

ABQ PICKLEBALL CLUB MANAGING COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 25, 2019

ATTENDANCE:

Gary Rutherford: Vice President/Cesar Chavez/Desert Ridge  
TJ Janet: Paradise Hills/Ventana Ranch  
Carmen Montoya: Thomas Bell/Alamosa  
Nabil Merhi: Roosevelt  
Nancy Lesicka: Treasurer/Raymond G Sanchez/Los Duranes  
John Kimbrough: Executive Committee member at large  
Penny Forgette: LBJ  
Dale Reynolds: Los Vecinos  
Michael Seabrook: Manzano Mesa  
Ann Von Worley: Manzano Mesa

The ABQ Pickleball Club meeting was called to order at 6 PM on 25 July 2019. The first order of business was to determine who was to be in charge of the organization of referees for the Labor Day Tournament. Gary Rutherford nominated Joyce Paulsen, and Nancy Lesicka seconded the nomination. The vote was unanimous in approval. Nabil Merhi recommended that Joyce be sent a text so she could start the planning.

John Kimbrough moved to approve the minutes from the May meeting, and Nancy Lesicka seconded the motion. Approval was passed unanimously.

Nancy Lesicka gave the Treasurer's report. There was \$7,741 in the bank, with checks outstanding of \$1,500.56 (for equipment/medals for the Labor Day Tournament), and an outstanding deposit of \$1,650 (for the Club's work during the National Senior Games). One of the biggest expenses was the wrist bands and one of the bigger deposits was from the restaurant map developed by Nancy Lesicka and Neville Fridge (\$425, plus \$275 in gift cards).

National Senior Games did impact the pickleball courts in a permanent fashion. There are now 6 more lit courts, a water fountain and a shed. Gary met with the City regarding the shed use. They have approved putting canopies, tables, tournament equipment, paddles and balls in the first portion of the shed. They plan to provide Squeegees and brooms (possibly more). However, it will take at least two weeks for the City to modify the shed to include a back area locked for City storage. The Club will get one assigned key. After discussion, Gary agreed to meet with the City regarding the AED storage and the granting of more keys for Club use, or the Club being allowed to put a shed just outside the court fences.

The Scramble Tournament is expected to use 14 courts and is near full. Gary will ask the City for approval to reserve courts for the Doubles Ladder Tournament August 17th or 18th

The ABQ Pickleball Club Labor Day Tourney is not expected to have any more significant expenditures. Stacie Barron secured Franklin X balls for the Tournament at no cost. Gary met with the City and they

are looking into providing the porta potties, a large canopy, and people to take care of the players' water needs. PickleballTournaments.com had a glitch when they changed their software, and registration was closed for over a week. The error has been corrected and registrations are now continuing. Gary will coordinate an email with Dale to inform players that they can now successfully register. Refs will be given gift cards from local restaurants and monies from Tournament funds-but not be paid per matches. Karen will coordinate with a local restaurant for a social on Saturday. Gretchen and Gary will coordinate on Dion's and Jimmy Johns for lunch deliveries. We will need volunteers for taking food orders and also for organizing a raffle.

There was discussion of links to the USAPA website for skill levels and other news items. Dale will explore.

Discussion was terminated regarding the adding of camps and trainings to the website: no action was taken at this time.

Dale made a motion to approve renewal of Club Director and Officers Insurance to \$350, which was seconded by Carmen and approved unanimously. Gary will submit the form.

Albuquerque Parks and Recreation indicated in a meeting with Gary that in the future (unspecified) they will be looking for liability insurance that includes our small tournaments, training and leagues. Gary will get a cost estimate from our insurance company, both with and without the leagues on liability insurance for both the Club and the Albuquerque Parks and Recreation.

Ventana Ranch is developing a year-long ladder venue for Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. TJ Janet will coordinate and Joe Almodova will take his place as alternate at Paradise Hills. Players will sign a Club waiver (if they haven't already), but it will be advertised on Pickleballup and word of mouth rather than as a new venue.

Indoor venues will be updating shutterfly as soon as they have the times and information. In most cases, the day schedules (possible exception of Roosevelt) are expected to be a continuation of last year. Since Roosevelt has not been approved yet, the nets will be removed and PO Box with key discontinued. Paradise Hills goes to its regular schedule on August 5, Los Vecinos on August 12. Both Desert Ridge and Roosevelt have new principals, so we do not know our status. The evening schedule appears to be LBJ Middle School and Los Duranes on Mondays, Thomas Bell on Tuesdays, Alamosa on Wednesdays, Cesar Chavez on Thursdays, Taylor Ranch on Fridays. Gary will finalize with Family and Community Services. Gary is working to finalize some schedule if possible with Hoover, Roosevelt and Desert Ridge.

Joe and Linda Martellaro were recognized for all their work as referees and training referees with a \$100 Visa card. They sent a thank you letter to the Club, which was read at the meeting.

There are still Club wrist bands that could be given out at the venues and tournaments.

Conference calls for meetings was tabled for now.

The Permanent court maps are recommended for placement at both entrances to the courts. Gary will get with the City on whether they will cover the cost. Gary discussed the placement of a backboard in one of the courts or entryways. The City will give us a cost estimate, but they are not on board. Their experience with backboards in tennis courts has been that soccer players use them, and their cleats ruin the court surface. In the same meeting, Parks and Recreation requested in August that we start giving them counts of court usage for all sites (Ventana Ranch, Manzano Mesa, Villelas). Gary will collate information provided from those sites. Their intent is to use the numbers to argue for more courts (yea!).

The Club has been approved as clean-up volunteers for Manzano Mesa again. Carmen volunteered to head the committee for monthly volunteers. Included in that action is to report to the City items requiring their action.

Action regarding shirt sales from other pickleball players (Ruidoso) was not taken.

Collecting unneeded clothing and donating to the goodwill in exchange for \$50 per box (an agreement goodwill has made with nonprofits in the past) was discussed and John K. volunteered to take the lead on the activity.

The next meeting will be at 6 PM on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

At 745 Ann made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Dale seconded. It was passed unanimously to the relief of all.