

ABQ Pickleball Managing Council Monthly Meeting
Jerry Cline Tennis Complex – March 31, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Rutherford at 2:30 P.M.

Members of the Board:

- Gary Rutherford, President (VC at Cesar Chavez and Roosevelt), Gretchen Denman, Treasurer, Linda Martellaro, Acting Secretary, Dale Reynolds, Communications Coordinator and VC at Los Vecinos.

Venue Coordinators:

- Ken Lloyd, Paradise Hills CC; Staci Towery, Hoover and Manzano Mesa; Jim Forgham, Eisenhower; Ruth Madrid, Sandia Prep; Nancy Lesicka, Raymond G. Sanchez; Evelin Wheeler, Los Duranes.

Visitors:

- John Kimbrough, Bob Ashmore, Ray Padilla, Gopal Rao, Pearl Maestas, and Joe Martellaro.

Opening Comments:

- Previous minutes of 02/17/17 were provided. Motion made to approve the minutes and approved without modification.
- ABQ Pickleball club membership is approaching 500.

Financial Status – Gretchen >\$4600

- Money was spent on a traveling venue trophy and \$50 was spent on advertisement.
- Subscription fees will be upcoming.
- Paddles were purchased by the club and will be presented to Mayor Berry and Councilman Harris at the opening of the new courts.

Ideas for tournaments:

At this time, only 15 forms – all from out-of-town, have been received for the April tournament. It was suggested that entry forms should be sent attached to a reminder. An entry fee of \$13 is a one-year fee for ABQ senior facilities.

Joyce Montoya will have referee training on April 8th at 10 a.m. at Roosevelt. Rules will be provided and can also be seen on-line at the USAPA website.

A NM Senior Olympics meeting for the July tournament was attended by Joyce and Gretchen. Volunteers were a priority and those who volunteer are requested to complete forms which are located at each venue. Senior Olympics has a social each year for the volunteers before the games begin and provide a tee shirt as well as an entry for a \$100 drawing. The ABQ PB club will be running the July tournament. Every game must have a referee so timers will be provided for each referee at a cost of \$7:00 each. A Motion was made to order the timers. Motion carried unanimously.

Ken Lloyd offered a bullhorn for the ladder tournaments.

Challenge tournaments are suggested at the following venues: Los Vecinos, Wells Park, Sandia Prep, Cesar Chavez, RGS, and Paradise Hills. Two or four players from

each venue (2.5, 3.0, and 3.5, whatever the venue chooses), will represent each venue.

The traveling trophy ideas were up for discussion. It was suggested that each venue take charge. Nancy Lesika and Gopal Rao will coordinate the venue tournaments and rate players. Possible dates suggested are Friday, April 28, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Cesar Chavez.

Manzano Mesa outdoor NM games: The date can be changed if this conflicts with other pickleball events.

Update on permanent courts at Manzano Mesa (MM):

A Parks and Recs meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, April 5, and will be attended by Executive Board Members Gary Rutherford, Joyce Montoya and Gretchen Denman.

The opening day at MM will be presided over by Mayor Berry for the ribbon cutting on either a Thursday or Friday, possibly the first or second week in May. When the date for the Mayors opening has been set, all venues will be closed so that as many members as possible can attend. A mini-tournament may be coordinated for that day. The ABQ PB club opening of the new facility will be the Saturday after the Mayors opening. Paddles have been prepared for the Mayor and Councillmen Harris. In addition, Evelyn Wheeler has volunteered Los Duranes to put together small whiffle ball key chains with the Albuquerque Pickleball Club logo for handouts.

On the club opening day, there are plans to have a police/fire department tournament. A member of the club will play with each team. There is also a high school tournament possible between El Dorado/West Mesa, and possibly two mid-schools. Additionally, the club is recommending we conduct an open house on the same day. The club will need a good turnout of members to make this a great event.

It was suggested by Dale Reynolds that buckets with the ABQ PB logo, containing club balls, be located at certain courts at MM for use by members.

Training:

Tuesdays are training days at Paradise Hills CC with one court dedicated to new players.

Ray and Renee Padilla continue to hold training at Manzano Mesa on Saturdays from 12:30 to 2:50 p.m.

Summer schedule:

Los Duranes on Wednesday night, Roosevelt weekday mornings in place of Los Vecinos, Saturday at Los Duranes on Saturday, Ventana Ranch weekday mornings, and Eisenhower will be looked into.

Dale Reynolds suggested that buckets, with the ABQ PB logo, containing club balls be located at certain Manzano Mesa courts for use by members.

Brochures:

Dale suggested that rack cards (250 for \$200) replace the current brochures which are outdated. Staci Towery made a motion that rack cards be purchased. Motion carried. Dale Reynolds agreed to design the cards (front and back).

Side Comments:

- Club shirts will be redesigned with the club logo on the front with the same logo, but without the black paddle emblem. The shirts are in the preliminary stages with regard to pricing (\$20).

Jim Forgham received a request from a member at the Eisenhower venue that a structured womens pickleball group be organized. The members recommended that Karen, who requested a women's group, prepare a flyer to be distributed to the different venues.

Ken Lloyd advised that Paradise Hills CC is hosting a Day-at-the-Park on Sunday, April 30th and a pickleball table will be set up with pickleball information as has been done in the past. Any volunteers to assist will be appreciated.

Update:

Bob Ashmore gave a health update regarding Carlos Melendez who is not doing well. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family during this difficult time.

The next meeting will be scheduled on an as-needed basis. It was recommended that the meeting day/time be changed. This will be up for discussion.

Meeting adjourned 4:10 p.m.

Linda Martellaro
Acting Secretary