

Western Slope Pickleball Club Meeting Minutes
August 11th, 2016 6:00pm
GJ Parks & Rec. Office, Grand Junction, Colorado

The meeting was called to order by President, Brenda Furnace at 6:00pm.

Board Attendees: Brenda Furnace, Diana Alpert, Nancy Eaton, George Gerson, Linda Griffith, Lorie Gregor, Terri Schaeffers, Nancy Burdette and Laura Atkinson.

Absent: Paul Liang, Henry Bullock, Mike Cox, Tao Thongvahn (GJ Pickleball Ambassador).

Other Attendees: None

Welcome & Introduction: Brenda welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. Agenda item discussions will be timed to expedite meeting time and stay on track.

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting: A copy of the minutes from the last meeting, July 14th, 2016 was emailed to all present for review & corrections. The minutes were approved with no corrections or additions. The motion was made by Nancy E. and seconded by Nancy B. Lorie Gregor made a request to refer to the Pickleball Courts at Lincoln Park as East and West Courts in the future. All agreed.

Mission Statement-finalize:

A final mission statement for the Club was presented by Brenda. Below is the draft and finalized versions:

DRAFT:

Enhancing and building a strong Pickleball Community by Promoting, teaching, training and building our sport.

Working as a charitable support to the Grand Junction, Co. Parks and Rec. Dept.

To promote health and fitness of the general public by encouraging participation in the sport of pickleball within the City of Grand Junction and surrounding region. To Foster participation in local amateur Pickleball competitions bringing players together for fun, friendship and fitness.

Motion by George G. and seconded by Nancy E. to accept the draft with minor grammar and punctuation changes to follow.

FINAL:

To enhance and build a strong pickleball community by promoting, teaching, training and building our sport.

To work as a charitable organization, supporting the Grand Junction Parks and Recreation Department.

To promote health and fitness of the general public by encouraging participation in the sport of pickleball within the city of Grand Junction and surrounding region.

To foster participation in local amateur pickleball competitions, bringing players together for fun, friendship and fitness.

Bylaws: (review & finalize?) An extensive discussion regarding Bylaw (draft) changes and clarifications ensued. Changes suggested by George G. and other members were:

Article I/Section 2 – delete “in the city or Mesa County” and replace with “other venues managed by the Grand Junction Parks and Recreation Department”. The same sort of change would be made in Section 4f.

Article I/Section 3 – delete “reduce the financial burdens” and replace with “support”.

Article II/Section 2 – change “Association” to “Club”. Apply this change throughout the document.

Article III/Section 1 – The second sentence shall read “The board shall be composed of 10 people, including elected officers and the immediate past president.

Article III/Section 3 – to eliminate references to email voting by board members.

Article III/Section 5 –Club officer elections: Nominations for the Board (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) will be presented at the Club annual meeting in June. Additional nominations from Club members will be added at the meeting.

Section 6-Election Procedures: A mass email ballot(s) to all Club members will be sent with a 10-day deadline to vote. Elected board members would then appoint/elect Club Officers. Total Board members & officers would be 10 people.

Article IV/Section 3 – Change wording to read: “The fiscal year shall end May 31st.”

Article V-Financial: strike the sentence “The budget shall be updated/amended as necessary through the future annual tournaments (Yet to be determined).

Other changes included using “Grand Junction Parks and Recreation Department” designation throughout the bylaws and some grammar and punctuation clarifications.

Notes were made by the Club secretary, in the Bylaws DRAFT copy, regarding suggestions.

Due to time constraints, the Bylaws discussion was tabled until the next meeting. Brenda asked that everyone review the Bylaws and bring their final suggestions to the next meeting. We will plan to finalize the Bylaws then.

Reports:

Nets/Nancy Eaton: Nancy reported she has found several **indoor** portable net options but no good options for outdoor portable, “permanent” net/frame systems. Pickleball.com was her main search source. George mentioned we should be able to get a discount through Rich Garrett (Paddletek distributor). Price range for indoor nets is \$150-\$165. Some are available with wheels but are more expensive. It was suggested we purchase new indoor nets for the Barn location and train Parks & Recreation pickleball monitoring staff to assemble and teardown the nets. The group agreed to discuss this further at a future meeting before we allocate funds for the purchase. Item placed on “Next Steps” list.

Regarding new or refurbished outdoor nets (4) at Pineridge Courts: Lorie indicated that the GJ P&R Maintenance Department was looking at repairing the net frames-tightening bolts so that they may be used for the remaining season this year. Lorie will ask the Dept if they can come up with a way to refurbish or improve the current net system or construct new net/frame for future use.

Lock Boxes Report/Mike Cox: Mike is not present at the meeting to give his report. He had emailed pictures and prices of available metal/steel locking boxes to Board members. A discussion followed as to the practicality of providing balls, securing a locked box on each court, method of locking, and the expense involved. Terri S. suggested we not provide balls at this time and concentrate on providing a storage locker/building for each court location. The group agreed that further discussion of this issue would be needed. Item added to “Next Steps” list.

Treasurer/Paul: No report.

Web Site/Diana: In progress. Photos of Board members present were taken for future Website posting.

Fundraising/Terri: No report.

Membership/George: Currently 141 members have paid dues. Membership drill sessions with Tao have been suspended until Tao returns from a family emergency trip.

Communications/Henry: No report-absent. A suggestion to combine Communications and Membership was made by Brenda. She will speak to Henry about stepping down from this responsibility and report to the Board. George was amiable to accepting both responsibilities.

Parks & Recreation Dept/Lorie Gregor: Lorie has researched large storage cabinets/lockers and has some concerns. Who will have access? Keys? What happens if the door is left unlocked and all the contents are stolen/vandalized? How do we make the storage unit secure AND accessible? The group decided to table this item for now and add it to the “Next Steps” list for future consideration.

Lorie reported 2 recycle containers have been placed at the east Lincoln Park pickleball courts. New lines have been painted on: the west LP pickleball courts; Pineridge Courts, and Palisade has two newly painted pickleball courts by GJ P & R Maintenance Dept. Permanent court numbers have been posted at the east LP and Pineridge courts.

Squeegee Pricing: replacement roller = \$36.00 entire squeegee = \$55.00. It was mentioned that there is only 1 squeegee at the LP courts and the lock and chain have disappeared. No action was taken at this time.

WSPC Tournament Date: Sept 24th, 2016 is not available. We will need to pick another date. After some discussion, the group picked April 1 & 2, 2017 as tentative dates. We may be able to do the entire tournament on one day-maybe a Sunday. Due to the unavailability of dates, date conflicts and time constraints in setting up a tournament this fall the group decided to postpone until next year. This would allow us to plan a format, form a Tournament Committee and appoint a Tournament Director.

Email from Laura Atkinson Pineridge Member at Large: email contains several suggestions for Bylaws and Mission Statement. Per Laura – all items

were addressed during the meeting. Laura provided a copy of her email to Club Secretary.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, Sept. 13th, 2016 at 6:00pm at the GJ Parks & Recreation Office. Linda will send a meeting reminder email to all board members the Friday before the meeting.

Next Steps List: (items to be addressed in future)

- Membership Renewal – policy and plan
- AED/Eagle Scout Project
- Large Storage cabinet/unit at each court location
- WSPC Tournament
- Nets for Pineridge and the Barn
- Club provides balls – revisit issue
- Squeegee replacement

Adjournment: Brenda adjourned the meeting at 7:34pm.

Submitted by: Linda Griffith, Club Secretary
August 15th, 2016