



SANTA FE PICKLEBALL CLUB  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 5, 2023

Cindy Lawton, Club President, called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM

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

UPDATE FROM THE CITY:

- The SFPC has signed a facility agreement with the City of Santa Fe. This agreement is good for 4 more years.
- Insurance Policy: The club has increased our liability insurance from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 with an umbrella policy.
- New Courts at Ft. Marcy: The club and city are moving forward with the construction of 6 additional courts at Ft. Marcy. The design will hopefully be completed this spring.
- \$1,000,000 Grant. The SFPC applied for a grant to be used for recreational purposes. The club has not yet been shortlisted, but more recipients will be announced at a later time. We remain hopeful!
- Four Pickleball Courts are going into Swan Park on Jaguar Drive. Phase 2 is in progress. We don't have any additional information as to when the courts will be completed.

PICKLEBALL AT GCCC:

- Pickleball is being played indoors Monday through Saturday mornings at the Genoveva Chavez Community Center on Rodeo Road. Cindy Lawton has been speaking with the GCCC Recreation Complex Director (Jeremy) who added Saturday playtimes.
- Tournament play at GCCC: GCCC is allowing the SFPC to host pickleball tournaments at no charge to the club. We are considering having a tournament March 3-4, 2023.
- GCCC is offering a \$280 annual membership to senior couples through January 15. This is a 30% discount off the original membership price. You may take advantage of this

discount if at least one of the two people are 60 years or older and reside at the same address.

- Recommendations: Due to the high volume of play at GCCC the club is recommending that a paddle-up system be purchased and put into use and the challenge court no longer be allowed. The club has offered to check into purchasing barriers to be placed between the courts. Jeremy has offered to store any pickleball equipment that we purchase at GCCC. The Board agreed to purchase 3 swift nets for the community center; we will ask permission to post a sign saying they were donated by the Santa Fe Pickleball Club.

#### ELECTIONS:

- Our annual club meeting will be held in March 2023. The date/time/place has not yet been determined. The treasurer position (currently held by Chuck Stein) and a Board member at large position (currently held by Gaby Loy) will be on the ballot. Both will be rerunning, but anyone is welcome to apply to run for either of these positions.
- The club will be adding one additional Board member at Large position so that the club will have a total of 4 officers (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary) and 5 at-large members. The board members at large help with various club functions such as court maintenance, newsletter, court reserve scheduling, tournaments, social activities as well as voting rights.
- Anyone interested in the treasury board position or a member at large position should send an email to [wayne@green-vci.com](mailto:wayne@green-vci.com) with a brief summary of why you are interested in being on the Board no later than January 25, 2023.

SURVEY: The Board voted not to send out a survey to club members at this time.

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- Newbie Clinics: In addition to the newbie clinic scheduled monthly at Ft. Marcy, we will be offering an indoor newbie clinic monthly at GCCC. The indoor newbie clinic will hopefully begin in February and the outdoor clinic will begin in April. Check the newsletter for dates and times.
- Ladder Hierarchy: The board had a lengthy discussion about the league vs. ladder hierarchy. The board voted to proceed with the ladder hierarchy. The club will be offering one ladder hierarchy/week on the calendar of events this year. This ladder will be all inclusive and provide flexibility to all levels of play. The ladder system can accommodate 100 or more players. Players register in Court Reserve and play with 3 other people each week. Advancing up or down the ladder will depend on the number of points won. The computer-based system is very flexible, allowing players to go on vacation and subs are not required.

- The Board had a lengthy discussion if we should charge for drills and group lessons and if we should pay instructors. The board voted to have paid group lessons and free drill sessions. The following was confirmed:
  - Drill Sessions: Due to the interest in drill sessions, the club plans to offer more drills this year, with the number of drill sessions will depend directly on the number of people willing to instruct. Drill sessions will remain free to all. Players will register by their chile level. In order to acquire more instructors, the club is offering to pay drill session instructors \$35/hour. If you are interested running a drill session, please contact Cindy Lawton at [clawts@gmail.com](mailto:clawts@gmail.com)
  - Group Lessons: For those who are serious about advancing their skills, group lessons will be offered this season. Lessons will be offered 2x per week for a period of 4 weeks at a cost (donation) of \$80. Group lesson instructors will receive \$400/month (\$50/hour). Payment is made when registering through Court Reserve. Once registered, you are in the class for the duration. The group lesson is not transferable unless of course someone gets hurt.
- Ladders (a partner event) and Round Robins will be offered on a weekly basis.

#### TOURNAMENTS:

- Indoor tournament at GCCC in March 3-4. Gaby Loy has volunteered to be the director of this event.
- Dinko de Mayo tournament in May. This year, Pro Sports will organize this tournament for a % of the profits. We will ask if they are willing to accept a 60/40 split of net profits.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Chuck Stein, Club Treasurer reported club net income for 2022 as \$104,902.88 and total assets for 2022 as 126,270.06

CLUB APPAREL: Nancy Mroz reported that more than \$1,000 of apparel has been sold by "Great Ideas". The club has made approximately \$100 in profits from these sales. She encouraged all to wear their clothing for others to see the types of items available. Club members been very satisfied with the quality of their purchases.

COURT RESERVE: The "Member Portal" button on the SFPC website will be relabeled "Court Reserve/Club Calendar". This will hopefully make it more clear for new and old members on how to access Court Reserve to register for club activities/events.

The meeting adjourned at 7:PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Arrighi, SFPC Secretary