

**PEM Pickleball**  
**General Membership Minutes**  
Thursday, February 6, 2014 – 4:00 PM (at Pickleball Courts)

**WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

Doug Gibbs welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Organized Play – Judy Graves, Chair**

- International Pickleball Federation (IPF) Rating Systems – We are gradually working towards using a rating system for players. We are asking players to self-rate themselves. For players who are not sure what to categorize themselves as, a committee will be formed to help that should be in place within a week or so. (Note: The rating system will help us to better identify courts so players can play with others within their skill level and also give us the ability to use tournament software that requires player skill levels in order to function.)
- Meet and Greet – The Meet-and-greet round robin is on the *fourth Thursday of the month*. The next event is on February 27 from 2:30 to 4:30 PM, followed by social hour at the club.
- Ladies Day – being changed to the *third Thursday of each month* to not conflict with Wednesday Skills Training. Note: Due to Grand Canyon Games the February ladies day is moved to Thursday, February 13 from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM with lunch after at the club (optional).
- Onix Sports – on site on February 4 to demo their paddles. They will also be at the Grand Canyon Games along with numerous other vendors.
- Ladder and other organized activities are going well.

**Social Committee – Jane McKesson, Chair**

- Jane thanked everyone that helped with the tournament that day.
- The Mix Matched Madness is on February 7 from 2:30 PM, with a social at the Clubhouse after. They will be awarding the “travelling” trophy to the person with the most “cheap shots.”
- The potluck/annual meeting will be on Sunday, March 9 at the cabana. Information forthcoming.
- The Fabulous Fun Follies was a great success.
- Coffee and donuts on Tuesday, February 4, was a great success and very popular. All courts full.

**Operations –Anne Reynolds, Co-Chair**

- Anne thanked Denny Craig for blowing off the courts early AM before the tournament that day.
- Ordered a water broom to clean the courts. Cost was about \$350.00. Should arrive in a week. Her committee will test it out and the courts will be cleaned prior to the Grand Canyon Games.
- Anne asked that if anyone sees that water containers need to be filled or trash emptied during the Grand Canyon Games that they help to take care of it or report it to the appropriate person.

**Training – Becky Gibbs, Committee Member**

- Beginner lessons continue on Tuesdays at 9:30 AM. So far we have trained 123 players since Fall.
- Beginner Skills Practice has been combined with Intermediate Skills Practice on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM. Players will be divided into skill level groups so they feel comfortable.

- Anne Reynolds is willing to conduct more referee classes for those who are interested.
- Larry Hyatt resigned as Chair of this Committee. Becky expressed thanks for his work during the last year. The Committee elected Bruce Kimmell to take his place through the rest of this season and next.

### **Finance Committee – Doug Gibbs, Stand-in**

- Doug reminded players to please pay their \$10.00 dues that go to help our group purchase needed items such as balls and maintenance equipment.

### **Tournament Committee – Rich Baumann and Don Williams, Co-Chairs**

- Rich reported that the Karl Kunz Memorial Tournament will be on March 5 or 6 (probably the 6<sup>th</sup>). The format will be mixed doubles; food will be provided to players; the tournament fee will be \$10.00; and players will need to self-rate themselves prior.
- Don reported we will have another reciprocal round robin event with the other two Roberts Resorts on Monday, February 24 at 10:00 AM.

### **Communications/Promotion – Doug Gibbs, Chair**

- Doug reported there are currently 325 players on the roster, 220 of which are in the park.
- Our website name has been changed to [www.pempickleball.com](http://www.pempickleball.com).
- Purchased our own PA system for \$150.00. (Note: Currently we use Doug Gibb's personal system.)
- We have set up a Facebook page that players can use to communicate with one another to set up informal games and share information. This is a closed page, only viewable to the members who join. If interested, send an email to [pempickleball@outlook.com](mailto:pempickleball@outlook.com) and you will receive an invite to join the page.

## **OTHER/AUDIENCE COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CONCERNS**

- **Grand Canyon Games** – Coordination is going well with Roberts Resort Management and the event organizers. Doug is working on the volunteer list and will be coordinating with everyone who signed up shortly. Volunteer tasks include parking, food prep (cutting up bananas), filling water containers, first aid, etc. The park will be testing court lighting on Monday the week of the tournament. The Resort will be providing very nice bathrooms on trailers.
- **Pickleball T-Shirts** – We are working on t-shirts for our group. Becky reviewed the basic design concept with the theme “A Roaring Good Time.” Information forthcoming.
- **Gentle Reminders** – Please wear name tags to the courts, pick up water bottles and trash, put balls back in the holders (they get damaged in the sun), and put the umbrella's down so they are not damaged from the wind. Lost and found items are placed in the brown trunk for a couple days then taken up to the concierge at the main office.

Next monthly meeting (and potluck): Sunday, March 9, 2014.

If you have any comments, concerns, questions, or ideas please contact the appropriate Committee Chair or Pickleball Group co-chairs Judy Graves or Doug Gibbs by going to the [PEM Pickleball Group](http://PEM Pickleball Group) website and use the “Contact Us” tab. We will make sure your message gets to the appropriate person.