

**Western Slope Pickleball Club  
Meeting Minutes  
June 14, 2017 at 5 p.m.  
Mesa County Public Library  
Study Room C**

**Board of Directors:**

President - Brenda Furnace	Fundraising Director: Aiaga Roffey
Vice President -Mike Cox	Secretary-Linda Griffith
Treasurer-Bill Schapley	Members at large: Nancy Burdette
Web Site-Tracy Dvorak	
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 5:05 p.m. Brenda welcomed everyone and asked for additional agenda items. Item(s) added: 1) Update of Club Membership Form on website; 2) Tao-free Club membership + 24 pickleballs; 3) Nomination(s) for Member at Large to replace Laura Atkinson.

**Board Attendees:** Brenda Furnace, Bill Schapley, George Gerson, Linda Griffith, Tracy Dvorak, Jen Teta, Aiaga Roffey and Lorie Gregor.

**Absences:** Mike Cox, Nancy Eaton, Nancy Burdette and Bruce Gregg.

**Guest:** Eileen Egloff – WSPC Newsletter

**Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting:** All members present had received the May 17, 2017, meeting minutes by email prior to today's meeting. A motion was made by Bill and seconded by Jen to accept the minutes with no corrections or additions. The motion carried by a unanimous "aye" vote from all members.

All members present had received the June 1, 2017, annual membership meeting minutes by email prior to today's meeting. A motion was made by Tracy and seconded by George to accept the minutes with a correction of when the meeting was called to order (6:00pm). The motion carried by a unanimous "aye" vote from all members.

## **AGENDA ITEMS:**

### **Parks & Rec-Lorie:**

Brenda explained to the group, Lorie will be dropping in on Club meetings when she has a report. She is here to address the Club about adopting the Move-Up Rule that GJ Parks & Rec has implemented for tournaments in Grand Junction and to update the Board on the MOU progress, between GJ Parks & Rec and WSPC.

- Grand Junction Tournament Move-Up Rule: a tournament winner, of any event (mixed or same-sex), must play at the next higher level in all events entered in the following calendar year. A player may appeal the ruling. The appeal will be heard by a three-player committee composed of Tao, Mike Cox and George.

History: Enforcement began with winners of tournaments in 2015. In two years that that the rule has been in place (2015 & 2016), a total of 105 gold medals have been awarded (a number of players have earned more than one). About a dozen appeals have been heard; all have been granted.

Reason rule was put in place: for the sake of fairness by keeping players from playing below their skill level.

Reason to reconsider: The rule was put in place before the WSPC came into being. The Club represents a large majority of local players and the vast majority of local players who participate in tournaments. The Club should be the body that sets the rule and it should be discussed and put up to a vote as to whether it should be kept in place, amended, or repealed.

During the following discussion all members agreed the rule is fair and Brenda requested George write a clear, concise, detailed description to be distributed to all pickleball players and posted on the Club website. A motion was made by Jen and seconded by Eileen to adopt the Move-Up Rule with a rule description to be communicated to all players and posted on the Club website. The motion carried by a unanimous “aye” vote from all members.

- MOU between GJ Parks & Rec & WSPC: Still in legal, no new update.

### **Misc. from President/Brenda:**

Brenda welcomed Eileen Egloff to the meeting and thanked her for volunteering to compose the Club Newsletter. After a brief discussion the group decided Eileen will be part of the Membership/Communications team with George and also work with Tracy to post the newsletter. She will be attending Board meetings and receive Board communications to keep her current with Club decisions.

1) Move-Up Rule (see above discussion/resolution). 2) Brenda also addressed updating the Club Membership Form on the Website (added agenda item #1) to reflect all membership “perks”. George will provide Tracy with the updated form he is currently using for posting. 3) Brenda asked for a motion to approve a free Club membership for Tao and a gift of 24 pickleballs for all his contributions to the Club membership (added agenda item #2). A motion was made by George and seconded by Tracy. The motion carried by a unanimous “aye” vote from all members.

