Meeting Minutes
Pagosa Pickleball Club Board of Directors Meeting - April 2, 2018

Attendees: Steve Chaney, Al Pfister, Bob Eggleston, John Costa, JoAnn Laird, Buzz Burke. Gary Snider was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 PM and adjourned at 4:15 PM

Potential Locations for Proposed Outdoor Courts

The first item on the agenda was a review of the potential locations for the proposed outdoor courts. The possibility of the golf course under PLPOA ownership was dismissed with the feeling that there was conflicting information and too much uncertainty surrounding this option so that it was not viable. A Wyndham location was also dismissed due to the difficulty in securing a public grant for construction on a private location.

With the imminent transfer of the Sanitation District property known as the Lagoons to the Town, the board agreed this was the most desirable location however the time frame involved in securing approval for this site would be long and not conform with the deadline for filing a GOCO grant application. It was agreed that the best option at this time was Cloman Park which is Archuleta County property. Prior to moving forward with the grant application, it was agreed that members of the board would meet informally with individual members of the BoCC and Town Council to explain our plan in an effort to identify any concerns prior to our meeting formally with the BoCC and Town Council. While the location is not within the Town the board feels it is important to seek coordinated input and support from both.

JoAnn will meet with Steve Wadley, Al with Ronnie Maez and Michael Whiting. Al will also meet with the Town Manager. After the Town vote for mayor and council members we will include informal discussions with key people from the Town.

Pending information gained from our informal meetings we will make a request to be included on a BoCC work session followed by our addition to a BoCC meeting for approval of the plan to locate courts at Cloman. We recognize the need to coordinate with the Town and may include appearance at joint work sessions as we move forward.

We will continue to monitor the status of the Lagoon property as the transfer progresses.
Status as a Non-Profit

We confirmed our approval as a 501c3 non-profit. Bob has filed our 2017 Form 990-EZ with the IRS.

Current Fund Balance

As of 3/28/18 our account balance is $1,385. There are no outstanding obligations other than ongoing purchases for tape and balls.

Bob will meet with a bank to set up an account. He indicated the board would need to approve the number and names of board members authorized to sign on the account.

The board agreed that 3 individuals would be authorized. JoAnn made a motion that the 3 individuals should be Steve Chaney, Bob Eggleston and John Costa. Buzz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Once the account has been established Bob will deposit the cash.

Funding for Proposed Outdoor Court Project

GOCO: This remains the critical funding source for the project. With a November deadline for submission of the request, the board acknowledged the need to begin the process of drafting the grant application. As we move forward it was agreed that we would make the assumption that the courts would be located at Cloman. We need to gain approval from the County that they would agree to submit the application once drafted. The board acknowledged that the County does not have a recreation department similar to the Town which could complicate the grant submission process and willingness of the County to move forward. While it is desirable for the County and Town to combine under a joint recreation department this has not been put into place.

It is the belief of the board that we may not be successful with the initial grant submission and would be required to update and resubmit the following year. The board also believes we would be able to move the stated location from Cloman to the Lagoons if that location became a realistic option. As part of our preparation for a GOCO application we will investigate whether the Town has other applications in process.

Steve has agreed to begin working on a draft grant application.

Town and County Contributions: While no specific dollar amount was discussed it was recognized that both the Town and County would need to contribute funds. From previous meetings with the County we believe the County is open to contributions from the Tourism Board. The Town has indicated a possible willingness to support a proposal similar to the one presented by the Skate Park initiative.
Club Contributions and Funding Sources: The board acknowledges the need for the club to contribute funds likely in line with the requested contributions from the Town and County. Sources for these funds were identified to include club member contributions, contributions from local businesses or benefactors, and additional grants secured by the club such as the Colorado Health Foundation.

The board agreed it would be beneficial to include links on the club website for local businesses that have made contributions.

John has agreed to investigate the grant process for the Colorado Health Foundation.

Al presented information on CRC America Community Resource Center. This is an organization that creates opportunities, tools and strategies to develop nonprofits and community groups to strengthen Colorado. The board agreed to look into this as a possible resource for assistance in developing grant proposals. An upcoming event of interest is the SW Colorado Rural Philanthropy Days Held September 12-14 in Cortez. We would need to register in July. Cost for the 3-day event is $155. There are a limited number of scholarships available covering $100 of the fee. Applications for the scholarships will be made available May 1st.

Website: The board acknowledged the need to move forward with the website. Two examples were provided, the Pikes Peak Pickleball Association and the SW Colorado Pickleball Association. Board members were asked to send their input and suggestions to John. He will get with Steve and Jarrett to update and release the initial site.

Membership Communication: There was a general discussion regarding feedback from a number of people related to complaints about various topics related to court time and behaviors. The board acknowledged the need to address this along with the need to provide general updates related to the club activities and goals. It was agreed that the board would schedule a general meeting to provide a forum for surfacing complaints as well as providing an update on recent activity. As opposed to a separate meeting for this it was suggested that we use the annual membership meeting as a vehicle to accomplish this.

The board also agreed that the website would be a means to satisfy this need on an ongoing basis.

We will look at the calendar with an eye on setting a meeting for the first half of May.

Status of the 8th Street Courts: The courts on 8th Street are not scheduled to be available until May 1st. Our understanding is Darren has agreed to patch the holes in the concrete and may be willing to replace the concrete in the area where water collects on the court inside the boards. Steve is meeting with Darren on April 3rd to discuss this.
Steve said the squeegee and a sump pump are missing from the storage building. JoAnn has offered to store equipment in her hanger next winter.

The club will work with Darren as necessary to help repaint the lines and other tasks to get the courts ready for play. JoAnn has agreed to approach the local Sherwin Williams store and request a donation of the paint required to complete repainting 8th Street and the courts at the PLPOA Rec Center. John agreed to approach Penny at the Rec Center for approval to repaint the lines. We discussed whether a general announcement about the courts at the Rec Center be sent to the group. It was decided not to do this at this time.