

**Western Slope Pickleball Club Meeting Minutes**  
**July 14th, 2016 6:00pm**  
**GJ Parks & Rec. Office, Grand Junction, Colorado**

The meeting was called to order by President, Brenda Furnace at 6:07pm.

Board Attendees: Brenda Furnace, Henry Bullock, Diana Alpert, Nancy Eaton, George Gerson, Paul Liang, Linda Griffith, Mike Cox and Terri Schaefers.

Other Attendees: Lorie Gregor (Parks & Rec); Tao Thongvahn (GJ Pickleball Ambassador).

Absent: Laura Atkinson & Nancy Burdette (At Large Members). Late notification to at large members will be rectified for future meetings.

Welcome & Introduction:

Brenda thanked everyone in attendance and referred attendees to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting: a copy of the minutes from the first meeting, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 was emailed to all present for review & corrections. The minutes were approved with the exception of the proposed Mission Statement that will be revised, discussed and finalized at the next meeting. Nancy Eaton made a motion to accept the minutes and George Gerson seconded the motion.

Goals Prioritized:

Brenda presented a list of WSPC Goals and a discussion followed. (See attached list with additional goals).

Discussion items and comments:

*Nets and balls:* The group agreed that these two items are a priority that should be implemented as soon as possible. Nancy Eaton will research portable net options to possibly replace the nets at Pineridge and The Barn. Some net system options included a member suggestion of net frames with wheels. Other portable net kits available must be assembled and dismantled for storage.

*Shades & Covers:* A short discussion indicated that further study and research of this item is needed before any action can be taken. Considerations are: shade coverage as the sun moves, permanent vs. portable shade system, must be vandal proof.

*Storage Boxes:* The group would like to see small storage boxes (holding approximately 50 balls each) at Lincoln Park, Quick Start, and Pineridge Courts for player use. A lock would be placed on each box and the box secured to prevent removal. Mike Cox will research possible storage box

options. Lorie Gregor has looked at some options for a large storage box at each pickleball court location to accommodate court squeegees, brooms, balls, lost & found items, first aid kit and AED Unit. Further research and discussion will be needed at a future date.

*Water Fountain for Lincoln Park:* Lorie Gregor indicated a water source is not available. She will discuss the option with the appropriate staff and report back at the next meeting.

*More Courts:* Lorie Gregor reported the Junior/Quick Start Courts located at the west end of the tennis courts will be painted with pickleball lines (blue) to form 4 more courts for use by the end of July. These courts will be available to the public but Junior Tennis Players will have priority. Currently, Tao Thongvanh is conducting WSPC lessons on these courts for members. Thank you to Tao for examining the court surface and suggesting no resurfacing or net changes need to be done.

*First Annual WSPC Championship Tournament:* Added to short term goal list with a tentative date of September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 suggested. Fundraising event. Moved this goal from Medium Term to Short Term list.

*Resurfacing Pineridge Courts:* Lorie confirmed blue lines for pickleball will be painted on the courts very soon. Brenda asked if these courts could be dedicated as pickleball courts only and locked. Lorie indicated that this was not an option as neighborhood tennis players do use the courts. The discussion was tabled for now.

*Lights for Lincoln Park Courts:* Tao suggested the current light (with a higher wattage bulb) be positioned so the two east pickleball courts will be lighted instead of trying to light all the courts with a single light. Lorie will speak to Parks & Rec. Maintenance Dept.

*AED Unit:* Added this item to Medium Term Goals list. One unit for each court location to be stored in large storage box.

Mission Statement: See attached proposed statement. Brenda requested all present to review and send her suggestions and changes by email. Plan to finalize the statement next meeting.

Bylaws: See attached proposed bylaws compiled by Brenda for review by the Board Members. She asked members to email questions, changes or suggestions to her before the next meeting. Do not worry about spelling errors; concentrate on guidelines, Board terms and rules. She would like to finalize the bylaws at the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

*Treasurer/Paul Liang:* Club Bank of Colorado account is set up and functioning. Paul confirmed one signature is required on all checks. Bank of Colorado cannot “track” 2 signatures so this was their suggestion. He is waiting for a debit card to be issued. Expenses for member T-shirts to date is \$418.22/\$5.25 per shirt. Brenda has purchased a WSPC banner and would like to donate it to the club. Our current Club checking account balance is approximately \$3500.

