

ABQ Pickleball Monthly Meeting at Jerry Cline Tennis Complex 2/17/17 at 1:00 pm

Called to order 1:04 PM

Present from the Board:

Ken Lloyd	Paradise Hills
Dale Reynolds	Los Vecinos
Albert Chavez	Hoover/Roosevelt
Nancy Lesicke	RGS
Jim Forgham	Eisenhower
Ruth Madrid	Sandia Prep
John Kimbrough	Manzano Mesa

Present from the Executive Committee:

Gary Rutherford, President and VC Cesar Chavez

Joyce Montoya, Vice-President

Penny Forgette, Secretary

Present from the Membership:

Isabel Chang

1. Minutes from last meeting, move to approve and approved unanimously.
2. Outdoor courts at Manzano Mesa were discussed:

Penny Forgette updated the board on the status of the construction and completion schedule, which is expected to be May, 2017.

Penny also mentioned that the Executive Committee's intent was to invite parties involved with the construction (General Contractor, Major Suppliers, Lighting Rep. etc.) to the Grand Opening. She asked for other recommendations and received the city inspectors as another party to invite.

A discussion was held regarding ordering a personalized pickleball paddle for Mayor Berry that could be presented to him during the opening ceremonies. It was also suggested we do the same for Councilman Harris. There was a motion from the floor which was passed unanimously to have Joyce Montoya order these paddles.

Penny displayed a pickleball key chain and recommended the club pass out these at the grand opening and that they contain the website address as well. John Kimbrough said he would look into the local purchase of these.

Gary Rutherford informed the board that there would be 5 players from each the APD and FD at the opening ceremonies to play with club members.

It was also suggested Sandia Prep might want to participate in the high school competition and a round robin approach might work best.

Gary suggested we also get the grade schoolers involved and that both Mission ES and SY Jackson should be invited.

The board also suggested we look into inviting news casters and radio personalities to play as well.

A monthly calendar/schedule for the new courts was discussed as the executive committee has been asked by city personnel to develop one. The board suggested we check with Jerry Cline personnel and see what they provide.

3. It was announced that we have 485 members. Penny asked if we should celebrate our 500th when we reach that number. There seemed to be an agreement that this would be a good idea.
4. The billboards were discussed. We are using (5) sites and our response to date on the web site was (1) person's interest. These billboards run through the end of the month.
5. Joyce Montoya volunteered to get with Bob Ashmore about the current stock of brochures for the club and get them distributed to board members. It was also noted we would need to update it with the current locations (including Manzano Mesa Outdoor Courts) and have a supply on hand for the opening ceremonies.
6. Our ending balance for the club's account was announced as \$4,892.26 with is 130% over this time last year.
7. The fund raiser at Tomato Café during our April Tournament was discussed and the question was raised on what we should say is our purpose for raising funds if asked. It was decided that we should say General Funds and Promotion of the Sport.
8. Gary spoke of the mini tournament held at Sandia Prep February 11th and thanked the following people for making it a success:
 - Ruth Madrid – for getting us the location indoors when the weather appeared questionable
 - Jim Forgham – for lining the courts
 - John Kimbrough – for helping out at a net with newer players
9. Gary mentioned we still needed a format for the March mini tournament and that the newly formed Tournament Committee would be responsible for making this determination.
10. Nancy Lesicka explained her venue's recent intermural mentoring tournament and the success of the approach with those that participated.

11. Gary mentioned that we had 25,773 attendees at our club locations during the 2016 year. This number was reported as a flat increase over 2015 even though we have continued to increase our membership base. Joyce suggested we compile data for the month of February containing names of players at each location. She will be in charge of this.
12. Penny thanked the board for their help in developing the committees and announced the committee leads. These leads will be responsible for contacting their members and getting to work on tasks. They will provide updates to the board during the upcoming meetings.
Committee Leads are:
 - Tournaments – Gary Rutherford and Gretchen Denman
 - MMPBC – Gary Rutherford
 - Communication – Dale Reynolds
 - Training – Gopal Rao and John Kimbrough
 - Growth and Financial – Gretchen Denman
 - Venue Planning – John Cordova
 - Referees – Joyce Montoya
13. Isabel Change addressed the board about Safety and Sportsman Issues when playing a venue locations. There has been aggressive play that threatens other open net players that needs to be addressed especially at indoor venues as the net locations are closely spaced. Some of these issues are sliding into adjacent courts, running into adjacent courts when chasing a ball, overly aggressive ball hitting at opponents. It was decided that venue coordinators should bring up the Code of Conduct and discuss information from this list before play at their venues. If actions by specific members that are deemed unsafe or unsportsmanlike, the VC should speak with that member and could reach out to John Cordova for help if needed.
14. Meeting times were discussed. A later time in the afternoon was suggested so more people could attend. It was decided we would meet at 2:30 pm instead of 1:00 pm and would continue to meet monthly.
15. Next meeting was set as March 24th at 2:30. Gary will check for availability of the room at Jerry Cline.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.