

**Western Slope Pickleball Club
Annual Membership Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2017 6:00-7:30 pm
Lincoln Park Barn, Grand Junction Colorado**

Board of Directors:

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| President - Brenda Furnace | Fundraising Director: TBD |
| Vice President -Mike Cox | Secretary-Linda Griffith |
| Treasurer-Bill Schapley | |
| Members at Large: Nancy Burdette | Web Site-Diana Alpert/Tracy Dvorak |
| Tournament Director: Jen Teta | Social Chairperson: Jan Kerr |
| Stand by Treasurer: Nancy Eaton | Outreach Director: Bruce Gregg |
| Membership Director/Communications: George Gerson | |

Attendees: (see sign-in sheet) 37 attendees and 10 Board Officers – Brenda Furnace, Bill Schapley, George Gerson, Tracy Dvorak, Diana Alpert, Bruce Gregg, Linda Griffith, Nancy Eaton, Jen Teta and Jan Kerr.

The following items were posted at the meeting for all attendees to review:

WSPC Mission Statement
Statement of Revenue & Expenses (as of 4/30/17)
Budget Comparison to Actual
“Working”/Proposed Budget 2017-2018
Meeting Agenda
WSPC Goals June 1, 2017-May 31, 2018
WSPC Accomplishments-June 1, 2016-May 31, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Club President, Brenda Furnace at 6:00 pm. Brenda welcomed everyone. Brenda asked that attendees hold questions until the end of the meeting to save time and to please use the suggestion box. Brenda presented the following topics:

1. Summary of WSPC formative 1st year. Announcement that all Board Members will remain for at least one more year – no officer elections until next annual meeting 2018. Officer terms will be determined later.
2. Club Accomplishments
3. Future Club Goals
4. Introduction of all Club Officers - short 3-5 minute report from each of

the Officers listed below. Brenda also thanked all Club member volunteers that stepped up to help with tournaments, social events and general maintenance needed throughout the last year. Our Club is successful because we have awesome members. She reminded everyone to speak with Board members and make suggestions. The Board is representing all Club members.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer-Bill Schapley – explained the Club 501(c) 7 social, tax exempt organization status has been applied for with pro bono help from local attorney and Club member, Marc Summers. Our application for the Western Slope Pickleball Club, Inc was submitted in January 2017 and we are awaiting confirmation. His responsibilities as treasurer include monthly financial reports and yearly budget compilation. The latest financial reports and “proposed” 2017-18 Club budget is posted on a board at the Barn entrance area and on the Club website for review.

Membership/Communications-George Gerson: Last year membership = 184, 26 members were outside Mesa County. As of today, 172 members have signed up for the 2017-18 membership year!! George reviewed the membership perks including new perk – 25% off Engage Paddles (contact Tao),

Tournament Director-Jen Teta: Plans for 2017-18 include 2 Sweet 16 Saturday Tournaments, Sept. 16th & Oct 14. Three hour events for 3.0 & below, 3.5 and 4.0 divisions for only \$5.00 per player. The 1st Annual Club Championship Tournament April 1, 2017 had 70 member participants and the Club Social, hosted by Greg and Anita Reicks was a great success. Entertainment by volunteer Club members/musicians was a highlight of the event. April 7, 2018 is the date of the 2nd Annual Club Tournament. Volunteers and referees are an integral part of any tournament and Jen was able to train 9 tournament volunteers and 21 people participated in 2 referee clinics.

Social Director-Jan Kerr: The latest event is this Friday, June 2, 5-7 pm at Dos Hombres (Redlands) to view the US Open Pickleball Men's & Women's Events. Jan has reserved several tables and has received 30 RSVPs from members. Other upcoming events include: GJ Rockies games, August 5th Social, hosted by Jana and Don Donohue, & October 7th Social hosted by the

Reicks.

