

## ABQ Pickleball Managing Council Meeting at Jerry Cline Tennis Complex - August 2, 2016

Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m. by ABQ Pickleball Club President Bob Ashmore.

Venues represented along with the Senior Sports Foundation (SSF) and Pickleball Training:

Paradise Hills CC, Sandia Prep, Manzano Mesa, Los Volcanes, LBJ, Raymond Sanchez, Los Duranes, Eisenhower, Roosevelt, Wells Park and Los Vecinos.

Venues not represented: Belen, Bernalillo, Tanoan, and Sandia Pres.

Introduction of those in attendance:

Bob Ashmore, Joyce Montoya, Gretchen Denman, Gary Rutherford, Linda Martellaro, Dale Reynolds, Ruth Madrid, Joe Martellaro, Staci Towery, Simon Bertran, Marlene Naranjo, Scott Herron, Leslie Sedillo, Albert Chavez, Kathy Baca, Evelin Wheeler, Penny Dever Reynolds, J. R. Kimbrough, Renee Rose Padilla, Jim Forgham, Nabil Merhi, and Roger Marston.

Opening Comments:

- The minutes of May 3, 2016 were sent to the Venue Coordinators ahead of the meeting and are posted on the ABQ website. Albert Chavez made a motion that the minutes be approved as posted. Motion was seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.
- MCP Bob Ashmore recommended that everyone should be aware of the ABQPickleball Facebook page and post pictures, etc.
- Acknowledgements:
  - Scott Herron, Executive Director of the NM Senior Sports Foundation, thanked the ABQ Pickleball Club for their efforts in helping with the Senior Sports Foundation Basketball Tournament. It was a big success.
  - Gary Rutherford announced that the July 23rd mini-tournament was a big success, along with two open houses at Los Altos on Saturday, June 25th and Ventana Ranch on Sunday, June 26th.
- Update on the permanent Pickleball courts: Gary announced

that Cohen & Associates was awarded the contract for the 18 permanent courts at Manzano Mesa. Six courts will be lighted, but no restrooms are in the plans. It is anticipated that construction will begin in one month and completed in the spring of 2017.

- Training:
  - The need for referees is an on-going effort, as every game requires a referee during the USAPA September tournament. Referee training will be conducted prior to the NM Games tournament.
  - Club training by Gopal Rao and J.R. Kimbrough anticipate further training every other week at Los Altos. Eight participants attended the last training in July.
- Membership update: According to Dale Reynolds, we currently have 425 members of the ABQ Pickleball Club.
  - The drive to add additional members is an on-going effort.
  - The Venue Coordinators (VC) are the key to expanding club membership and should provide communication to their venues. The VCs should keep a list of attendees at their venue
  - It was also requested that the VCs maintain their venue schedule on Shutterfly.

Folders were distributed to each venue coordinator that included ABQ application forms, USAPA membership forms, sheets to keep track of number of players, rules, score sheets for practice, Code of Conduct and Accident Reporting Forms, along with Liability Forms where appropriate.

- It was noted that the County facilities are now requiring a \$12 yearly membership fee for the upcoming season.

Financial Status:

- Treasurer Gretchen Denman reported a balance of \$3,086.62.
- V.P. Joyce Montoya donated five percent of Pro-Lite paddle sales profit to the club.

#### Tournaments:

- Gary Rutherford announced that there were 49 participants in the last mini-tournament.
- A possible dink tournament on August 26 is being planned with the possibility of an evening tournament in October for those who work. Eva Leong Casey was acknowledged as the winner of the last dink tournament.
- A Comments and Suggestions opinion form will be utilized at each tournament for further improvements.
- Upcoming tournaments and schedule can be viewed on the ABQ Pickleball website.

**Note:** Volunteers are still needed at all tournaments to help organize, run, and referee along with other aspects of club operations.

- NM Games – September 23-25 at Ventana Ranch
  - It is also a requirement that every player in the tournament be a member of the USAPA.
  - Gretchen and others are soliciting sponsors and discounts from various businesses.
  - A social dinner on Saturday night during the tournament was suggested and discussed.
  - V.P. Joyce Montoya issued a summons that each attending venue coordinator sign up to help at the September tournament.
  - Further discussion and planning is on-going.

#### Discussion:

- A discussion ensued regarding PB etiquette. The membership was advised to read the article by the pickleball guru on the ABQ Pickleball website.
- Renee Padilla, representing the Pickleball Training Group,

encouraged all the VCs to stress the importance of players stretching prior to playing.

New Business:

- The USAPA has issued new standards for balls. One motion was made to have the Club purchase a dozen new balls for each venue. The motion passed unanimously. A second motion was made to purchase Jug balls for use until the new standard takes effect in October at the cost of \$100. Albert Chavez seconded the motion and the motion also carried unanimously.
  
- Upcoming Elections:
  - President Ashmore read the By-Laws with regard to the upcoming VC and MC elections. Players at each venue select a Venue Coordinator to represent the venue for the next year by the end of October. Candidates for the Executive team are collected in November and the Managing Council holds the election in December for the new executive team to run operations for the APC in 2017.

Next Meeting: September 13, 2016, 1:00 p.m., at Jerry Cline Tennis Complex.

Motion made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Submitted by Linda Martellaro, ABQ Pickleball Club Secretary