

Western Slope Pickleball Club
Meeting Minutes
April 27th, 2017 at 5:00pm
Lincoln Park Office, Grand Junction Colorado

Board of Directors:

President - Brenda Furnace

Fundraising Director: TBD

Vice President -Mike Cox

Secretary-Linda Griffith

Treasurer-Bill Schapley

Members at large: Nancy Burdette and Laura Atkinson

Web Site-Diana Alpert

Membership Director/Communications: George Gerson

Tournament Director: Jen Teta

Social Chairperson: Jan Kerr

Stand by Treasurer: Nancy Eaton

Outreach Director: Bruce Gregg

The meeting was called to order by Club President, Brenda Furnace at 5:02pm. Brenda welcomed everyone and asked for additional agenda items. Item added: Discuss Sweet 16 member perk of providing discounted entry.

Board Attendees: Brenda Furnace, Mike Cox, Bill Schapley, Nancy Burdette, George Gerson, Jen Teta, Nancy Eaton, Linda Griffith, Diana Alpert, Bruce Gregg and Lorie Gregor.

Absences: Jan Kerr and Laura Atkinson

Guest: Tracy Dvorak

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting: All members present had received the March 23, 2017 meeting minutes by email prior to today's meeting. A motion was made by Jen and seconded by Diana to accept the minutes with no corrections or additions. The motion carried by a unanimous "aye" vote from all members.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Misc. from President/Brenda:

1. General Liability & Accident/Health Insurance Policies were purchased at the end of March for the April 1st Club Tournament by Electronic Meeting (See summary of meeting on file & distributed to all Board members prior to this meeting.) These policies are in effect from March 30, 2017 to March 30, 2018. After a short discussion Bill made a motion to accept the purchase and the motion was seconded by Nancy B. The motion carried by a unanimous "aye" vote from all members.

2. D & O Insurance – Brenda reported this insurance relates to misconduct by Board members. RESOLVED: The Board decided not to pursue this insurance at present.
3. Storage Box for West LP Courts: Brenda reported the box purchased from Murdocks is currently unavailable. She will try to find a similar storage lock box as soon as possible.
4. Club Membership Form: A draft the WSPC form was presented by Brenda to the group. A few changes were suggested. Brenda will revise the form and send a copy to George to be emailed to all pickleball players. The next membership season runs from June 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018. (See copy on file) RESOLVED.
5. Fundraising Director Job Description: Brenda approached Dan Oliver to accept the Fundraising Director position but he has declined. A draft copy was sent to all Board members prior to the meeting. The group requested the job description be revised and simplified. Linda will do the revisions. The Board member opening will be communicated to the pickleball community in the near future.
6. Nexgen Club gym bags/ “online” WSPC members ordering proposal: Brenda ordered 70 bags in various colors for future members. (The bag was approved by the Board via email-see picture on file).

A proposal from Nexgen would allow Club members to order Club logo items online. Tracy suggested the Nexgen website could be linked to the Club website.

Nancy B. & Bruce volunteered to help with distribution of ordered products if needed. Logistics and other details will follow after Brenda speaks with Chris Kopanos. All members are in favor of online ordering for Club members.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer/Bill: See reports on file. Bill will add a separate line item for Club social events per Jen's suggestion. A motion to accept the financial reports for 2/28/17 was made by Jen and seconded by Diana. The motion carried by a unanimous “aye” vote from all members.

Club Budget 2017-2018 – Bill requested all members with items to be budgeted for next membership year send him an itemized list within one week.

Membership & Communications/George: 184 members currently. He has seen a lot of interest from players and would like to send out the new membership form soon.

Tournament Director/Jen: (See reports on file emailed to all Board members prior to this meeting). Tournament Feedback & Resolutions and WSPC Tournament Committee Update. Generally, the tournament feedback was positive. After some discussion it was suggested we post the Referee clinic Outline to the Club website. Jen will be conducting a second Referee Clinic April 24th for 4 people. She is keeping a list

of participants for reffing at future tournaments. Club run Sweet Sixteen Tournaments for the upcoming year were discussed. The Club must handle all registration, brackets and supervision of play. No Club discount on outdoor or indoor court costs is available. Tentative dates for 2 Club Sweet 16 tournaments are September and October. It may not be feasible to have a Sweet 16 indoor at the Barn because rental fees are \$75/hr. That is \$25/court/hour compared to \$5/court/hour outside. Barn use for Sweet 16 events would require an entry fee of \$14 to break even. The entry fee of \$14 is not necessarily out of the question given we charged \$20/person this year. Each *indoor* Sweet 16 runs 3 hours with 3 divisions on 3 separate days. This item added to the Next Steps List for further discussion.

