

Western Slope Pickleball Club
Meeting Minutes
November 26th, 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- Jeffrey Smith

Board Attendees: Brenda Furnace, Beth Klein (by speaker phone), Linda Griffith, Bruce Gregg, George Gerson, Jeffrey Smith, Walter Cummings and Tracy Dvorak.

Absences: Bill McEnteer and Aiaga Roffey.

The meeting was called to order by Club President, Brenda Furnace at 5:01 pm. Brenda welcomed everyone. Brenda asked for additional agenda items.

Additional Agenda Items:

1. Linda: Discuss/information–donation from local business for Club Christmas Party.
2. Linda: Information regarding Ken Hobbs lifetime Club membership.
3. Walter: Consider court dividers at Lincoln Park.

Minutes of Last Meeting (October 24, 2018-copies to all Board members prior)

A **MOTION** was made by George and seconded by Walter to approve the minutes with no corrections. The motion carried with a unanimous “aye” from all members.

Misc. from President/Brenda:

1. Christmas Social – Friday, Dec 14th at Stocker Stadium Sky Box. Potluck with tri-tip beef and cash bar, White Elephant gift exchange (optional), music and a skit by Club Board members. As of today 44 members have RSVP'd. Brenda will send an email to all Club members with details and sign up deadline. Brenda and Linda gave a rendition of “12 Days of Christmas-Pickleball Style” for the group and invited all Board members to participate at the Party. All members agreed to give it a “go”. Linda will contact the rest of the Board members and set up a short practice session before the Party.

Additional Agenda Item: Linda informed the Board of a generous gift by Nancy Janes and John Behrs, owners of Whitewater Hill Winery of 4 gift certificates, each for \$10

off the price of a bottle of wine. Tracy will post their picture (provided by Linda) and a thank you on the Club website and FB page. It was decided to have a drawing at the Club Christmas Party for each certificate. The member entries in the drawing will be any member that has volunteered for Club activities during the 2017 – 2018 period. Winners must be present to win. Linda will compile a list.

Additional Agenda Item: Regarding Ken Hobbs WSPC Lifetime Membership to be presented him at the Club Christmas Party. Linda read a “draft” certificate recognizing Ken's contributions to GJ Pickleball. Gayle Gerson has generously agreed to create the certificate with her calligraphy skills. Linda will also frame, “Pickleball History of Grand Junction” currently on our website and contributed by George Gerson, to be presented to Ken with the lifetime Club membership.

2. Tennis Bubble Update – Offer for 1.5 hours per week for indoor pickleball at \$140 per player for 8 weeks. Brenda declined this offer to the Club with the support of all Board members present.
3. WSPC Policy on Flowers & Memorial Contributions for members – General discussion followed with the following guideline adopted: a) Sympathy and Get Well/Encouragement Cards from the Club Board of Directors for Club members only. Linda will obtain cards and make every effort to send them out in a timely manner after she obtains Board member signatures. A **MOTION** was made by Bruce and seconded by Tracy to accept this guideline. The motion carried with a unanimous “aye” from all members.
4. WSPC Guidelines for monitoring FB posts – Brenda emailed a copy of a draft to all Board members prior to the meeting. After review, the Board recommended Tracy, using this draft, submit a shortened version at the next meeting.
5. Club Sponsorship Levels Certificate – Brenda submitted a sample certificate to be framed and given to sponsors. Jeff suggested she add some pickleball graphics.
6. Request for letter of support: Tom Casal, Fruita Parks & Rec Superintendent, emailed Brenda asking for a WSPC letter of support for including outdoor pickleball courts in their effort to apply for a GOCO grant. Brenda shared Tom's request letter and her letter of support with the Board. (on file) All Board members agreed our Club should support this effort.
7. Membership Perks for 2018-2019 Membership Year – Brenda will send an email to all Club members after January 1st, 2019 explaining the change. A draft letter was distributed to the Board members.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Vice President/Bruce:

1. P.L.A.C.E. Has sent an email requesting volunteer help with the GJ Community Center ballot effort April 2019 and announcing two organizational meetings to be held in December. In keeping with the Club mission and commitment to support this effort Bruce will forward the email to the entire Pickleball Community encouraging players to take advantage of the volunteer opportunities. (email to

players-on file).

2. Bruce requested the Board approve a \$100 donation to P.L.A.C.E. to further demonstrate Club support. After a short discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Walter and seconded by Jeffrey to present a donation check from the Club for \$100. The motion carried with a unanimous “aye” from all members. Nancy, Beth and Bruce will collaborate to achieve the transaction.

Treasurer-Beth: Financial reports ending Oct. 31st were emailed to all Board members prior to this meeting-on file.

Beth presented a review of the financial reports.

