

Western Slope Pickleball Club
Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2017 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
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: TBA

Stand by Treasurer: Nancy Eaton Outreach Director: TBA

The meeting was called to order by Club President, Brenda Furnace at 5:10pm. Brenda welcomed everyone and asked for additional agenda items. No additional items.

Board Attendees: Brenda Furnace, Mike Cox, Bill Schapley, Nancy Burdette, George Gerson, Jen Teta, Nancy Eaton, Linda Griffith and Lorie Gregor.

Chris Kopanos, Nexgen Products – guest

Absences: Diana Alpert, Laura Atkinson

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting: All members present had received the January 11th, 2017 meeting minutes by email prior to today's meeting. A motion was made by George and seconded by Jen to accept the minutes with no corrections or additions. The motion carried by a unanimous "aye" vote from all members.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Chris Kopanos/Nexgen Products:

Brenda introduced Chris Kopanos, owner of Nexgen Promotions.

Chris outlined what his company could provide for our Club. Chris generously volunteered to reconfigure our current Club banner at no cost to reflect the Club contact information and web site.

Other items presented were: duffle bags (18"Wx10 1/2"Hx9"D) with Club logo, visors and ball caps. Chris is currently our provider for Club T-shirts. A motion was made by Jen and seconded by Mike to make duffle bags part of the upcoming membership (FYE 5/31/17-6/1/18) rewards package. The

motion carried with all members responding “aye” with one abstention. Hats and visors will be discussed at a later date.

Misc. from President (Balls, cardboard barriers, tarps, banner, sympathy card):

150 TOPS pickleballs were purchased for the Club by Brenda as the storage boxes were empty and balls were needed ASAP. In order to get a price of \$1.65 per ball from Rich Garrett (PickleballCentral.com) Lorie and Brenda combined an order for 300 balls total to split between the Club and GJ Parks & Rec. It is expected this order of balls should last at least one year. A motion by Nancy E. and seconded by Nancy B. was made to approve the ball purchase. The motion passed with a unanimous “aye” from all members.

A club member suggested cardboard barriers between the middle pickleball court and both side courts be used in the Barn. A picture and configuration of placement was submitted. After some discussion and appreciation of the player’s initiative, the group decided not to purchase or make barriers due to probable trip hazards.

Tarps for the Barn windows are working well and the group voted unanimously to provide additional tarps to cover all windows.

A sympathy card for a Club member family death was signed by all members and will be mailed by Brenda.

Committee Reports and New Board Members:

Finance Report/Bill Schapley: All members had received a copy of WSPC Statement of Revenue & Expenses (Cash Basis) Eight Months Ended 1/31/2017 and WSPC Cash Disbursements Journal June 2016-January 2017. A motion was made by George and seconded by Jen to accept the above two reports (on file). The motion carried with all members responding “aye”.

Membership/Communication Report/George: Currently there are 175 Club members with 28 of those members out of town.

Tournament Director/Jen: WSPC Tournament progress- Gayle Gerson has volunteered to create a 1st place certificate to be presented with a picture of each winning team.

Jen will conduct the first meeting (Friday, Feb 17) to train tournament volunteers. 14 Club members have volunteered.

Referee training will begin in March. An email to solicit interested members will be sent next week.

Outreach Director & Social Chairperson Nominations: Brenda submitted Bruce Gregg to fill the Outreach Director position on the Board. Bruce is willing to take the position after Brenda spoke with him. A motion was

made by George and seconded by Bill to accept Bruce for this Board position. The motion carried with all members responding “aye”. Brenda has also spoken to Jan Kerr and she is willing to fill the position of Social Chairperson. A motion was made by Linda and seconded by Jen to accept Jan Kerr for this Board position. The motion carried with all members responding “aye”.

Bylaws Committee Report/Brenda/George/Linda: During a meeting with Marc Summers, January 19th, 2017, Club Bylaws were finalized. Conflict of Interest and Whistleblower Club Policies were also finalized. Articles of Incorporation for a Nonprofit Corporation [501(c)7] were finalized and E-filed with the Colorado Secretary of State by Marc. Minutes of the meeting are on file.

Clarification: 501(c)7 status is a non-profit, tax exempt, recreational club. Any Club donations are not tax deductible for the donor. Bill indicated the Club should budget about \$400 and \$50 for 501(c)7 and corporation filing, respectively.

Membership Retention Committee/Brenda/George/Tao: (handout from meeting distributed to members and on file)

Item discussed by Board members: Dues would remain at \$35 with no discount for couples.

Club Membership Benefits for FY 6/1/17-5/31/18:

- Drilling with Tao – semi-private, drilling lessons starting June 1, 2017 for \$20/player for club members only.
- 30% discount on Engage pickleball paddles purchased through Tao
- Duffle bag with Club logo (see Chris Kopanos agenda item above)
- Club discounts through Pickleball Central (Rich Garrett)
- Members only annual Tournament
- Members only social events
- Discount for WSPC Sweet 16 Tournaments

Grand Junction Parks & Rec Update on Pineridge Courts & possible Shade for Lincoln Park Benches/Lorie: A community meeting for the Ridges area residents will be held March 9th, 6-7pm at the Redlands Community Center soliciting input regarding options for resurfacing/line painting of the Pineridge Courts.

Lorie indicated that the City Maintenance Dept. would not be able to fabricate shade covers for the benches at Lincoln Park. This item will remain on our Goals List.

At 6:20pm, Brenda handed the meeting over to Vice President, Mike Cox as she had to leave for a prior engagement.

Review of Goals: (Updated list on file and distributed to all members)

The members decided this list should be divided in to at least 2 parts:

- 1) Accomplishments: June 2016- May2017 and 2) Goals: Short, Medium and Long Term.

Additional accomplishments for the list were: 1) creation of a Club web site; 2) provision of drilling lessons for members-donated by Tao Thongvanh and 3) window coverings for the Barn.

The group decided to eliminate #7 Medium Goal-develop a program to sponsor a pickleball player to go to Open, National or Regional Competition and #5 Mentoring program. Training Refs & Tournament volunteers for future tournaments was moved to the Short Term Goals list. Linda will make these changes for the March meeting.

Next Steps Items:

WSPC Sponsorships – Web Site

WSPC Tournament-April 1st, 2017 – post party at Greg & Anita Reick's home

Large Storage cabinet/unit for each court locations-revisit in spring or summer 2017

501(c)7 Status

Membership Dues & Benefits for 2017-18 beginning June 1st

Nets for Pineridge (outdoor) and the Barn (indoor)

Tarps for all Barn windows-purchase Fall 2017

Budget for 2017-18

Tournament Volunteer & Referee Training

Review Club Goals – revised copy to members with Feb minutes

WSPC Sweet 16 Tourneys-independent from GJ Parks & Rec

Nexgen hats, visors other membership perks?

Tax deductible donations to WSPC – how??

How can we reduce meetings to one hour?

Set Date for Next Meeting: March 23rd, 2017 at 5pm at Parks & Rec Office.

There was a brief discussion of how we could reduce the meeting time to one hour. Item placed on Next Steps List for further discussion.

Adjournment: Mike Cox adjourned the meeting at 7:05pm.

Submitted by: Linda Griffith, Secretary

February 22, 2017