Website Director-Diana Alpert: Diana announced she will be resigning from the Board and Tracy Dvorak will be taking the position. Brenda thanked Diana for all her hard work in getting the Club website up and running as well as maintaining the postings. Diana also has published several Club newsletters that have been posted. Brenda also welcomed Tracy as a new Board member and reminded everyone, she was our first Club business sponsor (Mozaic Technology). Diana explained how Business Sponsorships work and that anyone can fill out an application (on Club website) and apply.

Outreach-Bruce Gregg: Plans for 2017-18 – youth Pickleball Clinic this Fall (collaborating with Lorie Gregor at Parks & Rec), invite other area pickleball groups to play-may travel to play at other locations and adopt a local road or street to clean-up as a quarterly Club activity.

Guest Speakers from PLACE:

Bruce introduced guest speakers, Andrea Krieves and Brenda St John to speak to the group about the current grassroots movement in GJ to build a Community Center. PLACE (People for Local Activities & Community Enrichment) has partnered with 501(c)3 WCC (Western Colorado Congress) to encourage our community to convince the GJ City Council to form a formal partnership with PLACE and conduct a feasibility study for a Community Center, Brenda St John encouraged all present to attend the City Council Workshop at City Hall, Monday, June 5th at 5:30 pm. PLACE will be addressing the City Council and would like everyone's support.

A quick history: PLACE has been working on this project for the last two years and has 12 founding members. A petition is currently circulating and is available for signatures tonight. They currently have 2,127 signatures of support. If the City Council will support the effort (partnership), PLACE will apply for grants needed to fund a feasibility study. The next step would be for GJ Parks & Rec to put the Community Center construction “out for bid” (Spring 2018?); then Fall 2018 or Spring 2019 would be a ballot vote. This is only a rough timeline.

PLACE would like citizens to write letters to City Council members in support of the Community Center. They also asked people to fill out When asked about Matchett Park as a possible location, Andrea replied “that location would be a good fit”.

PLACE wants “A Community & Rec Center connecting the people of GJ inter- culturally”. The facility should be for all age groups. Please go to PLACE Facebook page and fill out the “Survey Monkey” short questionnaire and read about their goals and plan.

Guest:

Chris Kopanos-Nexgen Promotions: Brenda introduced Chris to the group. Chris, Linda & Brenda have been working on a website through Nexgen (companycasuals.com/wspc) where players can order Club-logo sports apparel. Chris will give back 20% of all sales to the Club. He would like to place the first group order by June 15th with delivery of items by mid July. Chris will be available for people to ask questions and see the website after the meeting.

Guest:

Lorie Gregor-GJ Parks & Rec: Lorie shared the re-configuration plan for the Pineridge Courts. (plan on file). Currently, there are 4 temporary Pickleball courts and 2 permanent tennis courts. After re-surfacing, the new court configuration will be for 1 permanent tennis court & 2 temporary (portable nets) pickleball courts with “shared” lines. Two additional temporary pickleball courts and 2 PERMANENT pickleball courts. That is the addition of 2 pickleball courts! The only restriction: 2 center temporary pickleball courts cannot be used when tennis players are present. Lorie indicated these changes and improvements will be done before the end of the year.

Lorie has been working with the City attorney to allow Parks & Rec to accept money donations (held by the WSPC) for designated Club project(s). A tax deduction letter can then be distributed to the donor(s) from the City.

Tao’s Summer Intensive Training Program:

Tao Thongvanh -Drilling Sessions: In support of the Club, Tao would like to offer one full month of an Intensive Pickleball Training for members only. Training dates would be June 22 – July 21, 2017. Cost is \$100.00 each for 28 players maximum (8- 3.0; 8- 3.5; 8- 4.0 & 4- 4.5+ players). George will email more details and sign up information later.

Brenda announced to the group: Aiaga Roffey has accepted the Board position of Fundraising Director. Welcome, Aiaga!

Brenda thanked everyone for attending. She asked people to see Chris about

the sports apparel website and sign-up for Club membership (pick-up your gym bag) with George.

Adjournment Time: Brenda adjourned the meeting at 7:32 pm.

Submitted by,

Linda Griffith,
Club Secretary
June 13, 2017