

**ABQ PICKLEBALL CLUB
MINUTES for OPEN MEETING
2.13.18**

LOCATION: Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center (MMMC)

ATTENDEES: Executive Team: Gary Rutherford (also Cesar Chavez), John Kimbrough, Ron Farmer, Nancy Lesicka, Joyce Montoya

Managing Council: Dale Reynolds (Los Vecinos), Elaine Huisman (Manzano Mesa), Neville Fridge (Raymond G), Susan Forgham (for Jim Forgham, Hoover), Staci Towery (Desert Ridge), Margie Allen (Paradise Hills), Nabil Merhi (Roosevelt)

Other: Josh Towery, Joel Mahoney

Meeting called to order

Minutes from last Open Meeting passed out/reviewed

MOTION: that the minutes from the last Open Meeting being accepted as presented
MOTION SECONDED
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

SENIOR AFFAIRS

Joel Mahoney (880.2800); imahoney@cabq.gov; City of ABQ Senior Affairs

- Albuquerque Senior Affairs signs for APS schools providing the liability insurance
- Gary (President) meets with school rep, paperwork/beurocracy, then approved, then VCs get involved
- RSVP - retired volunteer program for venue coordinators in the schools- benefits for city to help, background checks; RSVP helps us, also helps city, Do not need RSVP for county or community center facilities, just for schools If someone gets hurt, form to fill out, basic form/info (what happened, who, witness, police called or not, etc.); not all VCs have the form so need to get forms to them
- City and County facilities cover their own liability.
- Joel only signs off on schools

Gary commented membership is now over 600; Dale suggested we need to set a new goal !

FINANCIAL REPORT – NANCY LESICKA, TREASURER

- Got with Gretchen for turnover from last year including Reconciliation statement, Profit & Loss Statement, Revenue/Expenses for 2017
- December 2017: balance is \$5706.28 as of 12.31.17
- January 2018: balance is \$5706.28 as of 1.28.18 - no changes
- February 2018: had some income from Feb tourney, some expenses; balance is \$5677.16 as of 2.13.18
- Nancy mentioned a \$100 spending limit mentioned but not clear if there is a time frame (i.e. cannot spend more than \$100 in a week or month) or if the limit is per item; others weighed in and believe it was per item
- Nancy mentioned there is a form for expense reimbursement and passed out a couple copies

MOTION: that EB members can spend up to \$100 per item without having to come to MC for approval

MOTION SECONDED

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

TOURNAMENTS

- 2.3 - ladder tourney, 4 days notice, 90 participants !
- 2.24 - Los Vecinos, 6 - 2.5s, 12 - 3.0s, doubles, round robin play, signup on website; would like refs from ref committee, only 3 courts, \$7 registration fee; reach out to Penny for some commitments; good tourney to get experience . . . playing and reffing
- 3.2 - dink tourney, 2.5/3.0, first 14 to register, Hoover Middle School; 6-8 pm, free
- 3.9 - Venue Challenge, mixed doubles, one each 3.0/3.5 per venue, Cesar Chavez, 4 courts

MOTION: that there be no repeats if you won previously

MOTION SECONDED

DISCUSSION – many opinions, most not in favor of restrictions; too hard to keep track of who played with whom last time, at what level, etc.

NEW MOTION: that there be no restrictions

MOTION SECONDED

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

- 3.17 - Green Ladder (St. Patrick's Day); MMMC all 18 courts, men/women/mixed by skill level, come with a partner, move up/down with partner, ~2 hours per level
- 4.28/29 - Senior Affairs, 50+ skills, registration deadline 4.20/21, signup with partner
- 7.18-20 – Senior Affairs Senior Olympics, we run the tourney, provide refs (us and other clubs); want at MMMC; lots of discussion about certified refs . . . not a trivial effort
- 11.?? – Senior Affairs tourney

MOTION: to hold a club sponsored tournament across Labor Day Weekend, 9.1 through 9.3, at MMMC

MOTION SECONDED

DISCUSSION – cost will be \$500 per day to rent MMMC, will have to pay for insurance, shirts, medals **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

MOTION: to hold the NM Games tournament 10.12 to 10.14, at MMMC

MOTION SECONDED

DISCUSSION – we should expect to lose high end players due to other venues (Fall Brawl, Huntsman Games); however, it could be boon with Balloon Fiesta; consider starting later in day to deconflict with Balloon Fiesta; folks from around the country come to test the waters, would be good to see others from other parts of country; Date dependant on approval from NM Games Director.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

REFEREES

- 4.7 - training, 12-2:30 at MMMC
- there are some new rules to train on and make sure refs are aware of
- Neville shared purpose of Ref Committee . . . grow pool of referees available, NOT to provide referees for every tourney
- **ACTION:** Dale to post/advertise on website
- **ACTION:** Neville to provide blurb to Dale

OTHER

- Possibly a new indoor venue (Joyce); Eubank and Paseo, just north of Paseo; would be a “bubble type structure” like some of the early Casinos around ABQ; would be available to rent; talking about 6 courts, clear, covered, sides could be rolled up/down
- Hazel - paid position with city, coordinator for the National Senior Games scheduled for 6.14.19 to 6.28.19; 19 sports, 12000 athletes, venues all over ABQ; pickleball has been indoor in past, but likely at MMMC for these games; Nabil explained that it has been decided that for sure; pickleball spread across 12 days; there will be some experts from National but need a lot of help from us/our club
- 3rd Shot Sports - Rick coming 3.20/21, most private lesson spots filled
- Tourney Styles - questionnaire way back, need to update, use website, see what people prefer
- Lockbox - bad news, city not ok with drilling into concrete to permanently mount; too risky to lock something to fence, too easy for someone to steal/cut fence and take box; everyone okay with keeping at desk at MMMC
- Supplies needed - have credits to use to buy more balls; need different types for different skill levels, indoor/outdoor
ACTION: Gary will buy using credits, jugs various colors (orange and green)
- Greeters at venues, MMMC in particular, would like to create committee to coordinate
- Ratings Committee
 - need for tourneys
 - need for different nets to keep play competitive
 - Richie Spangler volunteered to lead effort
 - grade everyone who plays, send out sheet, set up time at MMMC for folks to come and get rated or “challenge” rating assigned
 - Nabil to help
- Los Volcanos – would like to stay as part of Club
- Bernalillo – would like to stay on website -no venue coordinator
- South Valley – they provide all own stuff like Bernalillo-no venue coordinator
- 4.5 - Santa Fe Indian School, Sr. Olympics, train new players, \$200 to Club; Gary will be there

NEXT/FUTURE MEETINGS

-every two months

-Jerry Cline

-looking at first week in April -4.6 Friday at 3:30