



SANTA FE PICKLEBALL CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 16, 2023

Cindy Lawton, Club President, called the meeting to order at 4:55 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

AED: The SFPC was mistakenly shipped a second AED. The Board members voted to hold on to it rather than ship it back or offer it to another city or county facility or at this time. **The code for the AED lockbox is 9111. Members may share this code with other club members.** The Board also voted to purchase Narcan, used to rapidly reverse the effects of a life-threatening opioid emergency, and place it in the first aid kit.

OVERALL CLUB EXPENSES: WHAT SHOULD WE USE CLUB MONEY FOR?

Board members had a lengthy discussion about the best ways to use club monies. The SFPC currently has approximately \$32,000 in their general account. The list of important budget items included: Facility improvements, Outreach Programs, Website Improvements, Court Maintenance, and to purchase items that are requested by club members and approved by the Board.

WINDSCREENS FOR ROMERO PARK:

The SFPC purchased windscreens for Romero Park. SF County indicated they are to install them. They have not yet done so. If the windscreens haven't been installed by Dec. 1st, Cindy will contact them and offer to put them up using volunteers from the SFPC Court Maintenance Committee.

END OF THE YEAR PARTY

The end-of-the-year party is scheduled for Dec. 17, and will be held at the Estancia Primera Club located at 450 Avenida Primera S., Santa Fe, NM. Members can register for the party on Court Reserve. The club will also present donations for kids in need. We will be getting tags which families fill out.

UPDATE ON FT. MARCY COURT EXPANSION

The Ft. Marcy court expansion project is still moving forward, but is somewhat slower than expected as we are waiting for the city audit to be passed. Santa Fe County has expressed an interest in helping if needed.

CANDIDATES FOR SFPC BOARD POSITIONS

The SFPC Board will hold elections once again in March 2024. The following positions will become available: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and 3 of the 5 Members-At-Large positions. In the December Club Newsletter, candidates wishing to be on the Board, will be asked to state the position they plan to run for, say why they would like the position and submit a short bio. Candidates will be announced in the January newsletter. Ballots will be sent out to club members in February.

PICKLEBALL CLINICS

Board members would like to offer 2 clinics/year to club members. Anna Bright and James Ignatowich, both ranked 2nd in the world have been contacted about offering a clinic in Santa Fe next year. Scott Moore, another pickleball professional, is also willing to offer a clinic next August.

SFPC WEBSITE: Nic Blouin and Nancy Germond are actively talking to a couple of website designers willing to redesign the club website using either Squarespace or Wix to customize our club website to suit our needs and integrate Court Reserve. Conversations will continue!

PICKLEBALL GRANTS

Larry Lite, a former regional ambassador has started a non-profit organization which is offering grants to outreach program for kids. The SFPC has already received \$500 for our outreach afterschool program to teach elementary students the sport.

PICKLEBALL POKER EVENT:

The Pickleball Poker event on 10/22/23 raised \$1550 for Youth Family Shelters! Next year, the club will ask members to submit names of their favorite charity to the Board, who will vote on the charity to receive the proceeds from next year's event. The Board may consider offering more fundraising events next year.

SANTA FE PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAMS: Nancy Mroz has been busy! There are now after-school pickleball programs at the following schools: Cesar Chavez Elementary, Sweeney Elementary, Pinon Elementary, and Turquoise Trail Elementary. In addition, Nancy and Frank Lux are going to Las Soleras, a senior citizen facility, to introduce pickleball to their residents. **Volunteers are always needed, members are encouraged to volunteer on Court Reserve for these after school activities.** The club has received \$2000 in private donations, a \$500 grant, and a commitment of \$3500 from the SFPC to help support these worthy activities.

COURT RESERVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS: Club events came to an end on November 19th, but that doesn't mean we stop playing! There is open play every day, all day long at Ft. Marcy courts, (weather dependent). Also, The Team Reach App is an excellent way to stay in the loop.

List of local Team Reach groups: Santa Fe Pickleball Players (Group Code: 4119), The SFCC Pickleball Group (Group Code: SFCC123), Romero Park Pickleball (Group Code: romero), Chile 2 Round Robins Romero Park (Group Code: chile2rr)

LIASON REPRESENTATIVES FOR INDOOR COURTS

The Board will look for members to become representatives willing to volunteer their time to be a liaison with the indoor pickleball courts at Ft. Marcy Rec Center and Genoveva Chavez Community Center. The club will provide support through the purchase of balls, nets, etc.

DISCUSSION/MISCELLANEOUS

THANK YOU NOTES TO DONATORS: Special thanks in the form of a thank you note and a tote bag will continue to be sent to individuals who donate \$250 or more to the SFPC.

PICKLEBALL AMBASSADOR: Cindy indicated that she will not be running for the club president position next year but said she would be willing to stay on as a pickleball ambassador.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Arrighi, SFPC Secretary