

**Western Slope Pickleball Club  
Meeting Minutes – Board Approved  
October 25th, 2017 at 5:00-7:00pm  
Ed Bozarth Chevrolet Building**

**Board of Directors:**

President - Brenda Furnace	Fundraising Director: Aiaga Roffey
Vice President -Mike Cox	Secretary-Linda Griffith
Treasurer-Bill Schapley	Social Chairperson: Jan Kerr
Web Site-Tracy Dvorak	Outreach Director: Bruce Gregg
Tournament Director: Jen Teta	
Stand-by Treasurer: Nancy Eaton	
Membership Director/Communications: George Gerson	
Members at large: Nancy Burdette, Madonna Hayes	

The meeting was called to order by Club President, Brenda Furnace at 5:00pm. Brenda welcomed everyone and asked for additional agenda items. None were added.

**Board Attendees:** Brenda Furnace, Bill Schapley, George Gerson, Linda Griffith, Aiaga Roffey, Mike Cox, Bruce Gregg, Madonna Hayes, Nancy Burdette, Jan Kerr, Tracy Dvorak, Nancy Eaton and Eileen Egloff (Newsletter).

**Absences:** Lorie Gregor and Jen Teta,

**Guest :** Lee Lindauer

**Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting:** All members present received the September 20th, 2017 meeting minutes by email prior to today's meeting. One correction was made regarding "a paddle received by Brenda for evaluation". A **MOTION** was made by Madonna and seconded by Bruce to accept the minutes with one correction. The motion carried by a unanimous "aye" vote from all members.

**Officer Reports:**

Misc. from President/Brenda:

- 2 indoor portable nets were purchased by the Club to be used in the Barn this fall. The frames will need to be screwed to make them permanent

and portable. Brenda will work on this.

- Bill indicated there are no center straps on the 2 new Pineridge permanent pickleball nets. Brenda will notify Lorie.
- Brenda also reminded everyone of the December 17<sup>th</sup> Holiday potluck at the Barn, sponsored by GJ Parks & Recreation.

A question was raised as to who may attend WSPC board meetings. Club members only or anyone? (See emails on file indicating only Club members may attend Board meetings)

Treasurer/Bill Schapley: All Board members received email copies of the financial reports ending 9/30/17 for review. (Reports on file)

A **MOTION** was made by Nancy E. and seconded by Bruce to accept the financial reports. The motion carried by a unanimous “aye” vote from all members.

Outreach/Bruce:

- Date for next 24 Road Clean up: Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Bruce will send an email notification to George for member distribution, requesting 20 volunteers.
- Bruce will check on other indoor venues for pickleball play this winter.
- FYI: [www.usapa.org](http://www.usapa.org) has a list of places 2 play. Lincoln Park and Pineridge are listed.

Membership & Communications & Tournament Director/ George:

### **Membership**

As of October 19 we have 243 members including 89 new members.

The McAllisters fundraiser collected \$416.49 bringing the total collected for shade to \$1,735.49.

A total of \$1104 had been collected from ball sales. A profit of \$193.20

A total of 221 pickleball bags have been given to Club members. Ten declined the bags and 21 have yet to receive theirs. I have about a dozen left with all but one being orange. I ordered 48 more (24 light blue and 24 red).

We held two beginner clinics for a total of 30 participants. This was for the benefit of the New Dimensions program.

### **Communications**

A total of 152 members chose to be included in the Club phone directory.

The directory was e-mailed to all members on October 15.  
[FYI: The Club Directory notification email was approved by the Board via electronic vote prior to sending. (on file)]

### **Tournaments**

I relived Jen, who is busy taking care of her Mom, as the director for the October Sweet 16 events. Below are the rules we set for the Sweet 16 as well as the notes for the October event.

#### **Grand Junction Sweet 16 Pickleball Tournament Rules**

- Eight game round robin format, with 16 players, where each player gets to play 8 games, with different partners, and there are no byes.
- On the rotation schedule, the team listed first (on the left) serves first from the standard court side.
- Teams switch sides after 8 points
- Each game is to 15 points or 15 minutes, whichever comes first.
- Timer will blow the whistle to start the games when everyone is in position. Timer will swing the cowbell at the 14 minute mark to indicate there is one minute left in the games. The whistle will blow at the 15 minute mark and the games stop in mid-point.
- Members of the winning team get 2 points, members of the losing team get no points, and all four players get one point if there is a tie.
- The player who accumulates the most points during the tournament will be the winner.
- Players may opt to play in one of three skill divisions: 3.0, 3.5, or 4.0+.

