

**Western Slope Pickleball Club  
Meeting Minutes  
May 17, 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 5:03pm. Brenda welcomed everyone and asked for additional agenda items. Item added: removal of Laura Atkinson as Member at Large.

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

Absences: Jen Teta, Tracy Dvorak and Laura Atkinson

**Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting:** All members present had received the April 27th, 2017 meeting minutes by email prior to today's meeting. A motion was made by George and seconded by Mike 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. Fundraising Director-Job Description-post to website. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Linda to accept the Fundraising Director Job Description and ask Diana to post it to the WSPC Website. The motion carried by a unanimous "aye" vote from all members.
2. Nexgen apparel with Club logo – Linda, Brenda & Chris Kopanos have been working on a website link ([companycasuals.com/wspc](http://companycasuals.com/wspc)) to offer

Club sports apparel. Chris would donate 10% of all sales to WSPC. The Board members would like Chris to handle all the payments and orders. They are in favor of making the apparel available to Club members. George made a motion that was seconded by Nancy E. to follow up with Chris. The motion carried by a unanimous “aye” vote from all members. Linda will work with Chris to make the website happen by the June 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting. Chris will present to the attendees and see what the interest level is. After some discussion, a motion was made by George to award honorary Club memberships for the following persons for their contributions to the Club: Roy Gamble, Lorie Gregor, Marc Summers and wife and Chris Koponas. Linda seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous “aye” vote from all members.

3. Agenda-June 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting – see attached draft. Linda suggested each Board Member present a brief 3-5 minute summary of their area of responsibility. The group agreed to speak individually at the meeting.
4. Balls – Due to the high breakage and usage it was suggested the Club no longer provide pickleballs at the courts. A motion was made by George and seconded by Nancy E. to no longer supply balls as of May 31, 2017. Bruce Greg stated he feels the provision of balls at the courts is a great perk. The motion carried by consensus and George will send an email to all pickleball players regarding this change. George will have pickleballs for sale at a discounted rate of \$2 per ball.
5. West Courts Storage Box – still pending.
6. Player of the Year – Brenda submitted Tao Thongvanh's name and a letter of recommendation to Rusty's Pickleball Rocks website to be considered for the honor. All Board Members are in support of the nomination.

**Treasurer-Bill:** The financial reports ending April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 were emailed to all members prior to the meeting. (Reports on file). After a short discussion, Linda made a motion to approve the current financial reports. The motion was seconded by Nancy B. The motion carried by a unanimous “aye” vote from all members.

A Budget Comparison to Actual and Final Budget for the WSPC Fiscal Year Ending May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 was submitted. All members received emailed copies of these 2 documents prior to the meeting. A few changes to the Annual Budget were made and Bill will email a revised report to all Board Members. (Reports on file)

**Outreach-Bruce:** An outline of Bruce's report was emailed to all members

prior to the meeting. (Outline on file). Highlights of his report to the members: 1) spoke with Roxanne Dennis of PLACE (people for Local Activities & Community Enrichment) about providing a speaker at the June 1<sup>st</sup> annual meeting to explain the effort to get a GJ Community Center on the ballot. Andrea Krieves will attend and present. 2) Other outreach options Bruce would like to pursue – contact other area clubs for inter-club play; youth instructional clinic (will need Club volunteers and equipment); adopting a stretch of highway/road in Club name for clean-up; a charitable fundraiser of some sort.

Bruce has also emailed USAPA for suggestions for other Club outreach programs. He has met with Lori Gregor and plans to meet again to see how GJ Parks & Rec and our Club can interface to make some outreach projects happen.

**Membership & Communications-George:** (report on file-sent to all Board members prior to meeting) Membership applications & dues for the 2017-2018 membership year are at 68 with 9 new members and 59 renewals. He plans to give old members the month of June as a grace period to renew. No objection was made from the Board members. George will continue to encourage players to join the Club and handout the Club logo bags as dues are paid.

**Tournament Director-Jen:** (report on file sent by Jen to all Board members prior to the meeting). Jen was unable to attend the meeting so George presented for her. Dates for 2 Club Sweet 16 tournaments were set for Saturday, September 16 and October 14, 2017. The annual Club Championship Tournament was scheduled for April 7, 2018.

**Website Director-Diana:** The final copy of the Western Slope Pickleball Club Company/Business Sponsorship Application for 2017-2018 membership year was presented and approved for posting on the WSPC Website. (form on file)

Diana will post the Club Accomplishments List on the website after they are presented at the June 1<sup>st</sup> annual meeting.

**Social Director-Jan:** (report on file-emailed to all Board members prior to meeting).

Two Club Potluck events are planned: Sat., August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Jana (Club member) and Don Donohue's residence and Sat., October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the residence of Greg (Club member) and Anita Reicks. Each social costs the

Club about \$300. The Board members agreed to allow \$900 as a budgeted amount for the 2017-2018 fiscal year to cover an additional social.

Bruce mentioned CBS SD would be airing the US Open Pro Men's and Women's Pickleball Championship games on June 2. Jan will try to set up a Club social event at one of the local sports bars. George will notify Club members by email.

**Parks & Rec-Lori:**

1. Pineridge resurfacing update – no start date or bid acceptance yet. \$10,000 in the City budget and they have found the concrete contains re-bar that will need to be located before construction and resurfacing.
2. MOU (memorandum of understanding) between WSPC & GJ Parks & Rec to allow tax exempt donations for Club project(s) – no update at this time. City attorney is working on a plan.

**Additional Agenda item(s):** Resignation of Laura Atkinson from Board as At-Large member. Linda has attempted to contact Laura at least twice by email since she has not attended a Club meeting this year. Linda has not received a response from Laura. (emails on file). A motion was made by Linda and seconded by Nancy E. to remove Laura from the Club Board. Nominations for a new At-Large Board member will follow at a later date. (Next Steps item).

**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
- Pineridge Court configuration & resurfacing-updates on progress
- Storage/Lock Box for west LP courts with first aid kit- availability
- At-Large Member nominations
- Club Newsletter – who will write it?

**Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 5pm at Mesa County Public Library (MCPL). Brenda will reserve a meeting room.

**Adjournment:** Brenda adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm

**Submitted by:** Linda Griffith, Secretary  
June 2, 2017