

Western Slope Pickleball Club
Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2018 at 5:00-6:45pm
Ed Bozarth Chevrolet Building

President - Brenda Furnace
Vice President – Bruce Gregg
Treasurer- Beth Klein
Membership/Communications Director: George Gerson
Web Site-Tracy Dvorak
Members at large: Walter Cummings; Bill McEnteer

Fundraising Director: Aiaga Roffey
Secretary-Linda Griffith
Stand by Treasurer: Nancy Eaton
Outreach Director- Vacant

Board Attendees: Brenda Furnace, Beth Klein, Linda Griffith, Bruce Gregg, Bill McEnteer, George Gerson, Aiaga Roffey, and Tracy Dvorak.

Guest: Jeffrey Smith

Absences: Walter Cummings.

Clarification: Nancy Eaton, will continue as Stand by Treasurer, distributing Club check payments and working closely with Beth Klein, Club Treasurer. She will attend Board Meetings when appropriate but will no longer be listed as absent.

The meeting was called to order by Club President, Brenda Furnace at 5:14 pm. Brenda welcomed everyone and introduced Jeffrey Smith to the Board members. Brenda has invited Jeff to assume the Board Outreach position. Brenda asked for additional agenda items.

Additional Agenda Items:

1. George – discuss 2019-20 member perks
2. Linda – Update & prioritize Next Steps List
3. Bill – report from Pineridge courts

Minutes of Last Meeting: (Sept. 19th meeting minutes were emailed to all Board members prior to this meeting)

Corrections per Brenda: page 2, Informational: *addition* “Brenda filed a police report online.” page 3: Parks & Rec: “Lorie forwarded and email to Brenda regarding a street event Saturday.” *clarification*: “The Club will supply portable nets, balls and paddles.”

A **MOTION** was made by Bruce and seconded by Bill to approve the minutes with the above corrections. The motion carried with a unanimous “aye” from all members.

Misc. from President/Brenda:

1. Outreach Board Position: Brenda nominated Jeffrey Smith to this position and requested a Board action. A **MOTION** to install Jeffrey Smith as the Outreach Director was made by George and seconded by Bill. The motion carried with a unanimous “aye” from all members. Brenda welcomed Jeff to the Board and Bruce volunteered to work with Jeff. Bruce will continue to organize the Club 24 Rd Clean Up efforts, and continue as liaison for the Club with the GJ Community Center proponent groups. Preparation for the April 2019 initiative on the ballot will require an enormous volunteer effort to educate and solicit support from the community. We can expect requests to assist in this effort.
2. Social Update: Urban Trails Street Event Saturday, Oct 20 – Jeff spearheaded the Club effort along with 17 Club volunteers. Demonstrations and participation by attendees made for a very successful day. Many participants commented that Pickleball was the best and most fun event.

Oct 20 – Club Halloween Party at Jana & Don Donahue's home. Brisket, provided by the Club and prepared by Mike and Terri Fortner was served with potluck dishes provided by attendees. The brisket was “to die for”!

Upcoming GJ Parade of Lights is Dec. 1 – Brenda asked if the Board is interested in submitting a float this year. After some discussion, the members decided to ask Club members to volunteer. Further discussion to follow at the November meeting.

Club Christmas Party at Stoker Stadium Sky Box-Friday, Dec. 14 – All meals will need to be paid for when each member registers to attend. Additional details to follow.

3. Parks & Rec-Brenda: Lorie will not be attending Club meetings. She will communicate any information through Brenda in the future.
4. Club Banner Update: Chris Kopanos generously donated 2 new Club banner to replace the stolen one at Pineridge.
5. New Business Sponsorship Opportunities: Brenda has been working on some new options for Business Sponsors to show their support of the WSPC. She presented a final copy for Board member review. (on file) After a short discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Tracy and seconded by Beth to accept the new Business Sponsorship Application Form and Levels of support. The motion carried with a unanimous “aye” from all members. Each sponsorship will be for 12 months. The form will be available on the WSPC website in the near future. Brenda will speak with Guido Schulte about taking the lead on this effort.
6. Donation to Club by Guido Schulte: Brenda received a generous donation from Guido. The Board would like to recognize his generosity and continued support as a business sponsor. Thank You, Guido!
7. Tennis Club Bubble (located near Sam's Club): A preliminary proposal to offer indoor pickleball was initiated by Caleb Marquardt regarding play at the tennis

bubble. Four pickleball courts (2 tennis courts) may be available for daily play. Details to follow after more discussion with Caleb and his Board members. Brenda and George met with Caleb last week.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Vice President/Outreach-Bruce:

1. 24 Rd Clean Up Saturday, October 13 was very successful with 13 Club volunteers.
2. GJ Community Center – no additional information. Continue to support the ballot effort for April 2019.

