



SANTA FE PICKLEBALL CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 15, 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, Bruce Panowski, Mike Jackson, Nancy Mroz, and Nic Blouin, Nancy Germond– Members-at-Large

SPPC WEBSITE: The SFPC Board has been entertaining the idea of redesigning the club website to make it more user friendly and interactive with the Court Reserve App. Abrey Mann, a software engineer and SFPC member was invited to the meeting to give a presentation proposing options on how to redevelop our website. The redesign would require basic Squarespace membership at a fee of \$135/year. His goal would be to redesign the website with a modern look, be intuitive and optimize user flows for finding events. His cost of his services would be an additional and depend on the amount of changes/upgrades to the website that we desire. Board members will consider all options and discuss it further before making a final decision.

PICKLEHEADS EVENT:

- The Pickleheads event and after-party is scheduled for August 20th. Participants are registering through the Pickleheads website. Prizes consist of 4 pickleball paddles valued between \$160-\$220 each. There will be a variety of gifts to be raffled off at the event. The after party will be held at Restoration Pizza. Registrants will be able to attend the party for free and bring a guest for an additional \$10 (cash at the door). Cindy assigned and summarized volunteer duties with each of the board members in attendance.

PRESBYTERIAN:

- Nancy Germond touched base with Justin from Presbyterian. He would like to offer an “executive team play session” for Presbyterian executives, as a team bonding experience. We are receptive to doing this but will discuss this later as it will most likely be scheduled some time in October.
- Presbyterian will offer another stretching clinic to our club members.
- We have been given permission to utilize one of the Presbyterian classrooms for CPR training at no charge to the club.

PICKLEBALL CENTRAL CREDIT: The SFPC has a \$429 credit at Pickleball Central that expires on August 31st. Paddles, balls, tournament prizes are being considered. Cindy asked all Board members to look at the website and send her specific suggestions on how to best use/spend this credit.

SANTA FE PUBLIC SCHOOLS: Nancy Mroz and Ron Romero are interested in forming a SFPC youth outreach program with the Santa Fe Schools. Nancy wrote a proposal to sponsor 3 pickleball clubs/camps for the 2023-24 school year which would include Cesar Chavez Elementary, Sweeney Elementary and the Ortiz Middle School. She is also proposing the formation of a Youth Committee to coordinate/organize weekly volunteers during the school year and offer an end of the year event and party. The estimated cost for purchasing nets, balls, Pickleball Eye Coaches (a PB training device) and misc. expenses would be approximately \$3700. SFPC Board members voted unanimously to budget \$3700 for this community outreach cause. We are anticipating that an additional \$250 will be given to each of the schools from a Pickleball Association Ambassador program grant. A member from each school would have to sign up and submit a request to receive these funds.

SFPC APPAREL: Nancy Mroz, has responded to member's requests to add XL and Tall sizes as well as sun blocking apparel to the options at Great Ideas. In addition, all shorts will now have pockets! She plans to compile data to determine what items are most suitable to best meet the needs of our members. Way to go Nancy!!

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

- AED: Dr. Mike Jackson is purchasing an AED that includes an AED, Sign and Emergency kit for \$1360 from American AED. He suggested we put up a fake AED box before we install the real one to see if it gets tampered with. The Board voted unanimously to cover CPR/AED training costs for members interested in taking the class with an approximate budget of \$650.
- Awnings: Bruce is moving forward with the purchase of a 10' awning for the east side of the Ft. Marcy courts. We will seek approval from the city to use existing posts for the awning.
- Mistery: Bruce purchased the misting fan and has already used it and given it a thumbs up. It will be available, as needed, for club events.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR BOARD MEMBERS: Board members were in favor of letting members nominate themselves, rather than having a nominating committee. The next SFPC Board election will be held in March 2024.

NEWSLETTER: Bruce and Nancy said the SFPC Newsletter is doing well. His only recommendation was that topics/articles be submitted in a timely fashion.

ZOZOBRA AND FT. MARCY COURT CLOSURE: Beginning Saturday, August 26th we will have to park on Old Taos Hwy, as the parking lot off of Murales will be closed. **The Ft. Marcy courts will be closed all day Wednesday, August 30th – Saturday, Sept. 2nd at noon. No playing allowed during this time!!**

DISCUSSION/MISC:

- Organ Mountains Pickleball Club is sponsoring a tournament in October. They asked if we would like to donate a 3' x 5' club flag to their event to display on their courts. Board members voted yes to purchase 2 flags at an approximate cost of \$70 each.
- Bike Rack at Ft. Marcy courts: Nancy Germond has volunteered to check into the costs of a bicycle rack. Cindy will check with the city as well.
- Installation of a cable/net going in the N/S direction at the Ft. Marcy courts to prevent balls from crossing over. Due to the costs and challenges involved of installing a suitable cable, the Board decided to table this discussion for now.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Arrighi, SFPC Secretary