

**Western Slope Pickleball Club**  
**Meeting Minutes - APPROVED**  
**March 14, 2018 at 5-6:45 p.m.**  
**Ed Bozarth Chevrolet Building Community Room**

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 5:05pm. Brenda welcomed everyone and asked for additional agenda items. None were added.

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

Absences: Mike Cox, Bob Funderburk, Lorie Gregor and Bruce Gregg.

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting: (February 21st) All members present received an email copy of the minutes prior to the meeting. A **MOTION** was made by Jane and seconded by Jan 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. Update on ball & net purchase – Tracy purchased 5 packs of 12 pickleballs (\$81.95) and a portable pickleball net with ball holder (\$139.99) with the Club reward cash from PickleballCentral. Invoice delivered to Bill for reimbursement by Nancy E. The Club has a \$10.25 credit left.
2. Club “special” membership for player <18 years old – A Club member requested a family member <18 years old be allowed to play in the upcoming April 7<sup>th</sup> Club Tournament (would pay \$35 membership fee). Via email earlier this month the Board decided not to address Club membership for players under the age of 18. A future policy will be developed – this item placed on the Next Steps List.
3. Hats & Visors/2018-2019 Club Membership perk – Brenda presented ball cap and

visor samples from Nexgen Promotions for Board members to inspect for product quality. Approximate cost per hat or visor is \$8.20 without shipping and embroidery set up.

A lengthy discussion followed regarding the necessity of obtaining more than one bid and maintaining product quality at the best price. Several websites were mentioned. The group felt it was important to obtain samples to verify product is of good quality prior to placing order. Tracy volunteered to get a local bid from an embroidery company and share that information with the Board via email. Jane indicated that hats & visors are available on-line for \$5-6 each but she cannot verify product quality without samples.

Due to meeting time constraints, the discussion had to be tabled. The group will try to obtain some price quotes and share with all the Board members via email.

#### Officer Reports:

Treasurer/Bill: All Board members received email copies of the financial reports ending 02/28/18 for review. (Reports on file)

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

Bill reminded members he will need an itemized budget amount from each officer by May 1, 2018.

Bill is researching the possible economic impact of pickleball on the city of Grand Junction and will bring his findings to the Board at a later date.

Bill requested contact information for our Accident and Liability insurance agent so he may be sure the premiums are paid. Linda will email Bill the information and agent's name at Mountain West Insurance.

#### Fundraising/Aiaga:

1. Discount Cards (See report/explanation on file)- Aiaga provided an information hand out to all Board members present. Each card (customized by person placing order) sells for \$20 and the Club receives a portion of that depending on how many cards are ordered. Minimum Club benefit for each discount card sold is \$10. The benefit increases as orders increase. Cost of the ordered cards at \$10 each is invoiced and will be due 30 days from the date of shipping. If the invoice is paid on time, 10% of the Club card order is free. Customization of the Club card can be local or nationwide vendors or a combination. Other options such as personalized web page and \$25 restaurant savings certificate are also available. You can re-order anytime and card expiration date is usually 12 months from first order date.

During the discussion, several Board members advised caution in purchasing a

large number of cards. To minimize Club financial exposure and to test the marketing success of sales the following **MOTION** was made by Aiaga and seconded by Nancy B.:

To purchase 100 discount cards at \$10/card as an indicator of local interest. Initial Club investment would be \$1000 with a possible \$1000 return to the Club if all cards are sold.

The motion carried by a unanimous “aye” vote from all members.

2. Doubles Dual Pickleball/Golf – Tournament date is Sat., June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018. (See flier on file) Aiaga has reserved the 4 East Pickleball courts at Lincoln Park for the event. She will request reimbursement from the Club after the tournament.

George will notify the pickleball community via email with event details and registration information.

Outreach/Bruce: In Bruce's absence, Brenda reported the upcoming 24 Road Clean Up date will be in April.

Membership & Communication/George:

Membership: Membership stands at 261 including 106 new members. Will begin to offer memberships for year starting 6/1 right after the Club Tournament on April 7.

Communications:

1. Response to survey on preferred date for the singles tournament - Six players responded regarding preference of dates between April 22 and May 13. Two could not make either date, three could not make May 13, and one (Walter) could make April 22 but only after 1 PM. Reminder that May 13 is Mother's Day and also coincides with the Gunnison Tournament.

