

Steering Committee Meeting March 8, 2024

Present: Ray, Ken, Lorna, Neal, Cathy, Jouni, Joyce, Lori, Don and Carolyn

Apologies : Linda

Steering Committee

- resigned Joyce, Ray, Cathy and Carolyn
- Returning Ken, Lorna, Neal, Jouni, Lori, Don and Linda, Claude (to confirm)
- Maximum 11 members

- Recruitment necessary – put out a call for skilled individuals
 - Speak to strong volunteer club members and hosts
 - Committee members can start to look for likely candidates

Treasurer/Membership

- See attached financials
- Cathy to update financials to include 2000 pesos for additional gate on court 3 as well as other costs and fees
- There were 220 players over the 2023/2024 season (similar to last year) with 135 players during the peak months
- Regular fees collected were slightly higher than last year

Court Expansion

The court expansion project costs total 286,800 pesos (13,200 under budget) and permanent fencing was unexpectedly covered.

The courts still need to be painted but it was decided to only paint the lines this year and leave the full court painting to next season.

The Volleyball group is stalled on the painting of the original courts so Neal will let them know that we will do the painting and he'll ask for the money back. Moved by Neal and seconded by Carolyn. All in favour.

There was considerable discussion with regards to the Shift Structure of the courts. Neal moved that the Melaque Club adopt the Barra system. Jouni seconded. The motion failed. The Sign-up Genius system will remain in play.

The Tennis Court folks have asked the Pickleball players not to park their bikes along the tennis court fence.

Utilizing The Courts

The utilization of the Courts will be discussed and implemented next season. The suggestion is to make it as simple as possible and maybe consider keeping one court available for higher level players.

Host Program

Lorna gave an update on the pros and cons of the Host Program as it ran this season. The conclusion is that it needs some re-working and that it needs more men to engage. Hosts are not expected to grade the skill levels of players. Any problems in this regard need to be brought to the attention of the Steering Committee.

Newsletter

There was no update at this time as the Steering Committee member assigned was unwell and could not attend the meeting.

Joyce will email the Membership outlining this year's accomplishments including approximate costs.

Signup Genius

The Sign Up Genius was a success this year. Members became more familiar and comfortable using it. Game limits were designated according to the numbers of players playing each week throughout the season to make it fair for everyone. The 11 o'clock slot will remain as it's being used by players working on their skills. The French community of members are also enjoying the 11 o'clock time slot. Joyce will cancel the pay version of Sign-Up Genius (approx. \$16 Canadian per month) on March 17th. Joyce has also agreed to help transition the new Sign-Up person in the Fall and will create a new email account.

Tournaments

Everyone is in agreement that the tournament's are very well run. Thankyou Joyce and all the volunteers that make them a success. Neal moved that preference will be given to paid regular Melaque members. Ray seconded. Motion passed.

It was noted that players must play in their skill level. Neal moved that the Club adopt the fee of 100 pesos per person for participation in tournaments to go towards Park Improvements. Seconded by Lori. Motion passed.

The re-introduction of the Barra/Melaque tournament was mentioned and it was agreed that it could happen but only on the Shoulder Season.

Lorna moved that 15% of all fees collected be set aside towards Park Improvements . Ray seconded. Motion did not pass. There was agreement to put some monies aside but not to put a specific amount on it.

Maintenance/Equipment

The Club will purchase new black netting for the division between court 3 and court 1 and 2.

The shades have to be taken down and stored for the summer. Ken will organize a work party The trees need trimming and fertilized. Ken will purchase and apply the fertilizer and ask Carlos to water.

The new gate will be installed for entry into court 3.

With regards to equipment we have 5 good nets at the moment. New balls are needed and will be ordered in the Fall. Don will have more net bags made for the approximate price of \$30.00 Canadian each.

Guidelines for Bullying/Inappropriate Behaviour

It was agreed that a code of conduct needs to be adopted. Joyce has offered to send Steering Committee members some examples of such and a decision by the Committee will follow.

Guidelines for the Melaque Pickleball Club

Lorna has volunteered to go over the existing guidelines and present any modifications next season.

Agenda item Beginner lessons, skill development classes will be deferred to the next meeting.

After much discussion the rule that says no players from later shift can join early shift if they come early has been changed. Lorna moves to delete the rule that prevents players from joining early. Ray seconded. The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.