



SANTA FE PICKLEBALL CLUB
BOARD MEETING MINUTES APRIL 24, 2023

Cindy Lawton, Club President, called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

Present: Board Members: Cindy Lawton-President, Sandy Arrighi-Secretary, and Bruce Panowski, Mike Jackson, Nancy Mroz, Nancy Germond, and Nic Blouin – Members-at-large, and Gaby Loy

CONDOLENCES FROM THE CLUB: The Board decided that condolences for funerals, sickness etc. are not a club responsibility. It would be a difficult task for the SFPC to keep up with member or member's family health issues. Cards or gifts should be sent from individual club members rather than from the Santa Fe Pickleball Club.

VENMO/PAYPAL ACCOUNTS FOR DRILLS: Our treasurer, Chuck Stein is recommending the club members continue accept cash, check or PayPal to pay for club activities such as drills. There is a PayPal QR code on the donation jar at the Ft. Marcy courts. Members can donate or pay by holding their camera phone up to the QR code, which reads the code and connects to the SFPC PayPal account. The club will not be using Venmo at this time. Payments exceeding \$50 will go in to the court expansion account and \$50 or less will go into the general fund account.

WEEKLY UPDATES: Cindy has been emailing weekly updates to all Board members. This has been very beneficial, so she will continue doing so.

CLUB COMMITTEES: In an attempt to reduce the club President's workload, Board members have been encouraged to take the lead on a variety of committees. Dr. Mike Jackson has volunteered to better define Board Committee responsibilities. The club has a number of committees in which the board members take the lead, such as (but not limited to) Court Maintenance, Social/Events, Finance, Apparel, Newsletter/Communication, Sponsorships, Club Gmails and Community Outreach. We will discuss this further at the next board meeting.

PICKLEHEADS EVENT: Pickleheads has contacted has taken an interest in our club and is inquiring about how our membership has grown so fast! They are willing to sponsor a round robin event here in Santa Fe at no charge and will provide the prizes for the event. They are bringing with them Fat Tire Beer to the event. Pickleheads will use their software for registration and event scoring. Board members voted to accept their offer and tentatively schedule a round robin event for Sunday, June 18th. The event will consist of two groups (24 players each): Chile 1 &2, and Chile 3 & 4 with a \$20 entry fee.

REFEREE CLINIC: Laura Smart – A USAPA referee will provide referee training Saturday, April 29 from 1-5 pm. 24 people have signed up for this training needed for the Dinko de Mayo tournament. The first 2 hours will focus on how to use the score card and the second two hours devoted to practice.

DINKO DE MAYO TOURNAMENT: The tournament requires a great deal of organization! A list of tasks include the setup of tents, selling of club apparel, first aid, sponsorship banners, organizing the referees, court maintenance, food trucks, snacks for players, a Friday player/volunteer party, setting up a warm-up net, and even the opening national anthem. Cindy took time to discuss the plans of each tasks with the board members responsible for it.

EXPENSE REPORTS: In order to better keep track of club expenses, Chuck, club treasurer, has developed a reimbursement form for costs that have been purchased and paid by individuals rather than directly from the club account. These reimbursements will be paid out monthly, when received the reimbursement form has been submitted by the 5th of the month.

BUDGET: Dr. Mike Jackson and Chuck will meet to discuss the budget for the remainder of the year. They will present the budget to the Board when completed. Each year an annual budget will be submitted for Board approval.

COURT RESERVE CALENDAR: The Court Reserve Calendar will be modified as needed, based on registration numbers. The Board voted to remove events from the monthly calendar when there is a lack of participation, thus the bimonthly men's ladder will be eliminated starting in May and preplaced by Book-a-Court signup or open play time . In addition, Chile 1 lessons continue to meet capacity, so an additional event will be added to the calendar.

Two organizations have made a request to reserve court time at Ft. Marcy: The NM State Teachers Conference and a Santa Fe High School Reunion group, who has offered to give the

club a donation. We approved each of their requests. They will be added to the Court Reserve calendar.

CLUB WEBSITE: The website will remain as is for now. Gaby will check to see what it would entail hiring someone to revise the website. For now, Jon Bernard is providing his services at no charge. Thank you, Jon!!!

PRESBYTERIAN SPONSORSHIP: Nancy Germond has volunteered to take over the corporate sponsorship responsibilities from Wayne. Wayne has resigned as Vice-President of the club. Wayne, the SFPC Board and members say “thank you” for all your hard work!!!

BALL SALES: The club collected approximately \$300 in the sale of pickleballs 😊

EMAIL COMPLAINTS/SUGGESTIONS FROM MEMBERS: Chile 1 members have complained that there are not enough lessons, and they are continually waitlisted. We hear you!!! An additional Chile 1 lesson event will be added to the calendar beginning in May.

Lessons: Lessons are very popular and members complain that they are being waitlisted. It is not possible for the club to intervene, but we ask that members be respectful of others who have not yet been able to sign up and give them a chance to take lessons rather than signing up for a second time.

Drills will stay on the calendar. Some members prefer not to commit to a 4-week, 8 lesson event.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Arrighi, SFPC Secretary