### **Treasurer-Bill:**

The financial reports (Statement of Revenues & Expenses and Cash Disbursements) ending May 31, 2017, were emailed to all members prior to the meeting. (Reports on file). Additionally, the Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending 5/31/2018 was emailed and presented (on file). It was decided that no line item for Fundraising would be added at this time. Aiaga will bring fundraising projects to the Board on a case-by-case basis for approval. A motion was made by George and seconded by Jen to accept the May 31 financial reports and approve the Budget for FYE 5/31/2018 with the following additions to the Budget: Estimated number of Club members = 225 (\$7875) and add a line item for business sponsors = 5 at \$50 each (\$250). The motion carried by a unanimous “aye” vote from all members. Bill will make the changes and email a copy of the Budget to all Board members.

### **Outreach-Bruce:**

A emailed report from Bruce indicates 2 items he is working on:

- 1) Family Pickleball Clinic in mid-September. Geared primarily for kids who would attend with a parent, guardian, grandparent or other adult.

- Working with Lori to get it in the Fall Activity Guide.
- 2) Proposal to the City to adopt a street. He has suggested 24 Rd from Canyon View to Patterson. High visibility, major entryway to the city and a lot of litter. The park would be a great place to park, have refreshments, etc. Our commitment would be 4 cleanups/year. Waiting for reply from City.

### **Membership/Communications-George:**

(email report to all members prior to meeting) As of June 14th: (updated for meeting)

New members = 64      Renewing members = 142      Total = 206  
Total includes 24 from outside Mesa County.

Business Sponsors = 5

Guido Schulte Real Estate/Guido Schulte  
Mozaic/Tracy Dvorak  
Nexgen/Chris Kopanos  
Paddletek/Rich Garrett  
Edward Jones/Chris McGlade

Pickleballs sold = 226 (\$452)

George also composed the draft of the Grand Junction Tournament Move-Up Rule, which was adopted by the Club.

FYI: George has been approached by New Dimensions (a local education group) to offer 2 Pickleball Clinics on their fall schedule.

### **Tournament Director-Jen:**

Jen will write up Sweet 16 rules for Board approval.

### **Website-Tracy:**

Tracy would like to post a short interview to “spotlight” each business sponsor. She presented a short list of questions and the group agreed this would be a good idea. Jen volunteered to contact each business sponsor to see what size/type of banner they have or are interested in purchasing. Tracy would also like to post a short history of Pickleball in GJ. She and George will work on this. All members expressed their thanks to Tracy for doing a great job with the website.

### **Social Director-Jan:**

Last event held was a meet up at Dos Hombres Restaurant to watch the US Pickleball Open. It was a success with about 30 players in attendance.

Next event: First Day of Summer GJ Rockies Game Wednesday, June 21 at 6:40 pm. She will have a section in the stadium reserved for WSPC participants. Tickets are \$9 per person. George will send an email to the membership asking them to RSVP by text to Jan.

### **Fundraising-Aiaga:**

Brenda welcomed Aiaga to the group. She has thought of a few possible ideas: BBQ with “suggested donation” tickets & a silent auction. The group indicated that a specific project should be designated to direct the fundraising efforts toward. Shades for the Lincoln Park courts was agreed upon. Aiaga will research some possible structures/coverings or umbrella-type-shade systems to get an idea of a target amount we will need to raise. She has spoken to several Club members willing to volunteer to help with fundraising. A team will be formed with Aiaga as the lead.

### **Additional Agenda Item:**

Nomination(s) for new At-Large Board member: Jen nominated Madonna Hayes and Jane McKnight was also nominated. After some discussion, the group asked Jen to ask Madonna if she is interested.

### **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

**Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 5pm at Mesa County Public Library (MCPL). Brenda will reserve a meeting room.

**Adjournment:** Brenda adjourned the meeting at 6:47 pm

**Submitted by:** Linda Griffith, Secretary  
June 19, 2017