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

Outreach/Jeffrey:

1. Club Christmas Float Update: (email from Nov 21st on file) Last Sunday's meeting was very successful. Jeffrey distributed a drawing of the float entry. The Board commented that the float was awesome and may very well win a prize. The parade theme is: “A Who-Christmas in Junctionville”. Highlights include: lighted net, pickleball flight simulation, framework for overhead lights, large Junctionville sign, balloon Christmas trees, peppermint candy wheel covers and of course a life-size Grinch stealing all the Christmas gifts. The first “work session” is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 27th at Ed & Aiaga's garage. Jeffrey will keep the Board updated on their progress by email. The Board unanimously applauds Jeffrey and his volunteer team for their creativity, enthusiasm, and ingenuity. Way To GO Team!!

Fundraising-Aiaga: No report.

Membership/Communications-George:

Four new members were added since the October meeting. These are the current numbers:

Membership Period	Total Members	New Members	Renewing Members
06/01/18-11/26/18	317	119	198
06/01/17-05/31/18	262	107	155

Six months into the current year the membership is 20% above the total for last year. Membership renewal stands at 76%. Membership renewal last year was 84%.

Website-Tracy:

1. FB changes – Tracy will submit revised FB posting guidelines at the next meeting. She will eliminate “visitor's posts” since posting will be open to the public.
2. Wind Socks (3) Update: May be more expensive than anticipated with the

- inclusion of the Club logo in each sock. Still waiting for a final quote. Each sock is 11" x 36", yellow with black custom logo. Board members present agreed Tracy needs to pursue this purchase and keep the Board informed as to the price.
3. WSPC URL Change: An email (on file) to all Board members Nov. 2nd from Tracy listed available URLs. The current westernslopepickleballclub.com would not be eliminated. The additional URL would "link" to that website but require fewer keystrokes and chance for entry error. A **MOTION** was made by Jeffrey and seconded by Walter to purchase (~\$12.00/year) and implementation of the URL WSPCGJ.com. It was suggested Tracy purchase more than one year. The motion carried with a unanimous "aye" from all members including the purchase of more than one year. Tracy will make sure this URL is still available and make the purchase before the next meeting. An email notification will be distributed to the pickleball community.
 4. Club Communications Software & On-Line Registration Update: Tracy looked at several software systems that charge for their services-approximately \$50/mo. She also has found a new software system that should meet our needs that currently is free. She requested all Board members look at trackithub.com to see if we should consider it, before the next meeting.

Pine Ridge & Lincoln Park Reports/Bill & Walter:

1. Bill was unable to attend but emailed his report to the Board prior to the meeting. Bill reported: The Round Robin play at Pine Ridge will continue through November with the final day to be the last Thursday of November, if not before. Many of the players have been talking about the Club Christmas Party and Bill hopes there will be a good turnout.
2. Additional Agenda Item: Suggestion of some kind of dividers between courts to reduce the amount of play interruption when balls roll onto adjacent courts. After a short discussion, the Board members decided to place this suggestion on the Next Steps List for further consideration.

Walter also suggested a possible Lincoln Park round robin schedule for the outdoor courts and the Barn play, open to the public, in the near future. George suggested offering a 3.0/3.5 and 3.5 plus bracket that would play on two separate days weekly. We could do this on days other than Pine Ridge Tues/Thurs days. Consideration of this will be discussed at future Board meetings. Item added to Next Steps.

Committee Report/Tao-Tournament Update:

1. The Club 3rd annual Championship Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, April 6th, 2019.
2. Tao introduced a "new" format for consideration by the Board. Briefly, there would be brackets combining any combination of skill levels. The novel change

would be that players with different skill ratings (2.5-4.5+) would be able to play as partners. Using a formula to “even the playing field” Tao and his committee would assign a team “skill level” based on the combined skill level of both players. This would create more options for teams, partners with different skill levels would be able to play and compete together and hopefully, encourage more Club players to participate. More details to follow. Tao will explain the tournament format in more detail to the Board and in an email to Club members after January 1st, 2019. The Board enthusiastically agreed Tao should pursue this format.

Additional Item: Drone footage highlighting GJ Pickleball Courts follow-up. Brenda mentioned this to Lorie Gregor. Lorie was not interested in the City doing the legwork and setting it up. The Club may want to follow up-leave on Next Steps List for future consideration.

Next Steps Items:

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
Area (other towns) League play?
Club Communications Software & On Line Registration- trackithub.com ?

Jan agenda item

Possible future Fundraiser – Culture Day
Local publications – Pickleball events coverage needed. Club liaison?
Drone footage of LP & PR Pickleball Courts
Possible future round robin play at Lincoln Park outdoor courts & Barn indoors
Pickleball court dividers to reduce play interruption – **Jan agenda item**

Date for Next Meeting: Mon., January 7th at 5:00 at Ed Bozarth.

Adjournment: Brenda adjourned the meeting at 6:47 pm.

Submitted: November 29th, 2018
Linda Griffith
WSPC Secretary