Tournament Director/Jane: Club Tournament/Ref Clinics/Club Singles Tournament (See attachment Tournament Schedule/Timeline/Budget as of 3/14/18 on file).

1. April 7<sup>th</sup> Club Tournament – as of today 39 teams/78 participants have registered. Brackets/players and divisions of play will be communicated via email on March 27<sup>th</sup>. At least 64 matches across 7 brackets (some will need to be combined). Play from 9am to at least 5pm, with 3 different start times with 4.0 & 4.5 divisions playing in the morning. Referees “In Training” and experienced refs will referee as many matches as possible.

Jane has created an Excel workbook with bracket templates that should make it easier to populate the brackets with players' names and make last minute changes than current Pickleball software available. Jane will print ledger size (11x17”) brackets from her Excel program and have Office Depot print them for 30 cents each-great savings for the Club. First serve indicators (wristbands) will be colorful

disposable, inexpensive pipe cleaners. Jane announced she has enough volunteers for the Tournament. George will solicit snack donations, by email, from Club members.

The above decisions were made with input from the Board members solicited by Jane.

2. Referee Clinics (See latest notification email from March 12th- on file) Eileen Egloff with Jane McKnight and Joe Egloff will present hour long Referee Clinics to all pickleball players, free of charge, Sun., March 18<sup>th</sup> and Mon., March 19<sup>th</sup> at the West courts at Lincoln Park. (The Barn is available if inclement weather). All participants need to register through GJ Parks & Rec. 6 participants have signed up as of today. The Club goal is to challenge all community pickleball players to learn to ref. Learning to referee will improve your knowledge of the rules, thus improving your game.
3. Club Singles Tournament – Date of Sun. April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1-5pm, with 28 interested players as of today, double elimination. Court rental would be \$80-a fee of \$5 per player will be communicated.

A **MOTION** made by Bill and seconded by Aiaga:

Approve \$80 from the Club to rent courts at Lincoln Park for the Club Singles Tournament.

The motion carried with a unanimous “aye” from all members.

A **MOTION** by Linda and seconded by Tracy followed:

Approve a Club purchase of 4 Pickleball Rules Books (2018 ed.). One book will be placed in each of 3 storage boxes on the courts and one for use by the Club Tournament Director.

The motion carried with a unanimous “aye” from all members.

#### Website/Tracy Dvorak:

1. Updates – Jane's picture is posted. USAPA/FIP rule book links updated.
2. In response to a Board member request to create a way for players to post/ask questions and submit comments to the Club, Tracy created an anonymous Virtual Suggestion Box on the WSPC website. First suggestions were: (paraphrased)
  - a) *Could we install web cams (club purchase) at LP pickleball courts? Folks could see if people are playing. They don't have to be super hi res if privacy is a concern.*

Tracy is currently in an email conversation with Lorie Gregor to see if Parks & Rec has any questions/objections. General Board discussion was to wait to address this suggestion.

b) *Could we install a wind sock or some sort of wind indicator? (Club purchase) This is definitely a plus when playing.*

Tracy is addressing this with Lorie also. Report back at next meeting.

3. Tracy is currently researching software options to manage Membership email

and community email. This would relieve George from having to create his own system of keeping so many email groups/lists and any transition to a future Membership/Communications Director would be expeditious.

Social Director/Jan: Currently no plans for Club social after April 7 Tournament. May try to plan something around the Singles Tournament April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Parks & Rec/Lorie: In Lorie's absence-

In Lorie's absence, Brenda asked for a volunteer to work with Lorie Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at the Mesa County Library 10am-2pm for Active Seniors Program. Introduce attendees to Pickleball. Nancy B. volunteered to represent the Club.

Other Agenda Items:

1. Review Club Goals June 2017-May 21, 2018 – tabled till next meeting
2. Review Next Steps - tabled till next meeting
3. Ballot for Board Member Election - tabled till next meeting
4. Revised/updated WSPC Application Form – distributed to Board members and approved for use and posting on the Club website.. Addition of a box to check for “Current USAPA Member”. (revised application on file)

Next Steps:

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 future Board meetings

Website: Digital Suggestion Box

GJ Community Center support – ongoing

Referee Training & Club challenge

WSPC Capital Improvement Fund

Policy for Club Membership for person under 18 years old

Policy for Club bulk purchases requiring bids

Date for Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5:00 at Ed Bozarth.

Adjournment: Brenda adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.

Submitted: March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Linda Griffith, WSPC Secretary