

Western Slope Pickleball Club
Meeting Minutes
December 6th, 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 5:05pm. Brenda welcomed everyone and asked for additional agenda items. None were added.

Board Attendees: Brenda Furnace, Bill Schapley, George Gerson, Linda Griffith, Mike Cox, Bruce Gregg, Nancy Burdette, Tracy Dvorak, and Nancy Eaton.

Absences: Jen Teta, Aiaga Roffey, Madonna Hayes, Jan Kerr and Eileen Egloff (Newsletter).

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting: (October 25th) All members present received an email copy of the minutes prior to the meeting. A **MOTION** was made by George and seconded by Tracy to accept the minutes with no corrections or additions. The motion carried with a unanimous “aye” from all members.

Officer Reports:

Misc. from President/Brenda:

1. Tarps & Nets at Barn – the framework for the 2 new portable nets, purchased by the Club, have been screwed together to make them permanent. Tarps for all the windows have also been purchased and Brenda has rigged ties to hang them.
2. Club By Laws posted on our website: As of October 31st .

3. Tournament Director Jen Teta's resignation: Jen informed Brenda that she would like to be removed from the position effective immediately. She is willing to continue to support tournament efforts and referee training. The Board members suggested Jane McKnight be approached to replace Jen. Brenda will speak to Jane before the next meeting.
4. Election of Officer's/Staggered terms: Four Board positions will be balloted for election or re-election prior to the June 2018 annual meeting per the Club bylaws. Those positions are: Vice President, Secretary, Stand-by Treasurer and Membership/Communications Director.
5. Future Guest Speakers: Brenda suggested to the group we schedule guest speakers on various topics related to pickleball. This item added to Next Steps for future consideration.
6. Grand Junction Christmas Parade of Lights: The WSPC Christmas Float was a huge success. 15 Club volunteers constructed the float and participated in the parade on December 2nd. Tao was highlighted as our local pro and rode in the truck pulling the Float. Pictures are posted on the Club website. The group plans to participate in the Fruita parade of lights on December 9th. The Club exposure was very positive with many comments from the attendees.
7. Note from Madonna: Madonna submitted a follow up report to Brenda indicating the court numbering signs are now posted at Pineridge. She indicated players have suggested the center temporary pickleball courts be converted to permanent courts. They do not feel permanent courts would create a safety hazard for tennis players.

8. Treasurer/Bill Schapley: All Board members received email copies of the financial reports ending 11/30/17 for review. (Reports on file)
A **MOTION** was made by Tracy and seconded by Nancy B. to accept the financial reports. The motion carried by a unanimous "aye" vote from all members.

A **MOTION** was made by Bill and seconded by Nancy E. to reimburse the full amount of \$80 for candy purchased for the parade. The motion carried by a unanimous "aye" vote from all members.

A **MOTION** was made by Bruce and seconded by Nancy B. to cover the Fruita Parade entry fee of \$10 and candy cost not to exceed \$100. The motion carried by a unanimous "aye" vote from all members.

9. Outreach/Bruce:

1. The second successful 24 Road Cleanup was conducted November 18th by 14 Club volunteers. Next cleanup date to be determined.
2. Bruce has researched alternative indoor pickleball venues with little success.
3. Spoke with the Tennis Club (Bubble) representatives: \$25 for 1 ½ hrs per person.
4. Approached several local schools but was told gym availability could not be guaranteed.
Checked with CMU – no availability.
For now, the Barn appears to be our only reliable indoor pickleball option in GJ.

10. Membership & Communications/ George:

We now have 250 members: 96 new + 154 renewals. Included are 32 members from outside Mesa County. One of those 32 paid for two years so we have our first renewal for the 2018-2019 membership year.

We've sold 611 balls.

The largest source of new members comes from beginner clinics; our next one is scheduled for April 14. I would like to be able to start accepting new members for the 2018-2019 year on that day. By then we will have had the Club Tournament so it is unlikely that there will be any other Club events in which they can participate before the start of the new membership year on June 1. I would like to be able to offer next year's membership gift to those joining starting in April. So, hopefully, we can soon start looking at what that gift will be. (Add Club perks for 2018-2019 to Next Steps)

11. Website/Tracy:

- New items posted:
 - Club Bylaws under the ABOUT tab (scroll down to link)
 - Parade of Lights photos
 - Indoor pickleball schedule at the Barn (will be updated at least monthly)
- Updated Pineridge Court photos

12. Social/Jan : No report.

Fundraising/Aiaga: No report

The Board members would like to designate a general fund for Pickleball Capital Improvements. More on this later.

13. Parks and Rec/Lorie:

1. Potential new pickleball courts at Lincoln Park: After meeting with Tao, Lorie thinks there is room for 16 courts where the current tennis courts are now. The permanent tennis nets and benches could remain where they are. This is just the walk through to evaluate how many courts might fit on the existing post tension concrete footprint.
2. Barn addition: The Parks & Rec maintenance department has built a “dink net” to place on the stage for player to use when waiting for court availability.
3. Parks & Rec WILL repaint the east Pineridge pickleball court lines as requested by players this spring 2018. A lighter color (probably blue) will be used to improve visibility during play.
4. AED for Barn – City will supply as soon as a location can be determined. More on this later.
5. Reminder: Annual Pickleball Christmas Party is Sunday, Dec. 17th in the Barn, 9-4pm with potluck lunch 11:40-1pm.

Next Steps Items:

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

Review/Update Club Goals

Nexgen “online” purchases - follow-up

Policy on flowers and memorial contributions for members

Address Officers' elections for May 2018

Decide on Club member perk(s) for 2018-19

Guest speakers at Board meetings

Website: way for players to submit comments or testimonials

(suggestion)

Date for Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 10, 2017 at 5:00 at Ed Bozarth.

Adjournment: Brenda adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm.

Submitted: January 2nd, 2018

Linda Griffith, Secretary

