



SANTA FE PICKLEBALL CLUB BOARD MEETING

JUNE 8, 2020 9:00 AM

Present:

Kiki Hummel, Secretary

Bruce Panowski

Denice – Treasurer

Cindy Lawton

Mary Collins

Christine Wantuck

Jeff Holbrook was ill; Kiki called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM.

Denise reported \$3,104.62 in the checking account. Kiki reported 153 members to date, with 2 new members this past week.

We discussed how Covid-19 has changed pickleball in the Santa Fe area. Cindy spoke with the city who told her GCCC Gym may reopen before the year is out; Fort Marcy and Salvadore Perez are **not** currently slated to reopen. There have been employee furloughs and salary cuts. Jon B. will put contact information on the website for anyone who wishes to write their city council reps about reopening Fort Marcy, but the Santa Fe Pickleball Club will not collectively advocate for this matter. This

leaves Fort Marcy outdoors and several private locales in which to play pickleball.

At Santa Fe Swim and Tennis, one can book a court the day before and pay \$15 if no member is in your group, \$8 with a member.

Fort Marcy outdoors is striped for 4 courts. The striping needs to be repainted and sealed. Cindy may solicit volunteers to help with that. There are 3 city-owned nets available for people who want to play there; email sfepickleball@gmail.com to arrange to pick one up. Kiki will continue to check that Gmail account.

We discussed the sticky issue of level of play which is not specific to our city; it's a very common issue. The better players should be able to play in a closed group of similar skill. Because so many people are self-ranking at this point, it is impossible to regulate ranks. Rather than set up a strict schedule or policy, we decided it best for people to find their own groups and days and times of play. People should not expect to intermingle with other groups who may be playing at a different level.

Larragoite Park is another option. Cindy said the city told her if she raises the funds privately, they will allow us to utilize those current tennis courts as pickleball courts. Cindy is getting a bid on the cost in the next couple of weeks. There is room to put in 4 enclosed courts or 8 open courts.

Cindy researched Torreon Park off Aqua Fria St. but found it is too small.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.