistics as of March 1)
        - To the 3.0 level: 5 tested — 6 open requests
        - To the 3.5 level: 2 tested
        - To the 4.0 level: 10 tested — 3 open requests

Everyone in the 2021-22 season who tested met the criteria. Could this be that, when we raised the minimum criteria to 90% in five round robins (from 80% in three), it more accurately tests only those that meet the higher level?

Kelli asked why we are not getting requests to go to the 3.5 level? Could this be a reflection of more 3.0A players not interested in changing levels or a lack of 3.0B competitive round robins that fewer players can complete the required

round robins? Or, do our 3.0 players think our 3.5 are too competitive, too serious, or just too many players already at the 3.5 level?

c. Kelli suggests making no changes to the current rating policy for the remainder of the season. She encouraged the incoming Board to review the policy that's been in place for two years and TWEAK it if necessary.

4. **Kelli brought up a point about the reason for rating test season limits:**

“REMEMBER our club season is October 1 to March 31. This can be a double edged sword because it cuts off changing ratings on March 31 but on the other hand we allow sub-organized play to continue and especially as groups get smaller the rating lines are blurred. Last year Ron and Jeff would change ratings, allowing players to play at higher levels (regardless of round robin scores) getting experience and coaching, as long as when players left they were moved back at their official club ratings. By limiting any official rating to our official club season we alleviate (at least the appearance of) “summer residents getting preferential treatment and not having to be officially rated”. “

5. **Years-old Provisional Player status:** Before everyone leaves office, the Board is going to clean and glean the database to bring it current and correct years-old ‘Provisional’ status situations.

6. **Shirts** – We have placed a second order for shirts. The virtual store opened for another week. We have more orders in the second round than we had in the first round of orders. Everyone loved the new logo and it was evident in the orders. This new order should arrive in early to mid-april.

7. **Concerns/comments from the last general meeting:**

a. Jeff Tomlinson requested a backboard for the main courts. Kelli asked what Board members thought about adding one to Quad 2, Court 7. The Board is looking into this.

b. Jeff Tomlinson requested that we consider adding a Pro to our Club. There has been research and conversation with PEM and among the Board. The request was tabled, and referred to the new Board.

**b. Vice President - Craig Riebow**

1. The Ratings Test Team and Evaluation Team are very productive in placing club members in their correct placement. The Orientation, Ratings Test, and Evaluation Teams will meet next week to continue their effort of

**c. Tournaments - Doug Gibbs**

1. Final report from Kokopelli

a. \$16,844 net income. This is twice what we expected to have made this year in the past, partly due to NOT renting a temporary restroom unit, portable lighting and we did not purchase shirts this year.

b. Karl Kuntz Memorial – per Lynn Retzak:

i. You may now view the players and events in the 2022 Karl Kunz Memorial Tournament. Go to <https://events.livepickleball.com/event/listing/3> and click on “View Event Registration.”

ii. Court Assignments will be made the day before the tournament.

- iii. A QR code will be available to help you track players.
- iv. Questions and comments should be sent to [pem\\_karlkunz@yahoo.com](mailto:pem_karlkunz@yahoo.com).

**d. Communications - Doug Gibbs**

**1. SPY – Surprise Pickleball Youth :**

- a. We have Management & Club approval to host a youth event here at Pueblo El Mirage. We understand that the ages of the kids are 8-18. They will be supervised and transported by their parents. We will have up to 6 courts available on Sunday afternoon March 13<sup>th</sup>.
- b. We have enough volunteers and ready to help. Becky Gibbs, Maureen Fitzpatrick, and Jeff Tomlinson are the leads.

**e. Capital Improvements – Kelli stepping in for this open position**

- 1. Elite Sports Builders, 2021 Substandard resurfacing of courts – Gus walked the courts, reviewed the contract, which it did specify that the cracks were to be filled and mechanically sanded. This was obviously not done. Mike Golden gave Gus the name of the contractor with Elite, Matt Vaughn. Gus will contact Mr. Vaughn and follow-up on this ongoing situation.
- 2. Equipment shed for the main courts - Kelli proposed, as an option, that we consider a shipping container for additional security of our property. The proposal got several positive responses via email. Doug has requested a meeting with Lou and Jim to discuss a shipping container.
  - a. Kelli recommends we defer a decision for the new Board. All agreed.
- 3. Water fountain at the old courts - Doug sent pictures and a copy of the invoice of the water fountain we put in at the new courts. Lou liked the information.
- 4. Kelli brought up the challenge of our present toilet setup. We may need more facilities in the future as our club grows. Maybe, if we can move our storage out of the restroom building, PEM could expand current restrooms into that area.

