



**SANTA FE PICKLEBALL CLUB
BOARD MEETING MINUTES July 18, 2023**

Cindy Lawton, Club President, called the meeting to order at 4:35 PM.

Present: Board Members: Cindy Lawton-President, Gaby Loy-Vice President, Sandy Arrighi-Secretary, Lisa Young-Social Director, and Bruce Panowski, Mike Jackson, Nancy Mroz, and Nic Blouin, Nancy Germond– Members-at-Large

PICKLEHEADS EVENT:

- Lisa Young, club social director, is attempting to relocate the Pickleheads event party to Restoration Pizza just across from the Violet Crown in the Railyard District. The event registration fees will more than cover the cost of food. Participants will purchase their own beverages. The party will begin at 5 pm.
- Pickleheads will oversee the event, keep score and provide prizes (paddles valued at \$150-\$200) for the winner of each of the chile categories. The club will provide water for the participants. **Registration is now open and will close on 8/6.** If we do not have enough participation from our club, we will open registration to Albuquerque players.

CITY UPDATE ON 6 ADDITIONAL FT. MARCY COURTS : Melissa (Santa Fe Parks and Open Space Division Director) said the city has chosen a contractor/architectural firm and the project is on schedule. She is trying to bring in water, electricity, new stairs, and tiered seating for the courts.

AED, AWNINGS and MISTER FANS FOR FT. MARCY COURTS:

- AED: The SFPC Board members unanimously voted for Dr. Mike Jackson to purchase an AED for the Ft. Marcy courts at a cost of approximately \$2400. He is also checking to see if the manufacturer will offer training for an additional fee. We will most likely purchase a storage box and paddle lock for the unit to keep it from being stolen. The code to the storage box will be published in our club newsletter. Nancy G. is also checking with Presbyterian to see if they would be interested in offering AED training.
- Awnings: Bruce will get a quote for the cost of a 20' green awning that would span 2 court benches. Melissa recommends that we install one awning, wait to see how it looks before installing a second awning. The first awning will be installed on the east side of the courts.
- Misters: Bruce is also checking into purchasing a mister fan which would help alleviate the heat on hot days. The approximate cost of a 3-gallon capacity mister is approximately \$280.

SFPC WEBSITE: Jon Bernard has graciously been donating his time and talents to uploading information to the Santa Fe Pickleball Club website. Aubry Mann, a SFPC member, has expressed an interest in redesigning and managing the club website for a fee. Nic and Nancy G. will meet with Abrey to discuss current website issues. Abrey will review these issues and will present his recommendations/changes to the SFPC Board at the next Board meeting.

CHALLENGE COURT: The club used to offer a challenge court on court 4, two days a week but discontinued it when the courts became overly crowded. Due to popular demand, the Board members voted to put it back on the calendar 2 days a week (Monday and Wednesday) from 10 am – noon. Cindy will post a sign with the challenge court rules on the court. The days/times of the challenge court will be written on the white board. Rules: Winners will stay on, games are played to 11, win by 2.

CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- Mixed-Doubles Ladder: This event is popular and will remain on the schedule
- Group Lessons: The August group lessons are not yet filled. Group lessons will remain on the schedule until August 1st, but if the lesson doesn't get at least 5 registrants, the class will be cancelled.

FALL TOURNAMENT: The Board members voted to offer an “event” rather than a tournament in late September or early October. We are considering another Poker event, as it was very well-received last time we offered it.

ANNUAL BUDGET: Dr. Mike and Chuck are still working on developing a club budget. Mike made a list of categories that should be considered in the budget. The preliminary list includes: Court Expansion, Court Maintenance, Court Supplies, Drills & Lessons, Social Activities, Tournaments, Donations, Medical Supplies, Insurance, Operations (including website), and Community Outreach. Event registration fees cover most, if not all, of the event costs, so our annual membership fees, which exceed \$20,000/year, will primarily be spent on insurance costs, court maintenance fees, instructor fees, supplies etc.

ROMERO PARK COURTS: The club has not been involved in the development of the courts being built at Romero Park. Santa Fe County (not the city) is overseeing the development of 5 additional courts in the traditional village of Agua Fria off Caja Del Oro Grant Rd between Agua Fria and 599. The Courts are expected to be completed this August. The SFPC has not had contact with the county, nor has the county solicited our input. At this time, it is our intention not to get involved unless encouraged to do so by our club members or invited by the county, however Dr. Mike, Gaby and Nic have volunteered to contact the county to learn more about the project.

BALLS: We have received 100 new pickleballs and expect to receive 100 more. We estimate that we go through approximately 500 balls during the spring/summer/fall seasons.

EMAILS: Numerous emails are sent either to the club or directly to Cindy on a daily basis. The following 2 emails required Board attention:

- We were asked to cancel drills because of the heat.
 - Board response: Cancel if less than 6 people sign up. Reminder: It is important for all participants to withdraw from the event if they do not plan to attend...not just call the instructor. Also, be sure to register, even if it is at the last minute, so the instructor has an accurate class count.
- A request for an additional mixed ladder event be placed on the club calendar.
 - Board response: Since we already have a mixed round robin event that often times is not completely full, we will revisit this request in the future.

SUMMARY: THE SFPC is receiving many good comments about the club in general and the club schedule. We will continue to listen to our members and make changes to the best of our abilities.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Arrighi, SFPC Secretary