

Western Slope Pickleball Club
Approved Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2018 at 5:00-6:45pm
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: Jane McKnight	
Stand by Treasurer: Nancy Eaton	
Membership Director/Communications: George Gerson	
Members at large: Nancy Burdette, Bob Funderburk	

The meeting was called to order by Club President, Brenda Furnace at 5:01pm. Brenda welcomed everyone and asked for additional agenda items. None were added.

Board Attendees: Brenda Furnace, Bill Schapley, Jan Kerr, Linda Griffith, Jane McKnight, George Gerson, Nancy Eaton, Aiaga Roffey, Lorie Gregor and Eileen Egloff (Newsletter).

Absences: Mike Cox, Bob Funderburk and Bruce Gregg.

Guest Speaker: Walter Cummings (Singles Tournament)

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting: (Jan 17th) All members present received an email copy of the minutes prior to the meeting. A **MOTION** was made by Jane and seconded by Nancy B. 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. Brenda informed the Board the Club has a “rewards credit” balance of \$234.49 with PickleballCentral. After some discussion a **MOTION** to buy a portable net (for Club Outreach Program) and 12 packs of balls, with the remaining cash, for internal consumption (Club

tournaments, Sweet 16s) was made by Linda and seconded by Eileen. The motion carried with a unanimous “aye” from all members. Tracy will place the order.

2. GJ Community Center Feasibility Meeting/P.L.A.C.E. Update- Feasibility Study from open house January meeting is posted on WSPC website. Next public meetings – March 5th & 6th -attendees will have a chance to take a survey during the meetings. More specific info to follow by email to entire pickleball community.

3. WSPC proposed Singles Tournament/Walter Cummings: Walter gave a brief explanation of how the tournament would be organized. In response to an email, sent by George to all Club members, to gauge the interest level. 25 players expressed interest:

1. 9 – 4.0/4.5 men
2. 7 – 3.5 men
3. 6 - 3.5/4.0/4.5 women

A **MOTION** to offer a Club singles Tournament was made by George and seconded by Aiaga. The motion carried with a unanimous “aye” from all members.

Additionally, Jane McKnight volunteered to organize the tournament and work with Lorie Gregor & Walter to choose a date. Four courts will be needed and a \$5 entry fee may be required. Probable double elimination with at least 2 men's divisions and one women's division. More information to follow by email through George & Jane.

Walter will organize a Singles Pickleball Ladder for future play by interested players.

1. Review Next Steps & Club Goals: The members updated the current Next Steps List (see list at end of minutes). Due to time constraints, Club Goals will be reviewed & revised at the March meeting.
2. Future Referee Clinics: Eileen volunteered to spearhead this program with help from volunteers. Club goal is to challenge all pickleball players to learn to referee. We would like to see players start refereeing games at the Club Tournament in April. A suggestion was made to add “Would you referee?” question to registration forms.
3. Club Officer Election Ballot – tabled until March meeting.
4. Club perk(s) for 2018-2019: Ball caps and visors were the choice by the Board. Linda & Brenda will research options with Chris Kopanos and bring samples to the March meeting.

5. 2nd pole for Barn to hang blackout tarps on windows requested: A BIG thank you to Tom Marcotte for taking the initiative and constructing a 2nd pole.
6. Window covering setup and take down is now much faster.
7. Selkirk Paddles: Brenda would like the Club to donate 2 Selkirk paddles (obtained when Brenda evaluated a new paddle for PickleballCentral) to be given away during a drawing at the Club Tournament, April 7th. All registrants would be eligible to win. All Board members agreed. Tracy will post the information on the Club website.

Treasurer/Bill: All Board members received email copies of the financial reports ending 01/31/18 for review. (Reports on file)

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

Bill announced he will need an itemized budget amount from each officer by May 31, 2018.

Outreach/Bruce: Brenda reported in Bruce's absence. (email report from Bruce)

1. Community and Recreation Center- The committee orchestrating the effort and the city have hired a company to complete a feasibility study which will include recommendations for design, location, and costs. Brenda, Linda, and I attended an open house on January 18 to provide input for Pickleball considerations. Brenda also attended a STAKEHOLDERS meeting to lobby for the same. Tracy will post Traci Weiland's email (P & R Director) on the Club website encouraging all viewers to express their needs & opinions regarding the proposed GJ Community Center.

2. The March Clean-up date will be scheduled in early March. The city requested I contact them a little closer to the actual date to confirm. I'm anticipating selecting the date in early March with the actual clean-up being in late March. As soon as that happens, I'll let everyone know and call for volunteers.

