

**Pueblo El Mirage Pickleball Club**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**September 15, 2020**  
**Zoom Meeting**

- I. Call to Order: President Kelli Mollison called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Central Time Zone. Present were Kelly Mollison, Lynn Retzak, Janett Hampton, Jody Tiekens-Holecek, Doug Gibbs, and guest Gary Retzak.
- II. There was discussion of the proposed new software, Live Pickleball.
  - A. The users (Jeff Jameson, Doug Gibbs, Becky Gibbs, and Gary Retzak) have provided positive feedback. Gary pointed out that he has had an issue, but Shonda and he are working on a fix, and it is probably not a system issue.
  - B. The software is in beta test and is being designed for the needs of PEMPC.
  - C. Kelli reported that it is difficult to use TrackitHub for sending out training requests for modules within the same level. She asked if Live Pickleball will be any easier. Gary stated that it still requires manual input to change someone's rating as they progress, but that the process is straight forward. There was discussion about how to simplify the process such as tracking modules completed on paper rather than in the software.
  - D. Doug made a motion to move to the Live Pickleball system; Jody seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
  - E. Janett moved to have the club absorb the cost of the fee; Jody seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Jody will reach out to Shonda to get the rate in writing, and to get it for an extended period.
- III. Doug provided an update regarding the Kokopelli tournament.
  - A. Due to COVID-19, sanctioning for USAPA tournaments is complex, requiring local and state government approval.
  - B. The tournament facility is required to create a plan to ensure the safety of players, officials, volunteers, and spectators. The guidelines from USAPA create challenges, including ball washing, medal presentation restrictions, and social distancing requirements.
  - C. Nationwide, tournaments have been cancelled through February 2021.
  - D. Doug recommended that PEMPC cancel the Kokopelli for this season. Kelli made a motion that based on the inability to meet all the guidelines for a safe tournament, and due to the lack of personnel to run the tournament as a result of COVID-19, PEMPC will cancel Kokopelli for this season. The motion was seconded by Janett and passed unanimously.
- IV. There was a discussion about committee input to the annual budget.
  - A. Gary asked for a copy of the previous year's budget for training; Kelli asked him to include the cost of the ball machine. Doug questioned whether the ball machine

- should be under capital improvement; Kelli stated that it can come through either budget.
- B. Jody asked about the format for the budget; Kelli stated that a list of planned expenditures will suffice.
- V. Lynn asked about whether the club will be allowed to have organized events.
- A. Jody stated that PEMPC can have organized play, but she was not sure about conducting orientation and meetings.
  - B. Gary stated that weather permitting, orientation could be held outside. Jody stated that another option is to use the rec hall, where the club can practice social distance. Laptops could be used to create software accounts for members.
- VI. Kelli received ten responses about the proposed changes to the rating system and would like to discuss it with the board in October.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m. Central Time Zone.