

Pagosa Pickleball Club Board of Directors Meeting – November 13, 2021 Minutes

Meeting started at 10:02 AM and adjourned at 11:00AM The meeting was conducted via Zoom

Attendees: Steve Chaney, Al Pfister, John Costa, Tina Heffner, Laura Metallo, Mark McNown, Steve Taub

Steve congratulated everyone for successfully logging in to our first Zoom meeting and we were on-time as well. Thanks to Al Pfister for setting up the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the possibility of renting the Community Center gym on Thursday afternoons this winter. At the October Board meeting the decision was made to move the beginner clinic from Wednesday morning to Thursday afternoon. With only one court available on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons this meant afternoon play would be cut to one day a week through the winter.

Steve Chaney outlined the possible cost to include gym rental at \$60 per hour plus the cost of liability insurance which would total approximately \$600. At our October 18th Board meeting we discussed the possibility of negotiating a lower hourly rate with Darren. Al Pfister had suggested to the Board that we offer \$1,500 for Thursday afternoon rental through March. This would come to \$30 per hour, half the published rate. He suggested we could cover the cost with donations with any shortfall coming from dues.

Steve Chaney reviewed the results of a survey he sent to the general membership asking for their input on the possibility of moving forward with renting the gym with some or all of the cost would come from existing Club funds. Based on the responses he received, 45% were in favor, 25% were opposed and 32% didn't express an opinion one way or the other.

With a sufficient level of support indicated from the survey, the decision was made to move forward with a discussion as how we want to fund the rental. Several options were discussed including:

- Ask for voluntary donations and cover any shortfall from member dues
- Require a separate membership payment and restrict participation to this group
- Initiate a separate fund-raising effort
- Apply for a grant

Steve Chaney made a suggestion to consider using the \$2,075 grant we receive from the SW Community Foundation, 19th Hole Concerts. He asked if this money was earmarked specifically for court construction. John said that it was not. Additionally, he suggested we could use the money raised from donations at Rodger Bennett's concerts to cover the cost of insurance. John said the total raised for both was approximately \$2,700

After discussing all options, the following was decided.

- The board approved the use of the 19th Hole and Rodger Bennett concerts for a maximum expense of \$2,700
- Steve Chaney would approach Darren and ask if we can pay a reduced rate for rental from 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM on all available Thursdays in December, January, March and April. He would start with a request for \$30 per hour.
- If Darren could not reduce the rate, we would agree to rent the gym for a maximum of 14 weeks.
- It was decided that we would not establish a separate membership and limit participation to only those people that paid a separate fee for a "winter membership".
- It was also decided that we would not require a payment from those playing on the day of play but would strongly suggest that people make a donation to help offset the cost of rental.