

**ABQ Pickleball Club**  
**Meeting Minutes October 20, 2017**

Call to Order 1:00 pm, at Jerry Cline Tennis Center

Present from the Executive Committee:

Gary Rutherford, President  
Gretchen Denman, Treasurer  
John Cordova, At Large  
Penny Forgette, Secretary  
Dale Reynolds, Advisor

Present from the Board:

Roger Marston, Wells Park  
John Cordova, LBJ  
Elaine Huisman, MMMGC  
Dale Reynolds, Los Vecinos  
Nancy Lesicka, RSCC  
Ruth Madrid, Sandia Prep  
Ken Lloyd, Paradise Hills  
Jim Forgham, Hoover  
Gary Rutherford, Roosevelt & Cesar Chavez

Present from the Membership:

Joe Martellaro  
Linda Martellaro  
Pearl Maestas  
John Kimbrough

Guests:

Joel Mahoney, Senior Affairs, City of Albuquerque  
Greg Coons, Paradise Hills Community Center  
Annette Crespin, Paradise Hills Community Center  
Carman Pricer, Paradise Hills Community Center

Introductions were made for everyone present.

Joel Mahoney, Senior Affairs, City of Albuquerque spoke about the necessity of completing a Liability Waiver and the use of the Participant Incident Form. Each player, member or visitor, of an indoor facility sponsored by the City (APS schools and most of the Community Centers) must complete a waiver. These waivers need to be signed each calendar year. As new players join us at these venues, we need to get them to sign a waiver if they have not already signed one at another City sponsored location. Please note that County sponsored locations have their own process and paperwork. If an accident (minor or major) occurs during our club play, the Participant Incident Form is to be completed and sent to [ruthergary@aol.com](mailto:ruthergary@aol.com). Waiver forms should be turned in to Dale Reynolds at [abqpickleball@gmail.com](mailto:abqpickleball@gmail.com).

Greg Coons, Paradise Hills Community Center spoke about a partnership with ABQ Pickleball Club and his community center sponsoring a Holiday Program to be held Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at PHCC. The program consists of a breakfast, games, crafts and singing. The club would put up monies to purchase the supplies and

would be reimbursed that amount prior to any profits split between the club and PHCC. Greg needed our answer by the end of the first week in November.

Approval of the previous meeting minutes was made and seconded. Addition of Ruth Madrid as attendee was noted as well as inclusion of the advanced training (June 24), and the Paradise Hills open house.

Dale Reynolds reported the club membership was up to 569 and that she was in possession of a handful of additions as well. She thought we would make 600 by year's end.

Gretchen Denman reported that the account balance was \$5274.00 and that the club tee-shirt sales provided an \$800 profit. The raffle from the last tournament provided \$114 and donations amounted to \$1200.00.

Gary Rutherford announced that the last tournament had 140 participants, the largest we have had to date. It was noted that the largest issue impacting the tournament was the ref. pool and the use of refs. who were also players. Joe Martellaro and Penny Forgette will form a committee to work on numbers of people who can ref. and competency of each ref. Pearl Maestas, Nancy Lesicka and Ruth Madrid volunteered to be on the committee.

Gary also announced the upcoming tournaments. October 24<sup>th</sup> at Cesar Chavez CC will be a Dink Tournament, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at RSGG will be a 3.0-3.5 Venue Challenge Doubles Tournament and November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at Roosevelt MS will be a skills City Meet and Compete Tournament.

He also spoke about the 2018 upcoming pickleball season having the NM Senior Olympics, NM Games, Club tournament and (2) Senior Games.

Gary announced that the Executive Board Positions will be coming up for elections soon and anybody interested needs to get their names into Gopal Rao at [greatpickles@gmail.com](mailto:greatpickles@gmail.com). There are currently 3 running and 4 considering the positions. For those who wish to contribute but do not want to be on the executive board or the Management Council, the club needs more advisors. The Executive Board is expanding the Advisory Positions and have named Gretchen as Tournament Advisor and John Kimbrough as Training Advisor.

The By-Laws were amended by a vote held via email on September 28, 2017 approving 12 to 1 for the proposed amendment to change the venue coordinators terms to now run through November (instead of the previously noted October). The new term will run December 1<sup>st</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup>.

It was noted that an Open House for Sandia Labs Employees would be held October 21<sup>st</sup> from 11:00 to 2:00 pm and a request for membership help was made.

Pearl Maestas spoke about the upcoming Health Fair on October 27<sup>th</sup>. She spoke about last year's results and what she was hoping for this year. She also asked for membership help in running the booth.

A new banner is to be hung at MMPBC and it is hoped that it will bring in additional members. John Kimbrough is in the process of setting up training sessions at various indoor locations. Penny Forgette volunteered to help train at Cesar Chavez on Thursday evenings.

Additional indoor venues will open the week of October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please review the information on the website. It was noted that the courts at Desert Ridge will not be ready for play this coming week, but should be ready for the following week.

Please check all your indoor supplies for forms and first aid kits (Joel passed out at the beginning of the year). Forms can be found on the website. Gretchen if you need ice packs.

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Club accomplishments since last published in June were noted as:

- 8/8 pot luck, meeting and rain out
- 8/10 Sandia Open House #1 at MMPBC with 21 new players from the Labs participating
- 9/9 Referee clinic at MMPBC
- 9/9 Paddle donation drop off netting 22 paddles for training and outreach purposes
- 9/22-24 NM Games with Dion's Lunch and Papa Felipe's Dinner
- 9/30 CPR training at MMMGC
- 10/2 Technology Leadership HS support of training pickleball and lending paddles and balls
- 10/10 In support of NM Olympics, went to Las Vegas NM to demonstrate and teach pickleball
- 10/19 Presented pickleball to McKinley Neighborhood Association
- Ongoing: Continued training at MMPBC, moved advanced training from Wednesday Evenings at MMPBC to Thursdays at 11:00 am at RGSCC. Coordinated openings of new venues and times at Los Vecinos, Hoover, Cesar Chavez, LBJ and Desert Ridge.

New business included replacing the bags of some of the portable nets, purchasing painters tape, laminating the latest posters created by M'Lee Beazley, ordering additional nets (both for the standards and new portables) and voting on the PHCC Holiday partnership:

- Approved Painter's Tape Purchase
- Approved replacing (7) portable net bags
- Approved buying (3) new portable nets once Desert Ridge is opened
- Approved having the posters laminated
- Gary is to look at what, if any, additional nets for the standards he has stored before a purchase is made
- Approved PHCC and Club Partnership, Ken Lloyd to head Club committee

Also, it was mentioned that the West parking lot lights at MMPBC are not sufficient for safety. It was requested that Gary speak with the City Parks and Rec. to see what could be done.

Gretchen mentioned that she would need at least one week's notice for requests for monies to be paid out of the club's account for the Paradise Hills partnership.

Next meeting will be December 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at Jerry Cline Tennis Complex

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.