

Minutes of the NSB Pickleball Club Meeting on March 21 at Holland Park – Attendance 20 members

Our March meeting was held at Holland Park and members tried out the new Disc Golf Course and we had a picnic in the small pavilion next to a great bike/walking trail.

April is National Pickleball Month! On Saturday, April 6, we will celebrate with a beach bonfire at Clancy Park on South Atlantic. The event starts at 6:30. Bring a dish to share, your own beverages, some wood for the fire and a chair.

Treasurer's report: We have \$4000 in our account. We are safeguarding a portion of that in long-term savings to be able to help fund larger projects, like the building of new courts.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony: The Pettis Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was very well attended by both club members and city officials. Members played both before and after. Dorothy Cresswell wrote 2 songs for the occasion. Thank you, Dorothy! The Club sang the songs as part of the dedication. The city has recently placed a cement picnic table in the pavillion. We will have our May meeting there on May 16 at 4 p.m. Pettis Park is now seeing regular play on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.



Adopt-a-Park: The Club has adopted Pettis Park and Live Oak Pickleball Courts. Donna Peacock and Dawn Townsend will coordinate the effort at Live Oak and Gloria Doster and Sheila Branch will be the coordinators at Pettis Park. Applause! Applause! We have pledged to keep the area free of trash. So after playing, members should scan the area within about a 50-yard radius. The city is planning an Adopt-a-Park appreciation picnic. The club purchased paddle holders for both places for \$82.

Club Website: The Club website is being administered by Matt Rogers. Big Thanks! Please send him any pickleball photos for posting. Contact matt2rogers@hotmail.com

Boys and Girls Club: Kim Brown of the Boys and Girls Club is looking for volunteers to teach pickleball to the children. Matt and Trish Rogers volunteer there currently and suggested that 4-6 p.m. is the scheduled playtime after homework and tutoring is completed. The Club is also looking for donations of old paddles to supply the Boys and Girls Club. Please let a board member know if you are interested.

City Gym Hours: The City Gym is now open on Mondays and Fridays from 10 to 4, and on Wednesdays from 12:30 to 4. The City is renovating the Women's Club and so activities from the Women's Clubs are taking place in the City Gym. Jim Brown will ask if the City Gym hours can be expanded in the summer when Babe James is not available. The Model Airplanes are in the gym on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Tournaments and Round Robins: The Club will host more events of this kind in the months to come, also possibly an event for beginner/intermediate players.

Next Meetings: April 6 bonfire at 6:30 beachside and then May 16, play pickleball and picnic in the pavilion at Pettis Park!! 4 p.m. Come early, stay late.