

ABQ Pickleball Club
Managing Council Meeting Minutes

The January 19,2019 meeting, held at Jerry Cline, was called to order at 1:03PM.

In attendance:

Gary Rutherford (Cesar Chavez)
Karen Schoepke (Hoover)
Sharon Lurix, (Desert Ridge)
Linda Martellaro (PHCC guest)
Joe Martellaro (PHCC, co-chair Referee Committee)
Belinda Gallegos (Los Duranes)
Jim Forgham (Hoover)
Nabil Merhi (Roosevelt)
John Cordova (LBJ)
TJ Janet (PHCC)
Penny Forgette (LBJ/Alamosa)
Nancy Lesicka, (Raymond G. Sanchez)
Shirley Justice (Manzano Mesa)
John Montañó (Manzano Mesa)
John Kimbrough (Member At Large)
Joyce Paulsen (President)
Abby Maness (RHCC)
Roger Marston (Wells)
Tonnie Doose
Karen Schoepke (Hoover)

Joyce welcomed everyone and introduced the Executive Board.

Joyce Paulsen, President
Gary Rutherford, Vice President
Nancy Lesicka, Treasurer
John Kimbrough, Member At Large
Karen Schoepke, Secretary

Sharon made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Gary seconded. A vote was taken- unanimous decision to approve.

Nancy gave a financial update. As of 12-31-18 the Club had \$9581.11, with one outstanding bill. As of January 19, 2019, the balance is \$9287.19. She added the Labor Day Tournament was very successful having made \$3649.34.

TJ from PHCC bought a label maker and batteries. He requested reimbursement. There was discussion making requests to a Board member for prior approval for anything up to \$100 before making a purchase. The group was informed anything over \$100 needs a whole Council vote. TJ's label maker purchase was approved for reimbursement.

Joyce asked venue coordinators to email any suggestions for improvements. She also reminded venue coordinators the paperwork for venue coordinators is contained on the club website as needed for distribution at their sites.

Gary and Jim Forgham amended the Pickleball Club Waiver. Gary made a copy of that waiver for each venue coordinator to use going forward for new members.

Joyce proposed listing the level of play at each venue. There was discussion on adding that information to the website/ calendar to assist out of town players, as well as new pickle ball players, to choose a venue which may be suitable for their ability level. Penny proposed making that an option if a venue felt impelled to do so. Nabil suggested that it be stated that everyone is welcome at any venue. Joyce asked venue coordinators to send her their posting to her, if they chose to do so.

Joyce proposed Manzano Mesa having a venue coordinator, or several venue coordinators so they would have voting power. After discussion, that was tabled.

As of March 2019, the ABQ Pickleball Club may lose their 501c 3. There was some discussion on obtaining Federal nonprofit status. Penny made a motion the Club obtain federal and nm nonprofit status. Gary seconded. A vote was taken-unanimous decision. Note: The vote Penny brought up on obtaining was specifically for 501c3 status(federal)-the nm nonprofit status had already been unanimously approved (and in the minutes) during the December meeting.

Upcoming tournaments:

April 6-7 Senior 50's Tourney

May 3-5 NM Games

June 15-26 Nationals

Aug. 31-Sept. 2: Club's Labor Day Tourney

Oct. 19-20 Compete-n-Meet (Senior Affairs will assist.)

Note: The NM Games tourney the club will try sanctioning the tourney for 4.0+ and above only. If it goes well, we will do the same at our club Labor Day tourney as well.

Months without tourneys are open for each venue to coordinate site-based events as well as the club putting something together as well.

Monthly counts: Rosalie is retiring. Kathy B is taking over. Send counts to Kathy Baca kathybaca08@gmail.com

Joyce discussed the need for monthly venue cleaning. Nabil suggested a schedule of cleaning dates to provide for the city. More info to come on this.

Good news: The city is paying for lights at six more courts at Manzano Mesa. This will be done before Nationals in June.

Porta potties: Penny motioned that a porta potty be funded starting in March, with an additional to be added as outdoor play grew. Nancy seconded the motion. A vote was taken-unanimous decision.

National Senior Games

Gary will be the contact person. Joyce stressed the need for every pickleball member playing a role for Nationals and encouraged venue coordinators to begin soliciting help.

Gary added the following information:

1. Refs \$5.00 non-certified, \$10.00 certified.
2. Software: Pickleball Tournaments will need breaks. They will train volunteers how to maneuver their system. The club really needs members to learn this system to assist for nationals as well as the club for tournaments in general.
3. Check In, Hospitality, Hydration/Food, Grounds' attendees (reporting clean up, etc.)

Note: A volunteer sign-up sheet was passed out and we are asking all VC's to talk to their venue members and get members signing up. Asking the VC's to submit the list to Joyce asap. Email list to healthyjoyce@gmail.com.

There is a Website to volunteer for Nationals and you can volunteer for specific sports. Sign up at your earliest convenience. www.nsga.com

Penny asked how the Club would get in contact with the 2/3 of the members who are not currently active. She also suggested we reach out to other NM clubs for their assistance with Nationals. Finally, she suggested some uniformity for ABQ Pickleball Club and will look into hats and visors. Penny volunteered to research costs and bring info to next managing council meeting.

Open Discussion

Penny invited everyone to Alamosa Wednesdays from 5:30-7:45PM. She requested a net for Alamosa and one for LBJ.

Belinda wondered why Los Duranes did not allow nets to be kept at venue. Gary informed all that was against city policy and they're not allowed to do so.

Sharon asked if it was necessary to sweep Desert Ridge after playing. Penny stated we need to stay in the good graces of the public schools.

There is a Pickleball Camp April 12-14 and 15-17. Each venue coordinator will receive information to post at their venue.

Belinda made a motion to purchase 6 bags. Penny seconded the motion. A vote was taken-unanimous decision. There are two nets which need attention. John Kimbrough is going to see if he can use a leather punch to secure them. If not, they will need to be replaced. The club has two extra nets that will replace the ones that were needed. So, at this point the club will not be purchasing any additional nets.

Joyce has a friend who is pitching courts with a retractable ceiling at Paseo/Eubank. Gary and Joyce will speak with him. This would be a private pickleball club. More info to come on this.

Nancy suggested giving back to the community. Perhaps a tourney with proceeds to benefit some cause. Penny suggested a food drive tourney, bringing canned goods to play.

Next MC meeting is planned for early March.

2:38 PM the meeting adjourned.