

ABQ PICKLEBALL CLUB
MINUTES for MANAGING COUNCIL MEETING
12-15-18

LOCATION: Jerry Cline Tennis Complex

ATTENDEES:

Executive Team: Gary Rutherford, Joyce Montoya, John Kimbrough, Nancy Lesicka

VCs:

Gary Rutherford (President, Cesar Chavez)

Nancy Lesicka (Treasurer, Raymond Sanchez)

John Kimbrough (VP, Manzano Mesa)

Nabil Merhi (Roosevelt)

Abby Maness (Paradise Hills)

TJ Janet (Paradise Hills)

Sharon Lurix (Desert Ridge)

Carmen Montoya (Alamosa)

Michelle Henderson (Thomas Bell)

Dale Reynolds (Communications Advisor, Los Vecinos)

Roger Marston (Wells Park)

Jim Forgham (Hoover)

VISITORS:

Joe Martellaro (Paradise Hills/Referee Committee)

Linda Martellaro (Paradise Hills/Referee Committee)

Gopal Rao (Policy Advisor)

Arlene Lichtenstein

GENERAL TOPICS:

1. Election Results 2019 Executive Committee – Gopal Rao
 - a. Joyce Montoya
 - b. John Kimbrough
 - c. Gary Rutherford
 - d. Karen Schoepke
 - e. Nancy Lesicka
2. Opening Comments:
 - a. Minutes from last meeting approved and will be posted on ABQ Pickleball.com website
 - b. Current Membership – 736
3. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. **Current Bank Balance: \$9,639.26**

- b. Expected End of Year Expense Reimbursements (7 Nets Purchased from Members and Porta-Potty charges) \$504.33
 - c. Expected PNM Donations from Evelin Wheeler, Kathy Baca & Linda Montoya – \$800.00
 - d. **Expected cash position at Year End - \$9,934.93**
 - e. ABQ Pickleball Labor Day Tournament income after expenses netted the Club \$3,431.94
4. NM Senior Sports Foundation changes which affect the Club's Non-Profit and Financial Status:
- a. The current Executive Director of NMSSF is retiring in March 2019.
 - b. If a new Director is not named the Foundation will disband and return the Club's cash and leave us without Federal Non-Profit Status.
 - c. General Discussion was held concerning registering ABQ PICKLEBALL as a **NM Non-Profit**. It was voted and agreed to implement. Nancy Lesicka and Jim Forgham volunteered to be on the committee that works on getting the designation and looks at whether the club should be an independent 501-c3.
5. 2019 Partnered Tournaments:
- a. ABQ Senior Affairs April (6th & 7th) and October – Club to pay \$100 to advertise these on PB Tournaments.com
 - b. No NM Sr. Olympics as Nationals will take its place in ABQ this year
 - c. NM Games yet to be scheduled (Before or after the Nationals?) Nabil thought the weekend before could bring in more National Qualifying players from out of state who may otherwise skip coming to the National Games) Discussion held, no determination decided
 - d. National Senior Games June 14-25th . Gary is working to have the monies from the national contract go directly to the the ABQ PB Club. Volunteers will be needed
 - e. Labor Day Club tournament was a success and will be continued
6. Referee Committee Report – Joe Martellaro
- a. Joe stated the goals of the Referee Committee as
 - 1. Involve interested people who do not necessarily play in tournaments.
 - 2. Train those interested in refereeing
 - 3. Increase the knowledge of current referees for better competency
 - b. 2018 accomplishments
 - 1. 3 training classes held –one class going over rules, 1 combination of classwork and hands-on practice in the Gym at Manzano Mesa; and one session of hands-on practice only. Feedback from participants was very positive for on-court training and will be

continued in 2019. A total of 44 people went through the training classes.

2. A Master List of Referees was developed and referees participating in our major tournaments were tracked to provide tournament committee with a working list of referee volunteers.
 3. Gopal suggested we have a short feedback form for tournament players to identify referees who are both doing a great job and those who may need more practice or direction.
 4. The club will provide pins, or some sort of wearable recognition to people who have gone through the class and/or shown competency in refereeing.
7. Venue Coordinator discussion held on concerns/needs of each Venue – Ladder mini-tournaments are being held at Desert Ridge, Hoover and RGS and there has been positive feedback on these. Alamosa would like support to increase numbers at this new venue.
 8. New VCs were directed by Dale where to go on website to acquire all necessary VC forms and instructions to update Shutterfly Calendar
 9. Joyce suggested a Fun Tournament be held in the Evening this summer to accommodate those who are still employed. She also noted that the Training and Challenge court play held this summer was a success. It was mostly attended by 3.5 players, but there were some 4.0's who also improved their skills. Appreciation to Joyce, Stacie, Andrew, and Greg for volunteering their time and efforts.
 10. The following was a handout of Activities during 2018:

