Tupelo Pickleball
Member Meeting - February 16, 2023 @ 5:30pm

Attending: Andy Burleson, Dexter Davis, Glenn Ross, Grayson Robbins, Nikki White, Lynnie Walker, Mike Robinson, Harold Hinchey, Blake Whitehead, Monda Lamb, Janice Herrington, Rose Mary Harvey, John Bryson, Lan Gooch, Patrick Timmons, Bryan Henderson, Chris Gann, Kathy Lott, Marty Herman, Jacob Reece, Bob Fields, Becky Shaffer, Richy Enis

Andy opened the meeting with announcements of thanks and gratitude to Marty Herman for seven years of service to Tupelo Pickleball. Mentioned growth of the club and how it's grown more in the past year than in the previous six.

♦ Update on Lawndale facility: A meeting with the architects, Park & Rec Marty, and Glenn was held recently. Plans are going forth from ground-breaking in mid to late Spring of this year. Shade structures over the courts are desired but funding has not been secured (which may cause slight delay)

♦ Play of the Game: Andy advised the Milam gym was the only facility Tupelo Pickleball had control. East Heights Baptist falls under the direction of Mark Lowery and First Presbyterian under Grayson Robbins or Jeremy Blachard. Storm shelters are managed by Tupelo Park and Rec and are not for casual play (league or tournament play only), and Mill Village is a public park open for all.

♦ Milam sessions are limited to 24 players. If more than eight are waiting to play, a paddle queue should be uses. When a game ends, the four players come off the courts, the next four players in the queue go on! All members are asked to assist new players in learning this format. **Milam Nets & Key:** The first player on PlaytimeScheduler is designated as the person responsible to pick up and return the nets/key. All are stored at Devil Crowe's garage/shed on Green Street. It is requested all equipment be returned by noon the following day.

♦ April is National Pickleball Month - No "special events" are planned by Tupelo Pickleball, Marty may hold a charity event (date to be determined)

♦ 2023 Tournament - A meeting with Park & Rec will be held soon to select optimum dates for reserving the Joyner tennis courts for the event

♦ A meeting with Park & Rec is also to include Tupelo Pickleball joining the Tupelo Sports Council. This meeting is to gain knowledge on expectations, benefits, and responsiblities of being included on the Sport Council.

♦ Spring Team League Play (Chris Gann): Interest and sign ups for this league is presently underway. Venues, dates, and format is being developed along with Park and Rec input. Possible start dates for this league is early May.

♦ Sunday Points League (Grayson Robbins): The is a random round robin series to begin on March 19th.

♦ DUPR Ratings: discussion of using during Team League and promotion of it's use. All members are urged to register at https://mydupr.com

♦ Equipment Purchase: dIscussion on ball preferences, recent nets purchase, and planned purchase of sqeegees.

♦ Election of 5th officer
Due to an officer declining, a special election to complete the 5th seat of the Tupelo Pickleball Board was held. Nominated were Lan Gooch, Chris Gann, Nikki White, and Rachel Carter. Lan Gooch was elected and will serve a two-year term.Tupelo Pickleball

Notes respectfully submitted by Grayson Robbins