

ABQ Pickleball Club: Managing Council Meeting September 13th, 2016.

Meeting called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Managing Council President Bob Ashmore.

Introductions of those in attendance:

Bob Ashmore, President and representing Raymond G. Sanchez, Linda Martellaro, Secretary, Gary Rutherford, Committee Outreach and representing Cesar Chavez, Gretchen Denman, Treasurer, Joyce Montoya-Helgesen, Vice President, Pearl Maestes, representing Los Duranes, Wayne Mara, representing Raymond G. Sanchez, Staci Towery, representing VanBuren and Manzano Mesa, Albert Chavez, representing Hoover & Roosevelt, John Cordova, representing LBJ, Leslie Sedillo, representing LBJ, Evelin Wheeler, representing Los Duranes, Kathy Baca, representing Paradise Hills CC, Jim Forghem representing Eisenhower and Sandia Prep, Nancy Lesika representing Raymond G. Sanchez, Ruth Madrid, representing Sandia Prep, Bill Burch and Joe Martellaro, visitors from Paradise Hills, and Scott Herron and Andrea Weiss, from the Senior Sports Foundation, along with special guest Joel Mahoney from the City of Albuquerque.

Opening Comments:

- Approval of minutes and posting on ABQPickleball.com web site
 - A motion was made by Albert Chavez to approve the minutes of August 2, 2016. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
- ABQPickleball Facebook page (see pictures posted) – update schedules on Shutterfly events to be updated by VC's along with schedules.
- Acknowledgements:
 - Gary Rutherford announced that there were 35 participants at the Dink tournament on August 16th and it was a big success. According to Joyce Montoya-Helgesen and Gretchen Denman, both the Santa Fe and Angle Fire tournaments were also huge successes and had approx. 90 participants each.
 - Joel Mahoney, City of Albuquerque Dept. of Senior Affairs
 - Discussed Liability forms and Participant Incident forms. Forms are to be filled out within 24 hrs. of any accident involving injuries on APS school properties (either typed or hand written) by the VC and submitted to Joel at (jmahoney@cabq.gov). He will also answer questions at his office.
 - Joel advised that he collects the data from the club and provides the numbers of participants at venues to the City. Money is then distributed according to the number of senior participants. Joel requested a breakdown of ages to provide

the City and the club agreed to look into furnishing a further breakdown of ages.

- Joel distributed a few First Aid kits for use at City facilities.
- Update on permanent courts at Manzano Mesa:
 - According to a contract signed on Thursday, September 8th, the City is expected to break ground shortly with a completion date of approximately six months.
 - There are 18 permanent courts, but no bathroom facilities.
- 2016 membership update:
 - Bob announced that the ABQ Pickleball club now has 444 members.
 - The drive to add additional members is an ongoing effort. The VC's are appreciated and the key to expanding our Club membership.
 - Joyce Montoya-Helgesen recommended that the VC's have a brief meeting prior to play at their venue in order to communicate updates regarding club information.

Financial Status - Gretchen

- Treasurer's Report: >\$3,000 as previously reported last month.
- Gretchen requested approval of the purchase of a Whiteboard, easel, and markers to be used at the tournaments and amounting to \$117. As the purchase exceeds the ET limit of \$100, MC approval was requested and was approved by hand vote.
 - A motion was made by Staci Towery to approve the purchase. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.
- Albert Chavez brought up PB bag repairs. Ruth suggested that a shoe repair shop could repair a zipper for \$8.00. New bags will be purchased if the bag is in poor shape. Pearl suggested that a travel cart be considered for those who have to carry bags to the venues.
- Scott suggested that in a NMSSF meeting to be held on October 11, 2016, a grant request from the APC will be considered. The purchase of new bags will be on hold until after the October 11th meeting.

Tournaments - Gary

- Comments/Suggestions from recent tournaments. Questionnaires will be going out at each tournament and on the ABQPickleball web site. VC's are encouraged to seek out information on tournaments from the players at their venues.
- For USAPA sanctioned tournaments, Pickelballtournaments.com can be viewed to see who has signed up for the tournament and which level they are playing in.
- Upcoming tournaments (can be viewed on ABQPickleball website).
- The NM Games being held September 23-25
 - Singles Friday, Doubles Saturday and Mixed Doubles Sunday.
 - 86 signed up.

- Penny Forgette is lining up referees as each game must have a ref. Additional ref volunteers are needed.
- Tournament committee is soliciting gifts that will be awarded to referees and participants.
- Requests have gone out to have people donate food, water, etc.
- Linda Martellaro has created pickleball pen holders to be sold for \$4 with all proceeds going to the APC.
- Bob Ashmore advised that volunteers are still needed at all tournaments to help organize, run and ref. and for all aspects of Club operations. Every USAPA sponsored game requires a referee for each game.

Discussion Topics with Venue Coordinators

- Shutterfly is the place where players can access information on places and hours for play. Venue coordinators are requested to maintain the information on Shutterfly so the public can have accurate information.
- Per the APC Bylaws, it is now time to talk to players at each venue to select new VC's by the end of October. The bylaws require a vote be taken at each venue to approve the new Venue Coordinator. Once the new Venue Coordinators are in place, they will hold an election for the new Executive Team in December.
- Also as per the APB Bylaws, the Executive Team designates an election committee to solicit nominees and volunteers to serve on the Executive Team for the next year. This process is open until the end of November with the election to follow in December. Gopal has been selected to be in charge of the election committee and if anyone is interested in or knows of someone who should be considered for a position, they should contact him. At this time, we have 5 people who have expressed interest in serving on the Executive Team. Venue Coordinators were requested to talk to their venue players to see if any others might be interested. Those who want to volunteer but not have the time commitment of the executive board could consider committee chairman or advisory to the executive board positions.
- The club now has two advisory members, Communications and Policy, but is considering expansion to possibly include training and a potential USAPA liaison position.
- Club Liability Waivers are still considered valid. There is no plan to have members resign the waivers for 2017.

New Business:

- A number of Jugs balls were purchased (\$65) and the club will continue using them until new balls are required. USAPA has issued new standards for indoor and outdoor balls. The prices for the new balls is still high and the Club will hold off buying them in bulk to see if the prices will come down once the standards are in effect in mid October.

The next Meeting will be held at the **Jerry Cline Tennis Complex**. The date for the next meeting will be the first week in November once the Venue Coordinators are in place. As per the APC bylaws, another meeting will be held the first week in December to hold the election of the new Executive team that will oversee operations of the APC for the next year. The dates and times depend on the availability of the meeting room.

Meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

Linda Martellaro
Secretary