#### **Notes from the 2017 Sweet 16s**

- The temperature at the start of the October 14 event was in the low to mid-thirties. It also got extremely windy from 11 am to 2 pm.
- We gave away 6 pickleballs for each bracket winner. In case of a tie the 6 balls were split among the winners.
- For the 4.0+ event we gave a first place prize to the top male and to the top female. Whereas in the 3.0 and 3.5 events it is not unusual to have women players who are as good or better than the males, that is not usually the case for most of the women in the 4.0+ event.
- For the October 4.0+ event we used a rotation schedule designed by Chris Kopanos which was more fair than the standard format. In the Kopanos format the men played men's doubles and mixed doubles. The women played women's doubles and mixed doubles. There is no case where two men would play two women or one man and one woman would play two men.

- We had a tournament director and two volunteers for each of the three brackets. The tournament director gave the opening instructions, registered the players, collected the entry fees, and took pictures of the participants and of the winners. One of the volunteers was the timer and the other was the scorekeeper.

#### Website/Tracy:

Combination lock changes for the Pineridge courts were posted on the website.

Madonna mentioned that the “old” first aid storage box is still chained to a bench and should be removed. Linda will email Lorie to have GJ Parks & Rec cut the chain and dispose of the box.

Bill requested a way for players to submit comments or testimonials on the Club website. Tracy will follow up on this.

#### Social/Jan :

The Club potluck social Oct 7<sup>th</sup> was a great success even though the telecast of “The Battle of the Sexes” experienced some technical difficulties. About 40-45 members attended. Jan would like to send a huge “thank you” to Jane McKnight for preparing a wonderful chicken dish and salmon.

Jan suggested the Club enter a float in the GJ December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Parade of Lights. The theme this year is “Songs of the Season”. Entry fee is \$25. Jan thinks \$50 for candy/trinkets and \$25 for lights would be a good start. After some discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Jan and seconded by Nancy E. to enter a float. The motion carried with 11 “aye” votes and 1 “nay”.

A second **MOTION** was made by Nancy B and seconded by Mike to approve \$100 for expenses. The motion carried with 11 “aye” votes and 1 “nay”. Jan will compose an email to Club members requesting volunteers and a chairperson to head the float committee.

#### Fundraising/Aiaga:

McAlister's Deli fund raiser (Sept 3rd): A check and cash donations (\$65) resulted in \$416.49 toward shades.

No additional fundraisers planned at this time.

#### Update on Shades/Lee:

Lee presented an architectural, structural drawing and estimate of proposed permanent, metal shades for each of the four benches at the east

LP courts.

The *estimated* cost per shade would be \$8441.00. Lee thinks this price can be lowered. (document on file) Lee indicated that the architectural drawing was submitted at no charge to the Club.

Brenda thanked Lee for the generous donation of his time and efforts to bring the proposal to the Board.

Parks and Rec/Lorie no report

Big Picture Discussion: Traci Wieland and Lorie Gregor contacted Brenda to request a meeting October 9<sup>th</sup> with WSPC Board members regarding future plans for Pickleball in Grand Junction. Several Board members, including Brenda attended.

Outcome: The GJ Parks and Recreation Department would like to work closely with the WSPC to develop a long range vision for both the Lincoln Park complex and pickleball in general. A Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) grant has been identified as a funding source to look to in 2020/2021. The tennis community is in support of this change and new tennis courts would be built in Canyon View Park. The grant requires a 25% total project match with 10% being strictly cash.

(Further details of the plan are on file) Traci is asking the WSPC to join in planning and funding this project.

After discussion, a **MOTION** to support efforts by the Parks & Rec Dept. to convert the current tennis courts to pickleball courts and support their funding efforts through a GOCO grant was made by Bill and seconded by George. The motion carried with a unanimous “aye” vote.

Brenda will compose an email for distribution to all Club members announcing the Board decision. She will include a summary letter from Traci Wieland outlining the Parks & Recreation plan. (Subsequent email on file).

### **Next Steps Items:**

Large Storage cabinet/unit for each court locations-revisit in spring or summer 2018

Tarps for all Barn windows-purchase Fall 2017. Brenda will purchase and install.

Review/Update Club Goals

Nexgen “online” purchases - follow-up

Policy on flowers and memorial contributions for members

Address Officers' elections for May 2018

**Date for Next Meeting:** Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 5:00 at Ed Bozarth.

**Adjournment:** Brenda adjourned the meeting at 6:31 pm.

**Submitted:** November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Linda Griffith, Secretary