*Membership Card Update-*The card design was circulated to attendees. The club email will be removed from the club logo before the final cards are printed and distributed. Terri Schaefers motioned the card design be approved and the motion was seconded by George Gerson.

*Fundraising/Terri Schaefers:* Possible future efforts may include local restaurant donations of part of meal costs such as Texas Roadhouse and McAllister’s for example. George suggested a “target” item be designated for each fundraiser when possible. Networking with companies that carry pickleball equipment to achieve club discounts and donations such as USAPA, Paddletek and other suppliers, MidWest Sports.

The attendees voiced a need to educate the Western Slope Community about Pickleball through use of flyers, brochures (Brenda presented an example), Facebook info and our club website. This may fall under the category of Public Relations/Outreach.

*Membership/George Gerson:* There are currently 113 paid members. George has an excel spreadsheet with each members’ pertinent information. Scheduling of member lessons with Tao at the Junior Courts is going well. Tao is getting many requests for future pickleball drilling sessions from members. Terri Schaefers suggested we consider providing drills for members at a future date conducted by club members possibly trained by Tao. We cannot expect Tao to be available indefinitely for training sessions.

George will be conducting an intermediate Pickleball Clinic, by invitation from Shirley Skinner, in Palisade, July 20<sup>th</sup>. Donations to the WSPC are suggested.

*Communications/Henry Bullock:* Work in progress. No report at this time.

*Website/Diana Alpert:* Information distributed to attendees:

Wix.com Combo Plan Subscription: \$9.95 mo. X 12 months =\$117 year

Includes domain name and website hosting/single payment.

Mailbox Subscription: \$4.08 mo. X 12 =\$48.96 (single payment)

WSPC Total cost for 1 year = \$165.96. Use WSPC Debit card to purchase.

There was some discussion about trying to solicit donation(s) for the cost but it was decided the Club would pay the cost as soon as the Debit card is available. Henry Bullock motioned to allocate \$165.96 of Club funds for the

purchase. George Gerson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Diana suggested Lorie Harper (club member) be available as back-up for any website issues if Diana is not available. Linda Griffith motioned to ask Lorie and Nancy Eaton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Diana will speak with Lorie and report back at the next meeting.

Board of Directors/Length of Terms: This item will be discussed at the next meeting with the Bylaws.

Update from Parks & Recreation/Lorie Gregor: Most of Lorie's items have been discussed earlier in the meeting.

Large Storage Box/Cabinets – pending further research.

Junior Courts – blue lines for Pickleball soon

Pineridge Courts – blue lines for Pickleball will be repainted soon

Lorie requested that WSPC minutes be forwarded to: Traci Wieland, GJ Recreation Superintendent and Ron Felt, GJ Parks Supervisor as many of our projects involve the City of GJ and Parks and Recreation. All members agreed. Linda Griffith, Club Secretary indicated that all WSCP meeting minutes would be emailed to the above mentioned persons.

Set Date for Next Meeting: August 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Parks & Rec Office. Lorie Gregor checked and indicated that evening was open.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

Reports on various researches – nets, ball storage boxes, water fountain, light adjustment at LP courts.

Finalize Bylaws and Mission Statement for WSPC.

Establish minimum age for club membership.

Membership Club cards follow up.

First Annual WSPC Championship Tournament follow up.

Last Item: George Gerson suggested we invite Lorie Gregor to be an honorary Club member (no dues). Mike Cox motioned we ask Lorie to be an honorary Club member and Terri Schaefer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Lorie accepted the honorary Club membership.

Adjournment: Brenda adjourned the meeting at 7pm.

Submitted by: Linda Griffith, Club Secretary  
July 17th, 2016