CLUB ACTIVITIES IN ADDITION TO VENUE OPERATIONS in 2018

1. Feb 3: Non Partner ladder tournament, 4.0+individual net championships 90 participants
2. Feb 24: Los Vecinos 2.5/3.0 tournament coordinated with the county 34 players
3. March 7th: Day Venue Tournament at Cesar Chavez, 6 venues competed 3.0 teams
4. March 17th: Doubles Ladder Tourney, Mens and Womens in the morning, mixed in the afternoon, 76 participants
5. March 20-2: Coordinated with 3rd shot sports for training at Manzano Mesa for those who wished to sign up
6. April 5th: Indian Game Day in Santa Fe, Club introduced and trained 32 signups for several pueblos
7. Ongoing meetings with the for the Nationals, including testing out temporary lighting at Manzano Mesa Courts.-Gary Rutherford named as Local Coordinator for the games.
8. Ongoing Leagues-Stacie Barron organized 9 teams in the 3.5 skill rating to play through the summer(at any one play there are men, women and mixed doubles teams). Feedback has been excellent.
9. The men's and women's singles leagues did not draw significant interest with the exception of women's 3.5.

10. Coordinated the April 28th and 29th Senior Affairs 50+ Skill Tournament(Skill level)-132 participants. Email from Senior Affairs to thank the Club and recommend that city agencies coordinate their pickleball activities with the Club.
11. Trained Abq Parks and Recreation in pickleball so they could teach kids through their summer program
12. Coordinated the June 8-10, NM Game(skill level)-125 participants; received thanks from NM Games for coordinating the tournament.
13. Started RSVP programs at Roosevelt-venue coordinators at schools become city volunteers
14. June 10-11th Scott Moore pickleball training was performed after the tournament.
15. June 13th National's downtown year-out ceremony-the club had a pickleball demonstration and Mayor Keller participated in a pickleball game.
16. July 14th referee committee performed training of approximately 18 people, coming from as far as Farmington. It was greatly appreciated during the NM Senior Olympics when 18 referees were needed for approximately 5+ continuous hours for 3 straight days.
17. July 18-20th Coordinated New Mexico Senior Olympics(age tournament-qualifier for National's). There were 249 players, 17 from out-of-state, for three days.
18. Coordinated with many of the indoor venues to put pickleball on their schedules for summer, fall and winter play. Schedules were expanded at some venues, the schools use was coordinated.
19. Club was applied for and received an AED from Lovelace which provided training.
20. Aug 4-8 Veterans Golden Age Games- Coordinated with the Veterans Administration and provided many referees to assist with the games
21. Aug 23-6th Andy G did advance training for pickleball players
22. August 25th Ladder Tournament-at manzano mesa had over 70 participants
23. Purchase of ABQ Pickleball Club Directors and Officers Insurance
24. Sep-Oct coordinated with charter school in loaning paddles and balls for student training.
25. September 1-3 First Club Tournament-Labor Day Classic-155 participants
26. Rented Port-a-Potties for Manzano Mesa use from Sep 1-Nov 26th
27. Net purchase program \$171 for 4 nets and payment of \$200 for 4 member nets was requested. Another net was donated.
28. Opened new pickleball activities at Thomas Bell and Alamosa Community Centers
29. October 8-10-Worked with ABQ Parks and Recreation in providing a pickleball open house for balloon fiesta attendees
30. October 20-first tag team doubles tournament-50 players
31. October 27th-Coordinated CPR/AED Class
32. Nov 17/18- coordinated the Meet and Compete at Roosevelt Gym, approximately 70 participants
33. Dec 4-tested doubles ladder in Desert Ridge-16 players-worked well
34. Working with Don Newsome Taylor Ranch Community Center to show Jr High age pickleball. Also, to begin Friday night pickleball.
35. Referee committee had several trainings (and continues to) not included here.
36. Local Coordinator of National Games involving several meetings-club will become a significant part of games.

Next Meeting scheduled for 1pm January 19, 2019 at Jerry Cline Tennis Complex.