Jen mentioned the squeegees were not useful removing water from the courts before the tournament April 1st. Lorie indicated she will research a better system but must use up the current inventory of rollers first. The squeegees have been moved to behind the tennis screen at LP east courts to hopefully, reduce sun damage to the rollers.

Website/Diana: Diana introduced Tracy Dvorak (owner of Mozaic Technologies) as her replacement on the Board as Website Director. Tracy will be assuming her duties as of June 1, 2017. The group welcomed Tracy and thanked Diana for her contributions over the last year.

Diana's report regarding WSPC Business Membership (see file) was emailed to all Board members prior to this meeting. Diana, Nancy B. & Nancy E. met and submitted an outline. The group discussed how best to offer local businesses the opportunity to advertise and support the Club. The consensus was to offer a single cost per business sponsorship of \$50/year. Each business would be linked to the Club website and could post a banner (at their cost) at any of the Club tournaments throughout the membership year. Diana will revise the current plan and email it to all members for approval. A motion to charge \$50 per business sponsorship per membership year was made by Jen and seconded by George. The motion carried by a unanimous "aye" vote from all members.

Social/Jan: Brenda presented for Jan. Suggestion to have a couple social events for members: The Ale House and possibly a social at Club member, Jana Donohue's home. Jan's suggestion was to have these events in May but the group thought we should wait and have one event after the June 1st annual membership meeting. Brenda will speak with Jan before our May meeting.

Outreach/Bruce: Bruce presented a few ideas as an overview. He will email the members an outline of his ideas before the May meeting. Items mentioned: children's pickleball programs, meet with Lorie at a later date to discuss collaboration with Parks & Rec, contact other clubs for inter-club play or tournaments and contact the GJ Visitor's Center. Gregg volunteered to act as the Club liaison with the City regarding the upcoming Community Center proposal. Bruce also requested direction from the Board

members as to what our expectations are for an outreach program.

Parks & Rec/Lorie: Update on the Pineridge court resurfacing and reconfiguration is that the project is out for bid now. Lorie spoke with Tao and believes there will be room for 6 pickleball courts and 1 tennis court – 2 permanent pickleball courts, 4 pickleball courts with portable nets shared with 1 tennis court. There is no start date for construction/resurfacing at this time. She requested no emails announcing the Pineridge court resurfacing be sent to pickleball players at this time.

Lorie researched insurance coverage for Club activities under the GJ Parks & Rec Dept: Coverage is not possible. The Club will need to purchase separate insurance policies.

Tax donations: GJ Parks & Rec can accept donations for pickleball projects with an account code. These monies would be held in escrow by the Club and given to the City when the project begins. A MOU between WSPC and GJ Parks & Rec would be required.

Date for WSPC Annual Membership Meeting at the Barn: June 1st, 2017 at 6:00 to 7:30pm was set. George will notify all pickleball players by email. Lorie suggested we invite someone from “PLACE” to speak about the proposed Community Center. Brenda will work on a meeting agenda.

Review Club Accomplishments & Goals for 2017-2018: (See Lists on file emailed to all Board members prior to meeting.)

The group approved the Accomplishments List with some revisions suggested by Jen. Linda will revise the list and email the final copy to all Board members for final approval and posting on the Club website.

The Goals List for 2017-2018 was accepted. Additional items and goals will be added later.

Additional Agenda Item: Reduced or minimal Sweet 16 tournament entry fees will need to be discussed further. Proposed \$5 entry fee was mentioned.

Next Steps Items:

Large Storage cabinet/unit for each court locations-revisit in spring or summer 2017

Nets for Pineridge (outdoor) and the Barn (indoor)

Tarps for all Barn windows-purchase Fall 2017

Budget for 2017-18

Review Club Goals

WSPC Sweet 16 Tourneys-members fee? Plan for execution of tournament

Nexgen “online” purchases - logistics

Pineridge Court configuration & resurfacing-updates on progress

Storage/Lock Box for west LP courts with first aid kit- availability

Next Meeting Date: May 17, 2017 at 5pm at Parks & Rec Office.

Adjournment: Brenda adjourned the meeting at 7:15pm.

Submitted by: Linda Griffith, Secretary
May 2, 2017