

ABQ PICKLEBALL CLUB MANAGING COUNCIL
Meeting minutes August 5, 2017

Meeting called to order 5:55 pm at MMPBC on August 5, 2017 at Manzano Mesa Outdoor courts. Venue Coordinators and executive board in attendance were: Roger Marston, Gopal Rao, Dale Reynolds, John Cordova, Gary Rutherford, Joyce Montoya, Penny Forgette, Evelyn Wheeler, Albert Chavez, John Kimbrough, Jim Forgham, Ken Lloyd Jr., Nancy Lesicka, Gretchen Denman.

Opening comments:

Previous meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Membership count is over 550.

Financial Status:

Gretchen reported the club tee shirts had netted \$650 in profit to date with a small amount of shirts left for purchase. She also reported our account balance at over \$5000.

Past Tournaments:

Gary provided the following handout of tournaments and activities since the last meeting. They were:

CHRONOLOGY OF CLUB TOURNAMENT/TRAINING EVENTS SINCE MARCH

April 20-23rd-The Club ran a tournament for Senior Affairs-April 20-1 (age) there were 74 players; April 22-3 (skill) there were 104 players. Feedback has been positive.

April 26th-day venue challenge-7 venues sent two teams(3.5 and under) to Cesar Chavez. The gold went to Raymond G, the silver to Los Vecinos and the bronze to Cesar Chavez. The travelling trophy will be held, however briefly, by Raymond G.

May 12th was the grand opening of Vallela Park Pickleball Courts, the press was present. Given about 2 hours notice of the event, the Club spoke and played with 20-30 folks in attendance.

May 30th, the Club spoke and played at the grand opening of Manzano Mesa Courts. The opening had been delayed such that neither schools or police/fire were able to attend. Approximately 60-70 Club members were in attendance.

June- Training was added at Manzano Mesa Courts from 10 am-12 in June on Saturdays for adults and children and has been well received. That training, combined with all the training that Ray and Renee do, has increased club membership to 540. Drills were also included on Wednesday night at the Manzano Mesa Courts.

June 3rd, the official club opening at Manzano Mesa Courts, included a mini-ladder tournament. Approximately 104 people were in attendance. Manzano Mesa Courts were advertised on billboards and in the newspaper (the later post-June 3rd)

July 4th-a hastily announced wear-your-patriotic-colors-day-and play happened at Manzano Mesa Courts. There were approximately 76 people in attendance.

July 19-21-the Club was the coordinator for pickleball at the NM Senior Olympics. There were approximately 47 singles players, 68 mixed doubles players, and 94 doubles players. Senior Olympics was appreciative and asked us if we could do it again next year.

August 5-Club meeting, pot luck and play at the Manzano Mesa Courts.

Gary asked for feedback on them. Joyce stated that it seems like a lot when written down. Ruth said that the NM Senior Olympics should have a different schedule instead of the late start for women's doubles at 1 PM - possibly a 4th day added. Gary had completed an exit interview with the Senior Olympic's committee members providing our numerous recommendations for next year. Joyce and Gary both brought up that next year's tournament is expected to bring in more players as it will a qualifying year for the 2019 Games to be held in ABQ.

Future Tournaments:

Gary announced that the online sign up locations were up and running for the NM Games to be held in Sept. and urged that the local membership sign up early to attract more out-of-town participation.

November tournament will be indoors at Roosevelt with possible 2nd location (to be determined).

Discussion Topics:

Gary asked for accurate venue participation counts including the outdoor venues Ventana and MMPBC as these go to Parks and Rec. and would help us secure additional outdoor venues.

There will be a Sandia Base Open House August 10th from 5-8:30 at MMPBC and Gary asked for help from the membership.

UNM has requested an Open House and it is pending for Sept. 9th. More information to come.

Banners were voted on and approved for 3 sites: Ventana, MMPBC and the new courts behind the Boys and Girls Club off of San Mateo.

Gary reported that the port-a-potties provided by the NM Senior Olympics Committee encountered problems on day 1 and left only 1 operational throughout the remainder of the tournament. This was discouraging and he felt it wouldn't be worth our effort to provide for regular out-door-play at the club's expense.

Lockbox use by the club at the MMPBC was discussed and it was decided to investigate the issue more before deciding to move ahead with this topic.

Indoor venue start dates was discussed and Dale with update the web calendar. Gary announced we lost Eisenhower MS, and that Hoover and LBJ were still pending. It was voted on and passed to purchase more indoor balls. More coordinators are needed for the startups and it was decided to publish an email to the members as well as have the existing venue coordinators speak with their players seeking support.

New Member Training was discussed and it was noted that Kathy Baca was offering training during play at Ventana Courts. It was noted by Gretchen that new club sponsored events need to be passed through Gary. Summer training ends August 12th at MMPBC and it was decided to offer training on an on-going basis. John K. offered to handle this after his 2-week vacation and Anthony G. offered to fill in for the week of the 19th.

New Business:

Sandy Salm created a pickleball statue of Gary and Penny presented it to him on her behalf as she is out of town.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 with rain making it's appearance and canceling the Eat and Compete Event.