

ABQ Pickleball Managing Council Monthly Meeting
Jerry Cline Tennis Complex – December 6th, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Ashmore at 1:03 PM

- Introductions:
- Members of the Board:
 - Bob Ashmore, President, Joyce Montoya, VP, Gretchen Denman, Treasurer, Linda Martellaro, Secretary, Dale Reynolds, Communications Coordinator and VC at Los Vecinos, and Gary Rutherford, Community Outreach and VC at Cesar Chavez,
- Venue Coordinators:
 - Ken Lloyd, VC from Paradise Hills CC, Roger Marston, VC from Wells Park, Staci Towery from Manzano Mesa, Albert Chavez, VC at Hoover MS and Roosevelt MS, Ruth Madrid, VC at Sandia Prep, John Cordova, VC at LBJ, Nancy Lesicka, VC at Raymond G. Sanchez, and Nabil Merhi, VC at Roosevelt MS.
- Visitors:
 - Felix Rabanal representing Yonex, Penny Dever-Reynolds, Ray and Renee Padilla, Jim Conway, Chris Bell, and Joe Martellaro.
- Opening Comments:
 - A motion was made by Ken Lloyd that the November minutes be approved. Motion was seconded and carried. Minutes are posted on the ABQPickleball.com website.
 - President Ashmore discussed the increased club membership and how the club has grown. He reminded the members that the club also has a ABQPickleball Facebook page and Shutterfly for updates and schedules.

Acknowledgements:

- Carlos Melendez' update: He took a turn for the worse (dbl. pneumonia). Our members keep apprised of his health and visitors are encouraged. He is on the 5th floor at the Lovelace Hospital (downtown).

Update on permanent courts at Manzano Mesa:

- The official groundbreaking took place in November with city officials present. The slab and poles in concrete are in place and work is in progress. Six courts are lighted, but conduits are available should the demand for further lighted courts in the future.
 - Nabil Merhi suggested and agreed to be on a committee to manage the new courts (litigation strategy re. damage, etc.) and possibly coordinating a discussion with the city (re a

locking system). This agenda item with the city will be discussed further.

- An anonymous person has provided the club with 10 billboards with eight second ads at various locations around Albuquerque beginning after the first of the year. Locations will be shown on the ABQ website when available. Gary Rutherford is working with M'Lee Beazley on graphics and those members who appear in the graphics have been notified.
- 2016 membership update – 452 members.
- Venue Coordinators are the key to expanding Club membership and keeping current the City Liability form (updated yearly).
 - The Club will not be redoing the membership signups again this year. New cards will not be issued to current members.
 - Gary reminded members that the City Liability forms must be completed each year.
- Los Altos cleanup:
- Forms have been submitted to the City Parks Dept. to continue cleaning the Los Altos courts, but when the new Manzano Mesa (MM) courts are completed, the club will relocate its responsibility to the MM courts.
- Dale Reynolds reminded members that the club is accepting year-end non-profit donations. The donations are tax free and a form is available.
- The ABQ club is participating in venue holiday programs and a food basket was donated by club members to Raymond Sanchez. Bob recommended that VC's should consider participating in any outreach program that their venue is sponsoring.
- Financial Status – Gretchen >\$4000
 - Treasurer's Report – a grant received from Senior Affairs for \$490 – balls and nets were purchased with the donation. PNM donated \$600 for those employees who perform volunteer work for non-profit organizations. Evelyn Wheeler, Kathy Baca and Linda Montoya donated time to the PB club amounting to \$600 benefiting the club.
 - Programs for kids – Ray and Renee continue to volunteer their time. Yonex Independent Sales Representative, Felix Rabanal advised that Walmart may possibly match contributions for kids' programs. He also advised that, as a Yonex representative, his company will donate to the club a rebate of 20% on paddle sales and 10% of purchases. Felix agreed to send further information to the club.
- Tournaments – Gary Rutherford
 - Questionnaires were handed out soliciting input regarding tournaments. Gary is perusing the questionnaires received, but is

expecting more to be submitted before results are compiled.

- Recent tournaments:
- No tournaments since the last MC meeting.
- Proposed tournaments:
 - A possible Dink tournament on December 14th at Hoover MS for the working members, from 5:30p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and on December 16th at Chavez CC from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
 - A mini-tournament (skilled) on January 21st at Roosevelt MS was unanimously approved.

At this time, no further tournaments are planned between January 21st and April 19th:

- April 19-20 - Ventana Ranch: Bernalillo Age tournament - Senior Affairs Meet and Greet handles the registration and advertising. The club manages the tournament.
- April 21-22 - Skill level tournament -Senior Affairs handles registration and advertising. The club manages the tournament.
- July 19-21 - Manzano Mesa outdoors: NM Senior State Games-age level tournament. State handles the registrations, advertising, medals, etc. The club is the commissioners for the event, therefore, we do the rest. Side note: First time in Albuquerque and out-of-state participants are allowed. More information will be available. The club is also preparing for Nationals to be held in Albuquerque in 2019.
- September 22-24: Manzano Mesa outdoor NM games: The date can be changed if this conflicts with other pickleball events.
- November 10-12: Indoors TBA: Meet and Compete (16 and older) with Senior Affairs. They do registration, medals, advertising, and the club manages the tournament.

Side Comments:

Dale Reynolds advised that most tournaments are outdoors and would like to see more “indoor” tournaments.

Nancy Lesicka requested a “fun tournament,” but it was noted that the club requires more help with tournaments. A possibility would be venue tournaments (King of the Hill). Also brought up was that the ABQ club is working with other clubs to have competing tournaments.

- Discussion Topics with Venue Coordinators:
 - Election of the Executive Team for 2017
 - The list of five volunteers and their bios which include Gary

Rutherford, Gretchen Denman, Joyce Montoya, John Cordova, and Penny Forgette, had been sent out to all the Venue Coordinators.

- Club bylaws require that the Managing Council approve the election of candidates to serve as the Executive Team for 2017. Based on the list of venue attendees, a unanimous vote was taken to elect the five nominees.

- Open for any items the VCs would like to discuss.

Nancy Lesicka brought up an on-going issue that some players will not play with other players. A big discussion ensued regarding how to handle the situation at each venue. Board members will continue to discuss the issue and handle accordingly.

A Prem Carnot article on the club website (News and Training) is an excellent article re. "Affected by Bad Karma From Being a Pickleball Snob."

The VC should be responsible for handling disruptive players. The MC will discuss issues with these players.

Penny Dever requested how the club determines a player's rating. Discussion was held to determine rankings/ratings of players for future tournaments. Previous medals determine a rating. USAPA rules determine a player's rating at a tournament they sponsor. Further discussion will be in the future.

New Business:

VP Joyce Montoya advised that the club is responsible for the preparation of the opening ceremonies for the new MM pickleball facilities.

Bob Ashmore reminded the group that, as mentioned at our last meeting, Gary Rutherford received recognition as "Man of the Year" by the Senior Sports Foundation.

The club board presented outgoing board members, President Bob Ashmore and Secretary Linda Martellaro, with a plaque and trophy for their dedicated work on the board.

Meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Next Meeting:

The new executive team will set the date. Hopefully, no later than February. A notice will be sent with a date, time and location of the meeting.

Linda Martellaro, Secretary