

ABQ PICKLEBALL CLUB
MINUTES for MANAGING COUNCIL MEETING
7.27.18

LOCATION: Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center

ATTENDEES:

Executive Team: Gary Rutherford, John Kimbrough, Ron Farmer

Gary Rutherford (President, Cesar Chavez, Desert Ridge)

Penny Forgette (LBJ)

Ruth Madrid (Sandia Prep)

Margie Allen (Paradise Hills)

Elaine Huisman(Manzano Mesa)

Nabil Merhi (Roosevelt)

Jim Forgham (Hoover)

Neville Fridge (Raymond G Sanchez)

Roger Marston (Wells Park)

Dale Reynolds (Los Vecinos, Communications Advisor)

Gopal Rao (Policy Advisor)

John Kimbrough (Veep)

Ron Farmer (Secretary)

General Public

Joe Martellaro (referee committee)

Linda Martellaro

John Reich

Cheryl Reich

Stacie Barron(leagues)

Chowdee Tsurini

Frank Grael

GENERAL TOPICS:

1. Gary called to order – 672 members !

2. Gopal – intro of new members / round table
 - a. great news about growth
 - b. tourney participation
 - c. thx for service
 - d. great ref training comments
 - e. suggest renting port-a-potties for MMMC during summer ?
 - f. local venue logistics . . . net baskets
 - g. bravo to Staci for league progress
 - h. Neville offered to prepare presentation on By-laws at next meeting
 - i. thank you from new member-very warm reception when showed up 3 weeks ago
 - j. lots of room to grow wrt tournaments regarding services provided, especially when compared to other venues in NM

k. recognize we are at the whim of whoever is running the tournament (when run by other than ABQPB Club)

ACTION: send email to Gary with what did not go well so he can communicate to NMSSF (or whoever), next 7 days

MINUTES REVIEW

-any changes . . . nope
-current insurance quotes (handout from Gary)

MOTION: to approve minutes with additional comments by Gary . . . **APPROVED**

TREASURER's REPORT: Gary
\$5324 IN BANK

TOURNAMENTS UPDATE (handout from Gary)

1. Leagues update (handout from Stacie Barron)
 - a. results from first league this summer
 - b. thinking about starting fall league
 - c. would like more levels, but need at least three teams at a level
 - d. lots of positive feedback
 - e. need some minor tweaks

2. Referee committee; 240 players at NMSO, tons of refs showed up so well done
 - a. reiterated mission statement
 - b. 5 meetings to date
 - c. 2 training clinics to date; would like 4 per year
 - d. 32 at Senior Affairs (May)
 - e. 37 at NM State Games (June)
 - f. 62 at NMSO (July); great growth but not what needed
 - g. NM State Ambassador (Patrick Quist) willing to help; said you must pay refs; extra \$10 entry fee for tourney; \$5/\$7 per board depending on certification; significant growth in participation
 - h. talked about using "sign-up genius" link; could help with planning
 - i. communicate with partners running tourneys; extra fee ahead of time maybe
 - j. some feedback about using all refs who volunteer to avoid some getting frustrated
 - k. questions about clinic format; someone recommended follow-ups to ensure learning took place

3. NMSSF picking up SEP 1-3 tourney but we get all proceeds; \$36/day rental fee (vice 10x that)

MOTION: to have tourney late August . . . **APPROVED**

ACTION: various venues to publish opening dates on website Shutterfly as they

become available

MOTION: to NOT have another open house; let membership grow . . . **APPROVED**

4. Gary provided update for Nationals next summer

5. Golden Age Games - refs are needed. Games are 8/4 thru 8/8.

6. Change in rating system - discussion was held on what ratings, if any we should have for the club members. If you are a USAPA member, your rating can be obtained by playing in tournaments that are utilizing Pickleball Tournaments.com sign-ups. Nabil volunteered to head up a committee to rate members locally who want to obtain a rating.

7. AED - heart defibrillator equipment can be provided along with training if we want. Adeline is heading up this endeavor. Motion made to proceed and passed.

MOTION: to procure AED and training . . . **APPROVED**

8. Insurance - still being pursued; other clubs contacted and rates they are getting are \$300-350 for directors and officers and \$420 for total liability.

9. Junior High School Classes

MOTION: to continue providing/lending training paddles . . . **APPROVED**

10. Corrales court painting

MOTION: to continue painting courts . . . **APPROVED**

11. Good Will Box Fund Raiser - Neville will head up this fund raiser. Possible West vs East competition.

12. New Topics - Have City place recycle bins at the MMMC courts.

13. Adjourned at 6:00 pm without next meeting set.

Listing of other activities since last meeting:

- Tournaments/Activities from April 6th to July 27th, 2018
 - 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.
 - The men's and women's singles leagues did not draw significant interest with the exception of women's 3.5.

- 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.
- Coordinated the June 8-10, NM Game(skill level)-125 participants; received thanks from NM Games for coordinating the tournament.
- June 10-11th Scott Moore training was performed after the tournament.
- June 13th National's downtown year-out ceremony-the club had a pickleball demonstration and Mayor Keller participated in a pickleball game.
- 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.
- Coordinated the July 18-20th New Mexico Senior Olympics(age tournament-qualifier for National's). There were 249 players, 17 from out-of-state, for three days.
- Coordinated with many of the indoor venues to put pickleball on their schedules for summer, fall and winter play.