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Minutes of the General Meeting of the ABQ Pickleball Club

The Annual General Meeting of the Albuquerque Pickleball Club was held on the evening of December 11, 2023 at Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center.

In attendance were Kristy Anderson, Diane Barney, JP Bullivant, Rod Campbell, Leslie Dannels, Christina Duran, Karen Hart, John Kimbrough, Nancy Lesicka, Kerry Logan, Louise Martin, Tabatha McMahon, Thuan Nguyen, Gary Rutherford, Janice Springer, and Bruce Walker.

Topics of Discussion

1. Introductions: Those people in attendance introduced themselves. The Executive Committee for 2024 is:

- President: Gary Rutherford
- Vice President: John Kimbrough
- Treasurer: Diana Barney
- Secretary: Rod Campbell
- Member-At-Large: Sky Gross

2. Financial Summary: Diane Barney briefly explained the club finances, including our set costs for equipment, insurance, and the website and computer. The club's primary funding in 2023 came from big tournaments and the UNM Continuing Education classes at Montgomery Park and Cesar Chavez Community Center. In addition to the club's set costs, other expenses included donations, and tournament merchandise, shirts, and banners. The current balance in the club account is \$25,668.

3. ABQPickleball.com: An average of 70-90 people per day are visiting the club's website. The majority are looking at the CALENDAR UPDATE and TOURNAMENTS.

4. Club Membership: There are currently over 2,000 club members, and approximately 500 new members are added each year. There was a brief discussion about the desirability of continuing to add more new members. The benefit to the club by additional members is that the club might have more influence with the city. More clout equals more and better facilities. The benefit to the new members is that they would get information via emails on upcoming tournaments, places to play, and other activities. And, the club would have an Emergency Contact for members in case of an accident or injury. Here are the membership numbers:

- Year 2015: 311 members
- Year 2019: 893
- Year 2021: 1,047
- Year 2022: 1,518
- Year 2023: 2,000+ members

5. Tournaments: Here is a list of the larger tournament in Albuquerque in 2024 that the club is either running or assisting:

-March 23:	UNM Childrens Benefit
-April 27-28:	NM Aging and Long-Term Services
-June 7-9:	Senior Affairs 50+ Tournament
-August 31 – September 2:	ABQ Pickleball Club Labor Day Classic
-September 20-22:	NM Games
-October 18-20:	Senior Affairs Meet and Compete
-November:	Toys For Tots

Leslie Dannels explained a fun pickleball night event called "Pickleball Glow." She will investigate and provide information to the Executive Committee.

6. New Courts:

- At Manzano Mesa, the construction of 15 new courts, including one championship court, bathrooms, and lighting is on-schedule to complete in May 2024..
- At Ventana Ranch, the construction of a structure is due to complete in the spring of 2024. Then, new courts are planned to be built on the north side of the tennis courts.
- Additional courts are planned in 2024 at Wells Park and Hurley. The timing depends on contractor approvals.

7. Committees: The club asked for sign-ups for people to serve on the following committees: Budgeting, By-Laws, Communications, Facilities, Ladders/Leagues, Membership, Referees, Social, Tournaments, and Training.