Treasurer-Beth: Financial reports ending Sept. 30st were emailed to all Board members prior to this meeting-on file.

A **MOTION** was made by Bill and seconded by George to accept the financial reports with no corrections or additions. The motion carried with a unanimous “aye” from all members.

Fundraising-Aiaga:

1. Xtraman Discount Cards: Aiaga has 24 cards left to sell. If any Board members have unsold cards return them to Aiaga. She will organize a day to sell the remaining cards at a local business,
2. Possible fundraiser at Boston's Restaurant in near future. More to follow.

Membership/Communications-George:

Membership Period	Total Members	New Members	Renewing Members
06/01/18-10/21/18	313	115	198
06/01/17-05/31/18	262	107	155

Four and one half months into the current year the membership is 19% above the total for last year. Membership renewal this year stands at 76%. Membership renewal for last year was 84%.

We held two beginner clinics for the New Dimensions Program with a total of 25 participants.

Membership Perks for 2019-20 – George proposed new Club members *only* receive a hat or visor. Once the hat/visor inventory is depleted Club bags could be ordered as new member perks. No perk would given to renewing members. The rationale would allow more monies to be used toward Club events and possible fundraising. Other Board members voiced the need for renewal perks such as, 3 pickleballs or Club name tags. After a lengthy discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Jeff and seconded by Bill to give a Club perk item (hat or visor) to all new members only during the 2019-20 membership season. The motion passed with

6-”ayes” and 2-”nays”. An email explaining this change will be sent to all Club members.

Website-Tracy:

1. FB Update: Tracy is now the third administrator for the Club FB page and will monitor posts. George and Henry Bullock are the other two FB administrators. George suggested we establish some guidelines as to what can be posted. Guidelines should include if tournament postings from other clubs or groups may be posted. Brenda will develop guidelines for the November meeting.
2. Wind Sock Update: Tracy will order 3 for the courts and report at the November meeting. Each sock will have the Club logo on it.

Committee Reports:

Tournament Committee-Jane-Linda to report for Jane. (report emailed to all Board members prior to meeting-on file) 25 players participated in the second annual WSPC Singles Tournament held Saturday, Oct. 6th at Lincoln Park. Courts were reserved for 3 hours but with 25 players, and extra hour was needed – keep this in mind for 2019. Players appreciated that most matches had referees. Two volunteers, George Gerson and Carol Canning worked the tournament with Jane. Recruitment of volunteers still an issue. Jane will turn over all tournament supplies to Carol Canning to hold for Tao. A thumb drive and CD of tournament documents will be given to Tao and Linda, respectively.
FYI per Tracy: Tao is finished with pickleball lessons and will resume in May 2019.

Report from Pineridge/Bill:

Donations from players, was collected by Pam Nichols and presented to Kelly Messamer and Jim Shults in appreciation for their work organizing and running the Round Robin Tournaments on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Pineridge courts.

Next Steps List – Update & Prioritize/Linda:

Next Steps Items:

Policy on flowers and memorial contributions for members-**Nov agenda item**
GJ Community Center support – ongoing
Referee Training & Club challenge
Policy for Club Membership for person under 18 years old
Policy for Club bulk purchases requiring bids
Change Club URL – shorter?-**Nov agenda item**
Area (other towns) League play?
Creation of Communications Software
Create on line registration for Club members

Possible future Fundraiser – Culture Day
Local publications – Pickleball events coverage needed. Club liaison?
Drone footage of LP & PR Pickleball Courts? - Lorie to follow up
Club FB page public – guidelines for monitoring posts -**Nov agenda item**

Date for Next Meeting: Mon., November 26th at 5:00 at Ed Bozarth.

Adjournment: Brenda adjourned the meeting at 6:38 pm.

Submitted: October 26, 2018
Linda Griffith
WSPC Secretary