**f. Operations – Open Position**

- 1. Craig Hutton contacted Janett to say that we are down to one box of balls. Kelli asked that Craig Riebow check the supply and report to Gus. Janett reported that we have an account with Franklin Sports. Gus will order as needed.

**g. Organized Play - Gus Ayala**

- 1. Debra Jones and Bill Reuter were trained on the LivePickleball.com scheduling system and will take over the round robin scheduling for next season.
- 2. No Shows: Ron Craig sent an email to the membership saying that two no-shows will result in a week with no invites. We have so far imposed that consequence on only one member.

**h. Training - Gus Ayala**

- 1. It's been a busy season!

- a. Karen Isaacs reports: 104 in 1.0 training events
  - b. Lynn Van Lierop reports: 75 in 2.0 training events.
  - c. Nancy Johnson reports: 76 (16 have come up from 1.0) in 2.5 training events
2. Kelli asked that Gus contact Gary Retzak and establish a final training date.

**i. Treasurer's Report - Janett Hampton**

1. Finances as of 2/27/22:

Income - \$54,752.92

Paid Out - \$20,708.15

**Net Income - \$34,044.77**

Checking Account Balance - \$14,247.73

Savings Account Balance - \$42,845.11

PayPal - \$3,770.24

**Accounts Total: \$60,863.24**

2. The entire balance of PayPal will be closed out soon and all funds will be transferred into Checking. Any new tournament team will have to open a new PayPal account.
3. Kelli, Janett, and Frenchy will visit Bank of America to transfer the checking, saving, and credit card accounts to the new Board members. Kelli asked that Gus assist both Randy Bode (who completes our taxes) and our new Treasurer as they approach the season.
4. **We recently received the renewal for IPTPA membership. Since we no longer accept IPTPA Ratings as a source for Club Rating, we do not need to renew this membership.**

**j. Nominating Committee - Janett Hampton**

1. Bios and pictures are posted on the PEMPickleball.com website. Voting will be completed through the LivePickleball.com website from Thursday, March 3 – Tuesday, March 15. Paper ballots will be available from 8:30-10:30 on March 19<sup>th</sup>, during the Annual picnic.
2. Kelli asked that she be allowed to see and present the final voting results at our final Membership Meeting and Annual Picnic, so she can do a ceremonial 'passing of the baton' to the new Board.

**k. Special Activities Committee - Gwynn Gorrell**

1. Our final activity for the season will be the Annual Picnic on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup>. The club will invite one food truck – Burgers Amore. (A second food truck will be at the Coyote Grill), have paddle-in-the-saddle play, hold the final PEM Pickleball Membership Meeting, conduct the Ronald McDonald Raffle, and hand out a collection of door prizes. Open play will start be from 8:30-10:30 to allow for the Ronald McDonald Poptab raffle before the final meeting begins.
2. Faith House Ladies Tournament: 4<sup>th</sup> Hole

- a. The PEMPB 4<sup>th</sup> Hole was dedicated in honor of Louise Shindledecker who passed away last November. She was a golfer, pickleballer, seamstress, mahjong player, water volleyball player, wonderful wife and mother! She will be terribly missed.
- b. \$400 was raised from the competition. \$500 was raised from direct donations. Amazing, PEMPB friends and golfers!
- c. Pam Williams, Laurie Penny, Guy Smith, Becky and Doug Gibbs, Janett Hampton, Jeanette and Mike Alderson, Pam Johnson, and Marlene and Gus Ayala worked the competition. Thanks to Pam Williams, Laurie Penny, Janett Hampton, and Becky Gibbs for making about 1.6 million cookies. Thanks, also to all who played or donated.

- I. **Volunteer of the Year** - The Board whole-heartedly agreed on who should be the Volunteer of the Year for the 2021-2022 season. The recipient will be announced at the final Membership Meeting and Annual Picnic on March 19<sup>th</sup> .

- V. Kelli thanked all the Board members for all they have done this (and last) year for their help and support.
- VI. Next Member meeting – March 19, 2022 at the Main Pickleball Courts, 11:00am. Bring a chair and beverage of your choice.
- VII. Gus moved to adjourn. Janett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Gwynn Gorrell, Secretary