

Western Slope Pickleball Club Meeting Minutes
November 17th, 2016 6:00pm
GJ Parks & Rec. Office, Grand Junction, Colorado

The meeting was called to order by President, Brenda Furnace at 6:03 pm.

Board Attendees: Brenda Furnace, Diana Alpert, George Gerson, Linda Griffith, Lorie Gregor, Paul Liang, Jennifer Teta, and Nancy Burdette

Absent: Terri Schaeffers, Laura Atkinson, Mike Cox, Nancy Eaton, and Tao Thongvahn (GJ Pickleball Ambassador).

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting: Meeting minutes from the September 13th meeting were approved with no corrections or additions. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Diana and seconded by Nancy B.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Officer/Committee Reports:

Misc & Financial Report/Brenda: Brenda mentioned to the group that Cindy Marino (Montrose Parks & Rec) had contacted her regarding the possible formation of a “branch” Pickleball Club associated with the WSPC. Brenda also presented a current financial report. The current Club Account Balance is \$4,352.32.

WSPC Tournament April 1st, 2017/Jen Teta: Jen presented a detailed outline for the upcoming tournament and future tourneys.

All 8 courts at LP have been reserved. Women’s and Men’s Doubles in skill levels 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5+ will be offered. Registration will open January 20th and close March 17th, 2017. Check-in would be at 8:30am, play 9:00am-4:00pm and a social potluck will be held after the tournament. Tournament play options will depend on the number of entrants. An alphabetical listing of all registered players with a waiver statement at the top will be signed by all participants at registration.

Jen is requesting 6 volunteers to train and run the tournament. She also suggested we plan to begin a referee training program so we will have qualified referees for future tournaments. (Jen’s outline on file with Club minutes)

Membership ID cards and 50(c)3 options/Paul: After researching a lead on working with Two Rivers/US Bank in Glenwood Springs to set up our Club 501(C)3 status, Paul found that this is not an option for our club. We will need to obtain our own 501(c)3 status. (email correspondence on file with Club minutes)

Paul distributed laminated Club membership ID cards to all present and George volunteered to distribute the rest to members. Cost was \$.35 per card. George added that our current membership is 162 members.

Large storage cabinet/unit for each court location, AED access & signage. Additional updates (if any)/Lorie:

No additional information on large storage unit.

AED signage will be posted at the LP East courts directing players to the LP Golf Clubhouse to access an AED unit. This will be done at no charge by Parks and Rec.

Follow up to request from Club member about additional indoor pickleball venues: Lorie researched Bookcliff Rec Center availability. Room for 4 courts that would need to be taped and untaped each use and 4 new portable nets would be needed.

Tentative availability: Mon-Fri 9a – 1p; Sat after 3pm

Some discussion followed but no consensus was reached at this time.

George suggested we collect stats from the Barn use before we address an additional indoor location.

Nets for Pineridge (outdoor) and the Barn (indoor)/Brenda & Paul: The new indoor net is screwed together and ready for use. It must be carried by two people. Lorie held a clinic for the Barn monitors regarding the new net. No additional discussion on Pineridge nets.

Web Site-Sponsor Options/Diana: Nancy B., Nancy Eaton & Diana met and brainstormed some ideas. (Handout on file with Club minutes)

Proposal is to approach businesses that would benefit from our Club members. Price to start at \$250/350 then tier up based on cost of banner. WSPC sponsor would receive: Banner to hang for tournaments & Club events, 1 year Club membership for 1 employee, advertising spot on our Web Site and Pickleball mentoring from Club and/or Board members. Offer to “post” Club members business cards on our Web Site for a \$20 minimum fee.

Diana suggested we all view the Pike’s Peak Pickleball Club Web Site and take a look at their donation page.

Bylaws Committee/Brenda, George & Linda: Met with Marc Summers, a local attorney and WSCP member earlier today. Marc has volunteered to help up with setting up a 501(c)3 status pro bono with a free Club membership for his wife and himself. During the discussion, Marc indicated that we will need to register our Club with state and federal entities and contact an accountant to consult with us. Marc will review our current bylaws and get back to us regarding a list of items he thinks we need to address. Marc will also be willing to meet with our accountant regarding any accounting/attorney decisions. Brenda will reach out to our WSPC members to ask if anyone with an accounting background would be interested in assisting with establishing our 501(c)3 status.

Next Steps List:

- WSPC Tournament-April 1st, 2017
- Large storage cabinet/unit for each court location
- Nets for Pineridge (outdoor) and the Barn (indoor)
- 501(c)3 Status & Accountant to consult on Bylaws
- Annual Pickleball Party at the Barn January 7th, 2017

Date for next meeting: No physical meeting in December. Brenda will email an electronic update to all Board members by Dec 15th. Next Meeting January 5^h, 2017 at 5:15pm at Parks & Rec Office.

Adjournment Time: 7:52 pm

Submitted by: Linda Griffith, Club Secretary
November 27th, 2017