

ABQ Pickleball Monthly Meeting at Jerry Cline Tennis Complex 1/20/17 at 1:00 pm

Called to order 1:02 PM

Present from the Board:

Ken Lloyd	Paradise Hills
Dale Reynolds	Los Vecinos
Albert Chavez	Hoover/Roosevelt
Evelyn Wheeler	Los Duranes
Staci Towery	Manzano Mesa MGC
Nancy Lesicka	RGS
Rene Padilla	Pickleball Training
Jim Forgham	Eisenhower
Roger Martston	Wells Park
Ruth Madrid	Sandia Prep

Present from the Executive Committee:

Gary Rutherford, President and VC Cesar Chavez

Gretchen Denman, Treasurer

John Cordova, At Large and VC LBJ

Penny Forgette, Secretary

Present from the Membership:

Linda Martellaro

Joe Martellaro

Penny Denver-Reynolds

John Kimbrough

Bob Ashmore

Also Present:

Scott Herron, NMSSF

1. Introductions were made for the new executive board and their positions:
Gary Rutherford, President
Joyce Montoya, Vice President
Gretchen Denman, Treasurer
John Cordova, At Large
Penny Forgette, Secretary
2. Minutes from last meeting, move to approve and approved unanimously. Later it was noted that the dates for the April Tournament were incorrect and needed to be changed. Dale Reynolds will change this on the web.
3. Outdoor courts at Manzano Mesa were discussed:
Gary Rutherford and John Cordova met with the Police Department and Fire Department Representatives to discuss a competition between the two on opening day. It was requested we pair up a current club member with each interested PD/FD player. There should be more information 2/15/17 and will be presented at the next meeting.
High Schools have also been asked to present teams for play between the schools. The schools are Sandia Prep, Academy, Eldorado and East Mountain. Updates will be provided at the next meeting.
4. Advertising on billboards will begin February 1st and run for the month at 6 locations. Gary Rutherford and Dale Reynolds will look into changing the web page to mirror the advertising.
5. Reminder to all board members that the web site contained forms they need.
6. Gretchen Denman reported the club received a donation of \$600 from PNM.
7. Gretchen Denman reported that the ending balance of the club's account was \$4465.00 at the end of 2016.
8. Gretchen Denman also told the board that if anyone in the member base donates balls or other equipment she can issue a letter of thanks and record of donation for tax purposes if she is notified.
9. Gretchen Denman spoke of the possibility of hosting a club event at a local restaurant and the club receiving some of the proceeds. It was also suggested we consider doing this in conjunction with a tournament. Scott Herron mentioned if we notify her she can let the Foundation Members know as well.
10. Gary Rutherford spoke of the last tournament held. The Dink tournament had 55 attendees: 21 at Hoover and 34 at Cesar Chavez.
11. Gary Rutherford mentioned the next tournament was to be a Round Robin and would be held this weekend, January 21-22nd.
12. Gary Rutherford stated there was no updates on the other upcoming tournaments at this time.
13. Gary Rutherford stated that stock of the indoor balls was running low. Discussion was held as to which ball we should order. Motion was made to purchase \$100 worth of the green Juggs balls and was approved unanimously. It was also noted that some venues might want to purchase the more costly orange balls and donate them to the club if their venue feels it might be desirable.
14. Gary Rutherford informed us that we have lost the use of Van Buren on Friday nights due to the floor change in the gym and not being able to lay down any tape. Wilson MS was discussed as a replacement but would only hold 1 court. East Mountain – Sandia Park was considered but it was felt that the travel distance was too great and even Roosevelt was seeing a decreased

attendance on weekday evenings. A motion to not pick up this site (Vista Grande) was made and passed unanimously.

15. The attendees held a discussion on what to do when an attendee at any venue breaks the Code of Conduct. Venues must consider what the owner/host of the site wants done as well as what is best for the club. It was decided to keep these issues handled at the venue level but they could also ask John Cordova for assistance.
16. Gary Rutherford reminded all Board Members to update Shutterfly of closures to their venues and to let all their venue attendees know where to go to look up this information. He also suggested VC of APS School locations to look at the school calendars online to identify conflicts with the scheduled pickleball times. Watch the TV for weather related closures. It was also suggested that each venue coordinator should develop a text/email contact list of their regular attendees for notification purposes.
17. A discussion of what things could be done better for the 2017 year was held. Here are the responses:
 - Better identification of where specific skill levels should go to play
 - Develop a standard method of identifying how to track who is next to play for waiting attendees
 - Get better attendance at Roosevelt
 - Provide more training and skill practice
 - Provide more opportunities for working players
 - Help provide a way to get some of the players at Los Duranes to attend other locations so the wait time isn't so great
 - Explore whether Paradise Hills might be available for Saturday evening play
 - Have the training committee work on skill level training at specific venues
 - Have members help Ray and Rene with their outreach training endeavors
 - Mass email members on where and when they can play
 - Provide a flyer with venues and times to hand out at venue sites
 - Bag replacements for worn out net bags
 - Mass mail out once a month of where to play for sites seeing a decline to help boost attendance
 - Reach out to sites not currently a part of the club to obtain new members: Tanoan, Pres. HC, Sandia Pres. Church etc.
18. John Cordova stated he planned to be more visible at each site and would be looking into training, new venue ideas with each venue coordinator. He would be available if anyone wanted to discuss any ideas or issues at their venue.
19. Penny Forgette handed out a packet to use at the venues to get members to sign up for committee help for the following committees: Tournaments, Growth and Financial, MMPBC Development, Communication, Venue. She requested these be sent back to her as soon as possible.
20. Send Rosalie Perea any corrections to the Venue Coordinator Handout.

Next meeting was set for February 17th at 1:00.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm