



SANTA FE PICKLEBALL CLUB
ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES MARCH 4, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 11:45 am by SFPC President, Cindy Lawton. Approximately 50 club members were in attendance.

Present Board Members: Cindy Lawton-President, Wayne Siefert – Vice President and Sandy Arrighi-Secretary (attended via zoom), Bruce Panowski, Nancy Mroz, Gaby Loy, and Mike Jackson – Members-at-Large

UPDATE FROM THE CITY:

Melissa from the SF City Parks Department gave an update on the Ft. Marcy court expansion project. She said that the goals are to have the design done by September and then if all goes well with the audit, to start with the construction of the project late Fall. Concrete pouring will most likely not happen until Spring of 2024. She was presented a check from the SFPC for the amount of \$50,000 to move forward with design of six additional courts at the Ft. Marcy Complex. The city will also be given an additional \$50,000 directly from a foundation for the design work. The city is hoping that the remaining court cost will come from State legislature funding, and bond money. She encouraged all members to write to their state legislatures and thank them for their continued support.

RECAP OF THE YEAR

- The club has increased the membership from 250 to 650
- Signed a Facility Use agreement with the city
- Began utilizing the Court Reserve system for registration and membership with a full calendar of events.
- The club is financially sound. We have two bank accounts: a separate bank account for the court expansion project with a balance of \$119,564 (\$50,000 of which was given to the city today for court design). An additional \$50,000 in grant money. The general fund's balance is approximately \$18,000. This money is used for all other expenses⁴
- A club newsletter is published on a regular basis

- The courts at the Ft. Marcy Complex are maintained by SFPC volunteers
- Amazing fund-raising lead by Jim Hille. We have over 200 individuals as well as businesses donate to our campaign. Events, lessons, donation jar, selling items to raise over \$7,500. The club worked to get \$52,000 from Foundations and grants
- Volunteers have taught over 150 new players in the newbie clinics
- Volunteers have participated in community service both at the Food Depot and the Cesar Chavez Elementary School. Ron Romero spoke about the Cesar Chavez program. He started one of the first pickleball elementary school clubs in the state and thanked all the volunteers. He needs 4 volunteers/week to help teach his pickleball class at the school. The club has supplied over 100 Paddletek paddles for the schools at a low cost of \$25.
- Club apparel is now available online with over 20 different items to choose from
- A lot of work (calls, meetings and many letters) to our city and state government have helped them understand our needs for additional courts.

FINANCIALS

- The SFPC Court Expansion Project has a restricted fund bank account of \$119, 564
- Income: Memberships fees for the 2022 Fiscal Year are thus far \$18,000
- Expenses: Totaling \$9,800
 - Court supplies: \$2800
 - Insurance: \$1000
 - Fees (PayPal, Court Reserve): \$1500
 - Other expenses: \$1000

CALENDAR

- The 2023 club Calendar of Events will start next week. New to the calendar will be women only and men only events.
- Most events will open up for registration in Court Reserve 10 days prior to the event. If the event is full when you register, please sign up on the wait list! That way we can better understand the demand for that particular event.
- Ladders on Mondays (Maximum 24 players): One person of the partner team will sign up and then bring a partner) women and men will play alternatively every other Monday. There will be 10-minute games. If you win, your team moves up a court and if you lose your team moves down a court.
- Hierarchy on Fridays: An individual event. Women and men will play every alternatively every other Friday. You will be given an initial raking and go up or down based on your play. Please be aware that if you sign up and do not attend you will be eliminated from participation. If you sign up and an emergency comes up, contact Cindy. If you will be out of town for more than 3 weeks, you will be put on a frozen status – let Cindy know.

- Drills: There will be drill sessions for each of the four chile sessions. Instructors will be paid.
- Group Lessons for each of the four chile lessons will be given. As with all other events, you must register in Court Reserve. Eight members will participate in 2 lessons/week for 4 weeks. Instructors will be paid \$50/hour.

DINKO DE MAYO TOURNAMENT

- The Dinko de Mayo tournament will be advertised on Pickleballbrackets.com
- We are hoping for a minimum of 100 participants, but would love to see 200
- We are going to need a lot of volunteers for this event. Please sign up if you can help out in any way. A volunteer list was passed around the meeting room and it was suggested to put this on Court Reserve for sign up as well.
- There will be a welcome party the Friday night before the tournament with appetizers and margaritas. Lisa Young, our club's Social Chair is heading up this event. There will be more information coming.

APPAREL STORE

- Nancy Mroz gave an update on Great Ideas, a local online store that is offering over 20 clothing items with our club logo.
- Great Ideas website address: <https://storesimple.com/greatideas/19890>

VOLUNTEERS

- Carolyn Jackson, our drill coordinator asked for volunteers for the drill sessions. The four coordinators for each level are: Ron Geyer – Chile 1, Jim Hille – Chile 2, Frank Luz – Chile 3, and Adam Wasserman – Chile 4.
- Volunteers are needed for events, especially the ladders: one man and one female for each level.
- Many thanks to all volunteers!!!

BOARD ELECTION

- Club members completed and handed in their paper votes. These votes will be added to the online votes received prior to the 3/3/23 Noon deadline.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Arrighi, SFPC Secretary