

ABQ Pickleball Club Managing Council
Meeting Minutes: Thursday, February 28, 2019

6:00PM Joyce called the meeting to order.

Those in attendance:

Nancy Lesicka (Treasurer, RGS, D. Ridge)
Dale Reynolds (Communications, Los Vecinos)
Loretta Cordova (Thomas Bell)
Nabil Mehri (Roosevelt)
Michelle Henderson (Alamosa)
Penny Forgette (LBJ)
Shirley Justice (MM)
John Montano (MM)
Jim Forgham (Hoover)
Chris MacDonnald (Los Vecinos)
Kris Stichman (Los Vecinos)
Penny Dever-Reynolds (Los Vecinos)
Nance Shibley
Roger Marston (Wells Park)
Gary Rutherford (CC)
Karen Schoepke (Hoover)
John Kimbrough (At large)
Belinda Gallegos (Los Duranes)

Penny Forgette motioned to accept the minutes from the last meeting. Gary Rutherford seconded. A vote was taken and accepted unanimously.

Nancy Lesicka reported the Club's balance \$8919.33. She added that \$215.00 was acquired through end of the year donations. She informed the group of the official nonprofit status with the state of New Mexico and she was submitting application for 501C3. She and Gretchen Denman were thanked for their work in obtaining this status.

Gary Rutherford asked for a deadline for amending by laws now that our non-profit has been approved. He then reported that six more courts at Manzano Mesa should have lights by the end of March. New Mexico Games will be played in two parts. Sanctioned for 4.0 and above. 3.5 and below do not need to be USAPA members. Registration is open. The Games will be played May 3-5, 2019. (USAPA membership is \$20.00 per year.)

There is some hope that a drinking fountain will be installed in the southern end of the courts. The water from the Little League is not potable.

The Club's September Labor Day Tourney is set. 4.0 and above is sanctioned. Nabil suggested not sanctioning 3.5 and under. Penny Forgette suggested we poll people

after the two tourneys: NM Games/Labor Day by having someone stationed at the sign in table to take their votes as to whether 3.5 should be sanctioned.

A porta potty will be delivered on March 1, 2019. John will put a lock on it. The combination to the lock will be on the back side of the AED paper on Court 9. The Club is paying \$94.00 a month for the porta potty.

Joyce Paulsen announced 1034 players have signed up for Nationals. There is concern over the number of courts needed, especially as there are still weeks left for registering. The City is looking into Sandia High School. Some seniors will be playing indoors, and wooden floor gyms are preferred. ABQPickleball has 72 volunteers signed up to work Nationals, but more are needed. Penny F. suggested the member list be split up and Board and venue coordinators make phone calls. Dale Reynolds asked if registration was bringing in any volunteers. Nabil suggested sending emails in groups of 25. Dale reported only 40% of members are opening their emails. Nancy would like a list of those opening their emails to be tagged as committed members. John Montano suggested writing in the bylaws as a member of ABQ Pickleball you are expected to volunteer a certain number of hours per year. After discussion, venue coordinators were asked to approach everyone to encourage them to volunteer, read email and join email list, if they are not currently receiving emails.

AED/CPR Training: The AED machine will walk you through how to use it and all are asked to share that with members. John will call Rescue Rangers to provide training. Nancy suggested a first aid kit next to AED.

John asked if Manzano Mesa needed a venue coordinator. The biggest problem is the length of time the courts are available. There would need to be an AM and a PM coordinator. Penny D asked about a security officer patrolling the area. Gary mentioned the courts are not our property. Penny agreed to get quotes on what security would cost to patrol the area.

Credits for Club: Last year the Club obtained \$240.00 in credit with Pickleball.com. For every item purchased through the site, the Club obtains a percentage. We've used \$80.00. There is \$160.00 remaining. Gary is going to purchase balls.

Website addition: Joyce proposed adding a tab to the website titled Last Call: Court 19 as a way of honoring those players who have passed. Bios would be included. Dale questioned who would keep this up. She's willing to post the information, if players will provide it to her. The Club needs names of those who have passed. Dale asked whether the Club was doing anything for ill members. It was decided to keep Last Call: Court 19 for those who have passed. Nabil suggested naming tournaments for those who have passed. Ladder tourney with proceeds donated to a charity of choice. Nancy made a motion to vote on adding the Last Call tab on the website. Gary seconded. A vote was taken with a unanimous decision to add the tab.

New Mexico Senior Sports Foundation is looking for an Executive Officer and President. Venue coordinators should ask members if they're interested and create a list. Nabil recommended Ray Padilla. The NMSSF is responsible for basketball, shuffleboard, softball and pickleball.

Camps: There are two pickleball camps approaching. Venue coordinators should post flyers to make sure members are aware of them.

Outdoor balls: Manzano Mesa needs a way of collecting balls after play/end of day. A group to take them out in the morning and another group to bring them in at night is needed. John wants to create a pvc pipe to store balls on the court. He'd like to stamp the balls with the ABQ Pickleball logo. There was discussion as to whether that would adhere to the surface and remain. Joyce stressed retraining members that balls are to stay on the court.

Club shirts: Should we use Club funds to purchase merchandise for club members. Ideas: t shirts, car decals, magnets, pins. They could be given to players as a token of kindness from ABQ Pickleball.

Thank you: John and Chowdee repaired many of the Club's nets and were thanked for their efforts.

Nets/balls: Storage units are very expensive. Venue coordinators, of venues that are closing, are asked to store their venue's balls/nets until next year.

Los Duranes needs a venue coordinator, or they will have to end pickleball at that location on Saturdays.

Open Discussion

1. Nancy proposed having the Club sponsor a charity. She called the city and talked to Sarah. There are numerous opportunities for volunteering. She'd like us to partner with the City for One Albuquerque. Penny suggested collecting canned foods at venues and donating to Roadrunner Food Bank. Nancy is willing to be the liaison with the City. Belinda talked about collecting toys for needy children.
2. Penny brought handouts on Rules and Refing for venue coordinators. If anyone else needs a set, contact Penny Forgette.
3. Nabil received a spam email from Joyce asking for gift cards. He asked everyone to be careful because there are false emails being sent appearing to be from those with whom we are familiar.
4. Gary is working on a MOU with Parks and Rec. They've volunteered to help.
5. March 13 is a Refing Clinic at Alamosa.

6. Dale will add a button on website to volunteer for nationals. The emails will be sent to Joyce.

The next meeting is April 11, 2019 at 6:00PM at Jerry Cline.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38PM.