



SANTA FE PICKLEBALL CLUB
BOARD MEETING MINUTES July 14, 2022

Cindy Lawton called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM. (Via Zoom)

Present: Board Members: Cindy Lawton-President, Wayne Siefert – Vice President, Chuck Stein-Treasurer, Sandy Arrighi-Secretary, and Bruce Panowski, Gaby Loy, Nancy Mroz, and Mike Jackson – Members-at-large

COURT RESERVE: Complaints have been made concerning how individuals rate themselves, often times rating higher than their ability. There is no clear remedy for this issue. Requesting that individuals be evaluated before moving into a higher play level does not seem to be working. We will continue to monitor the situation and address issues as needed.

NEWSLETTER - ADVERTISEMENTS: The Board Members agreed to allow business who donate \$5,000 or more to advertise in the SFPC Newsletter. A separate section in the newsletter will be designated to business cards or logos of the organization/business. Board Members voted to not include an interview or story about any of the businesses.

CLUB APPAREL: Wayne has located a company that will take orders directly from club members. They offer a variety of clothes and colors with the SFPC logo and the club will collect 15% of the t-shirt revenues. Since this is considered a fundraising activity, the remainder of the profit will be deposited into the SFPC restrictive fund account. Gaby will send the SFPC logo to the company and the link of how to purchase the t-shirts, skirts, etc. with our logo will be included in the August SFPC Newsletter.

SIGNAGE AT THE FT. MARCY COURTS: Wayne suggested we consider placing a “Come Play With Us” club sign near the fence facing Old Taos Hwy and at the entrance gate to the courts, possibly with our website address. Cindy said the city won’t allow any signs except during special events.

FINANCE RECREATION GRANT: The State is offering a grant of \$45 million to NM cities and counties for the purpose of creating, improving/enhancing recreational opportunities where facilities are lacking. 27.5 million will be granted this year and 27.5 million next year. Cindy, Wayne and Linda will be working with Melissa in the Parks Department to submit an application for a grant to help fund additional pickleball courts. We have only about 30 days to submit the grant application that must include a written estimate. We will ask for \$800,000 to \$1,000,000 for our court expansion project.

CITY UPDATE ON COURT EXPANSION PROJECT: The city is moving forward with the pickleball court expansion project, even though the MOA is not yet completed. Melissa at the Parks Department and a SF City Councilman have indicated that December 2022 is a reasonable deadline for plans to be completed. The club/city has a commitment for a large contribution from a donor who is willing to pay for the plans or part of the cost of the plans.

PICKLEBALL POKER FUNDRAISING EVENT AND SOCIAL: The event is sold out! 48 people have signed up to play pickleball poker on July 17th. The Club will furnish beverages (water, gatorade, coffee), fruit, bagels/cream cheese, and plates/knives. A social event at the Santa Fe Brewing Company from 2-5 pm will follow.

LEAGUES:

- The Club has received a number of requests for league play. The Board members discussed this request and are willing to start league play in September. We would have 3-4 leagues based on play level (Beginner 2/ Intermediate 1, Intermediate 2, Intermediate 3 and Advanced).
- Leagues: 16 people (8 partners/league). Each team must play every other team in their level of play and schedule their own play times. Entry fee will be \$25/person. Nancy Mroz, Cindy Lawton & Chuck Stein (and possibly Linda Schafer) will head up 1 league each.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE:

- The fundraising committee is scheduled to meet 7/15/22 to discuss soliciting donations from businesses.
- The Club has received approximately \$95,000 in commitments at this time. Our goal is to obtain \$100,000 to \$200,000. The city's share is estimated at \$400,000 to \$600,000.
- The Club is willing to take on the responsibility of maintaining the courts. This is very helpful and important to the city that we are offering to do this.

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PROJECT: Terry D. Shoemaker, PhD in religious studies and a lecturer at Arizona State University has approached the club asking us to send a survey link to our members about their opinion on the sport of pickleball and its spiritual outlets. This author of the project does not have any religious affiliations. Board Members have agreed to email the link to SFPC members via Court Reserve. Participation in this survey will be optional. The survey results will hopefully be published in the International Journal of Sport and Religion as well as a pickleball meeting.

COURT MAINTENANCE: Wayne suggested we have a court cleanup scheduled one time/month. A date/time will be chosen, and an email sent out to members who are on the court maintenance volunteer list.

The meeting adjourned at 6 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Arrighi, SFPC Secretary