**Minutes of the Melaque Pickleball Steering Committee**

**January 4, 2025**

Present: Lorna, Ken, Lori, Mary, Claude, Norva, Tom Call to order: 1:00 pm

Treasurer update – The balance as of December 31, 2024 is 54,162.46 pesos. Income to date is 44,300 pesos (11,200 of this income was deposited into the bank November 29). The total expenses to date January 3 are 35,318. Profit is 8,982. Cash on hand is 10,034 pesos. Book balance as of January 3, 2025 is 51,944.46.

French group update – There are 12 to 14 players using the new courts and playing Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. While Claude is away, Michel will serve as backup. The New Court nets will be left up (and court gates locked) after the last morning shift for Tuesday/Thursday/ Saturday. The French group will put nets away and lock up after their 3-5 pm shift. Ensure that the equipment box and door are locked when our members are not around.

Membership/Host/writeups

* Currently, 90 players in town, compared to 40 in mid-December. Numbers are increasing rapidly.
* Updated guidelines are posted and helpful information on how to sign up using Signup Genius is on the website.
* Last week, there were 50% of Intermediate/Advanced slots filled and 70% of Novice/Intermediate slots (having 2 shifts, 6 days/week). Lorna will be watching this ratio in the coming days/weeks. Ideally, both skill groups will have close to the same usage or available court times may have to be adjusted for each group.
* There was much discussion on people doing self-assessments and moving up or down to play where they fit best. Also, discussion on continuing play after the first session if space on the courts is available.
* When new people show up, hosts will ask about their playing experience and direct them to the website to assist in the self-assessment.
* Info on lessons will be added to the website when available. Kiki is someone who might offer lessons periodically.

Signup Genius update

* For email inquiries, Tom is responding to questions about signing up and Lorna will respond to questions on membership. They are watching the numbers to assess the need for limiting play when the numbers increase.
* Next Saturday (January 11), a limit of 4 days of play will be instituted. On Monday, depending on the numbers, it may open up to 5 days of play allowed.
* Emails not pertaining to SUG will be directed to the appropriate Steering Committee member.

Maintenance update

* Old courts were painted last week. Five painters from the Communidad Terapeutica Volviendo a Vivir in Barra. The 2,300 pesos included payment to the organization and tipping the young men. The paint is not slippery, which means the grey volleyball court area can now be painted.
* Painting of new courts. The committee agreed to move ahead with this. The cost will be approximately 2,000 pesos. A sealer will be applied first and that is an additional cost.
* LED lighting for new courts will be completed before the end of January.
* Barrier fencing for old courts. Ken showed the committee the black mesh fencing and described how it will attach with a cable. When not in use, it will swing toward the east fence and thus, there will be no need to take it down.
* New court nets. Lori proposed buying permanent nets for the new courts. After the meeting, she researched and reported this: The quote is from Juan Carlos who built the new courts at Cabo Blanco. The nets are 11,800 pesos each, approx. $825 cad. He would install them for 2,000 pesos each. He can order them anytime and he has the tools and experience with installing them. These posts bolt onto the surface so we won’t have to drill 3” holes. Total cost 13,800/net. 27,600 pesos.

Miscellaneous

* Ideas for how to use Sundays:
  + “Skills and drills”
  + League play
  + Open play

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

The next meeting is Saturday, February 1 at 1 pm. Meeting at Tom’s house in Villa Obregon – address forthcoming. No food is necessary. Everyone will bring their own beverage.