3. I met with Jennifer Stoll, Executive Director of the GREATER

GRAND JUNCTION SPORTS COMMISSION on January 24 to make them aware of the club and open a line of communication. I think their services would be useful if we begin to host larger USAPA tournaments in the future. Below is their mission statement (paraphrased):

"The Greater Grand Junction Sports Commission is a non-profit agency with the mission of representing the Grand Junction area in attracting new sports and enhancing existing sports that positively impact our economy and community. The GGJSC serves as an advocate to local amateur, collegiate, and professional sports organizations".

Membership & Communications/George:

Membership has grown by 5 since the last report to 255. This brings the total of new members in the year to 101. Three of the new members joined following their participation in the February clinic. The other two joined in order to participate in the April 7 tournament. Two more from Steamboat were going to join in order to participate in the tournament until they found out we were not doing mixed doubles; they plan to join next year. One sent me her membership application with a check but asked me to hold it until the next membership year once she found out that she would need to renew on June 1.

As of February 15 we have 50 players registered for the April 7 tournament. We had 70 participants last year and I expect we will exceed that number this year.

Concerning the request for Onix balls to be part of the Club inventory – George did not feel he has room in his trunk to offer two types of balls.

Linda suggested we add “Are you a current USAPA member?” to the Club application and perhaps list the benefits of being a member of USAPA.

Tournament Director/Jane:

Jane provided an update for the WS Annual Pickleball Tournament, April 7th, 2018, as of 2/21/18. (Handout on file)

Liability insurance will be current at the time of the tournament per Bill & Brenda.

Timeline:

March 23 – Registration closes

March 26 & 27th – Seeding & create brackets

March 28 – notify participants by email

Volunteer organizational meeting planned for week of March 26th.
An email requesting tournament volunteers will precede the meeting.

Website/Tracy:

All going well on the website. Will post Jane's picture and continue to update as needed.

Social Director/Jan:

No Club social in conjunction with April 7th tournament. Considering a social event after the Singles Tournament.

Fundraising/Aiaga: (Handout on file)

Discount Cards for use at local businesses – Aiaga brought an example of a card. Pay set amount for card and WSPC receives a portion as a fundraising donation. Example: Cards are sold for \$20 with \$14 to Club per card. If we sell 1000 cards the net donation to the Club would be \$14000. More discussion and information to follow at March meeting.

Doubles Dual Pickleball/Golf – June 16, 2018

4 hours of Pickleball 8am-12 noon, 9 hole golf/2 person scramble
1pm.

Partners assigned by tournament director according to pickleball and golf level.

Limited entries: first 36 players (18 teams)

Lunch (after pickleball) and awards for the first 2 places (after golf).

A **MOTION** to proceed with the Doubles Dual Tournament was made by Nancy E and seconded by Bill. The motion carried by a unanimous “aye” vote from all members.

Parks & Rec/Lorie:

1. Mesa County Public Library (Grand Ave) – Sat., March 17, 10am-2pm.
Opportunities for Seniors. WSPC needs to let Lorie know soon if they would like to participate.
2. Mesa Tennis met with Parks & Rec. and are in support of conversion of the tennis courts at Lincoln Park to Pickleball. City needs input from the pickleball community. Be thinking about what an “ideal” pickleball complex would entail. All ideas are welcome.

3. Tuesday, Feb 27 – Parks & Rec invites all pickleball players to a meeting at Stoker Stadium Hospitality Room to see a Power Point presentation of plans to grow and build pickleball GJ.
4. Pineridge net posts will be re-enforced by the Maintenance Department per contractor specifications when weather permits.
5. Request to open Barn this weekend (Feb 24-25) – Lorie is looking for a staff member. Will notify players by email.

Next Steps Items:

Large Storage cabinet/unit for each court location-revisit in spring or summer 2018 -This item on “hold”-to be addressed w/LP Pickleball Complex

- Review/Update Club Goals
- Nexgen “online” purchases - follow-up
- Policy on flowers and memorial contributions for members
- Address Officers' elections for May 2018
- Guest speakers at Board meetings
- Website: way for players to submit comments or testimonials (suggestions)
- GJ Community Center support – ongoing
- Referee Training & Club challenge
- WSPC Capital Improvement Fund

Date for Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 14th, 2018 at 5:00 at Ed Bozarth.

Adjournment: Brenda adjourned the meeting at 6:54 pm.

Submitted: March 7th, 2018
Linda Griffith, Secretary