

**ABQ PICKLEBALL CLUB
MINUTES for OPEN MEETING
4.6.18**

LOCATION: JERRY CLINE TENNIS CENTER

ATTENDEES:

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

Managing Council: Dale Reynolds (Los Vecinos), Ruth Madrid (Sandia Prep, proxy Manzano Mesa), Jim Fordham (Hoover), Neville Fridge (Raymond G), Kathy Baca (Paradise Hills), Roger Marston (Wells park)

Others: Gretchen (Tournament Committee), Susan Fordham, Kris Stichman, Ron Bean, Melinda Bean

Meeting called to order 3:33

Minutes from last Open Meeting passed out/reviewed

MOTION: that the minutes from the last Open Meeting be accepted as presented

MOTION SECONDED

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MEMBERSHIP: Gary reported that we now have 633 members

FINANCIAL REPORT – NANCY LESICKA, TREASURER

- April 2018: balance is \$5840.52

TOURNAMENTS - RECAP

- 2.24: Los Vecinos 2.5, 3.0 tourney; coordination with Los Vecinos Management who provided food and shirts; 34 participants
- 3.7: Day Venue tourney at Cesar Chavez; 6 venues, 1 mixed 3.0 team and 1 mixed 3.5 team each; medals awarded to: ○ Gold – Los Vecinos ○ Silver – Cesar Chavez ○ Bronze – Manzano Mesa
- 3.17: Doubles Ladder tourney, men's and women's doubles in morning; 72 participants, mixed in afternoon (76 participants)

- 3.20–22: Third Shot Sports skill level appropriate private lessons
- 4.5: Indian Game Day, pickleball training for 32 participants from the pueblos in/around Santa Fe
- Two-night venue dink tourneys were advertised but due to low registration both were cancelled.

TOURNAMENTS - FUTURE

- 4.7: Ref training tomorrow...discussion about better advertising...not open to all but to selected persons who have expressed interest in refereeing...trainees will get handbook and rule book...Nancy/Neville to check with Penny at training tomorrow about maybe providing a “ref head” for upcoming tourneys
- 4.28-29: Need referee head for 50+ skills tourney, 8:00 start, discussed that referee committee is about training refs, NOT actually being in charge of providing refs
- 6.8-10: NM Games date changed from October...ok with date change
- 6.11: Scott Moore training...wants two hours for 3.0 & two hours for 3.5+...\$65 per hour
- 7.18-20: NM Senior Olympics
- 9.1-3: ABQPC First Annual Tournament...\$35 early entry fee, \$45 after August 1-ish...buttons for bags...Gretchen working sponsors...two at \$250 so far...hoping for \$2500-3000...entry fees for: medals (400-500), insurance (334), court rental (maybe, 500 per day unless exception approved), t-shirts (500-600)...\$1500+ to club...

MOTION: that \$2000 be budgeted for this “First Annual High Flying something-or-other” tournament

MOTION SECONDED

DISCUSSION: would like to look at what exactly the proposed insurance covers; how to get other coverage such as USAPA; need the insurance provider to answer some questions...later in April; Gary mentioned that the city would have to approve...later this month

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

- 11.17-18: Last scheduled tourney for the year, Senior Affair Tournament. Possibly Roosevelt Middle School or Domingo Baca area (six courts in a bubble, converted tennis courts)

- Discussed 2019 Senior Games, ABQ Pickleball Club are the coordinators for the city, 75+ indoors, other ages outdoors, also start with younger ages, across 12 days

DISCUSSION TOPICS

- Club status is through NMSSF...club does not currently rent any facilities, so we do not have any authority to say who can play or not...also do not have any liability...to date city runs events at various venues and we just provide someone to coordinate and facilitate the activity
- It is not clear if insurance would cover venue coordinators...as part of management council, which governs PB but as an “affiliate of NMSSF”
- Responding to questions about the exact nature of the relationship between the club and the NMSSF, Nancy Lesicka (treasurer) stated that she did not currently have the documentation need to provide a full response, and undertook to work to obtain it from the NMSSF."
- The executive committee obtained local insurance estimates from insurers in Albuquerque and Ruidoso. The costs for Directors and Officers Insurance were approximately \$550. The Ruidoso insurer estimated total liability insurance at approximately \$2,700.

MOTION: to table discussion about insurance for Club and Club Leadership

MOTION SECONDED

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTIONS:

- Investigate options including creating a NM nonprofit
- Neville Fridge and Jim Forgham volunteered to continue researching how best to minimize the liabilities to which the club's members, volunteers and officials may be exposed, to support an ongoing, more informed discussion of these issues.

Leagues:

- Manzano Mesa Doubles League Activities - Stacie Barron to Lead...create teams within skill level...passed out example of what a day with four teams might look like...VCs to pitch to venues...trying on

May 5th...four teams already set up for first go...play round-robin for four weeks

Sandwich Boards:

- 18x24 costs \$52
- 24x36 costs \$152, dry erase

MOTION: that one sandwich board be bought for MMMC

MOTION SECONDED

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Open Houses:

- SNL not so good...college one even worse...need more/better advertising...Gary to coordinate with ABQ Journal paper...late May after school lets out and school venues close

Combined Rating/Training

- Led by 4.5/5.0 players...play with multiple raters/teachers...looking at mid-May or later...Richie and Nabil to rate...Nancy suggested "donations" of say \$5...

Code of Conduct

- Complaint that some players are not allowing others to play with them...not nice but really can't do anything about...these are outside public courts (i.e. city courts) so there is nothing the Managing Council or Executive Board can do...agreed that we not allow this type of unsportsmanlike conduct to spill onto indoor courts...no formal action for anyone

Next Meeting

- Prefer to continue meeting at Jerry Cline Tennis Center
- Possibly keep at every other month, no final decision.
- Need to make progress on insurance questions and then decide when to meet again

ABQ Pickleball Club

Activities February 3 – April 6, 2018

Feb 3: Non-Partner skill ladder individual, 4.0+ individual net championships. 90 players

Feb 24: Los Vecinos 2.5, 3.0 tournament. Coordination with Los Vecinos Management, who provided food and shirts. 34 Players

March 7: Day Venue Tournament at Cesar Chavez. 6 venues, 1 mixed 3.0 team and 1 mixed 3.5 team each. Medals: Gold to Los Vecinos, Silver to Cesar Chavez and Bronze to Manzano Mesa.

Two-night venue dink tournaments were advertised; however, there were not enough registrants for the activities, so they were cancelled.

March 17th: Doubles Ladder Tourney, Men's and Women's in morning (72 participants), mixed in afternoon (76 participants).

March 20-2: Coordinated with Third Shot Sports for pickleball clinics that were done in Albuquerque from March 20-22nd.

April 5th: Indian Game Day: Pickleball training for 32 signups from the Pueblos in Santa Fe.

Multiple time periods: Coordinating with Hazel Tull-Leach, Executive Director, City of Albuquerque, 2019 Senior Games and David Jordan, former USAPA Director, 2019 Senior Games regarding lighting and facilities for the games. Club is the coordinators for the city.