

Western Slope Pickleball Club
Meeting Minutes
February 13th, 2019 at 5:00-6:45pm
Ed Bozarth Chevrolet Building

President - Brenda Furnace	Fundraising Director: Aiaga Roffey
Vice President – Bruce Gregg	Secretary-Linda Griffith
Treasurer- Beth Klein	Stand by Treasurer: Nancy Eaton
Membership/Communications Director: George Gerson	
Web Site-Tracy Dvorak	Outreach Director- Jeffrey Smith
Social Chairperson – Anna Goetz	
Members at Large: Walter Cummings (LP) ; Bill McEnteer (PR)	

Board Attendees: Brenda Furnace, Beth Klein, Linda Griffith, Bruce Gregg, George Gerson, Jeffrey Smith, Walter Cummings, Bill McEnteer and Tracy Dvorak.

Absences: Aiaga Roffey and Nancy Eaton.

The meeting was called to order by Club President, Brenda Furnace at 5:00 pm. Brenda welcomed everyone. A warm welcome was extended to our newest Board member, Anna Goetz, Social Chairperson. Anna and Mary Kusack will both be leading this effort. Brenda asked for additional agenda items.

Additional Agenda Items:

1. Club member perks for 2019-2020 – See Membership Report/George.
2. Broken shade structure at LP – Brenda to address.
3. Pickleball court dividers – Brenda/Walter to address.
4. Future Lincoln Park Round Robin play-Walter.

Minutes of Last Meeting (Jan 9th meeting minutes-copies to all Board members prior)

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

Misc. from President/Brenda:

1. Annual Referee Training: Brenda will speak with Eileen Egloff about offering training for all players this spring. Brenda suggested an incentive for more players to referee. Following a short discussion, a **MOTION** to give participating referee players a free pickleball upon correct completion of 5 score sheets (games) was made by Bill and seconded by Jeff. The motion carried with a unanimous “aye” from all members. Brenda will discuss this with Eileen.
2. Court dividers at LP: Several possible materials were discussed – orange

construction fencing, netting curtains. Any option would need to be safe, affordable and approved by GJ Parks & Rec. Brenda spoke with Lorie regarding this matter but no decisions were made on type of barrier.

The group discussed the need for input by Club members (especially Tao) regarding any new pickleball courts built in GJ. Particularly, the need for divider fences between each court during construction. This item was added to the Next Steps List.

3. Broken shade structure at LP: One shade structure was broken by a golf cart. The shade was removed and placed in the Pickleball shed by Jeff. Jeff indicated the damage is to one of the upright poles. Repairs and re-installation will follow soon.
4. Letter of support for GJ Community Center: Brenda circulated copies of the letter (on file) she wrote and sent to GJCCC.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Vice President/Bruce:

1. Next 24 Rd Clean-Up: Will be scheduled in April due to inclement weather. Bruce has policed the site and picked up several large items and some trash.
2. Community Center Update: GJCCC will hold two public open house informational and discussion sessions in early March. Bruce will compose an email and ask George to send these dates to all pickleball players.

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

Beth presented a review of the Revenues & Expenses financial report. Revenues have been adjusted to reflect only the current fiscal year in regard to Club membership dues. No new cash distributions for January. A **MOTION** was made by George and seconded by Bill to accept the financial report with no corrections or additions. The motion carried with a unanimous “aye” from all members.

Beth will inquire about account options at Bank of Colorado to earn interest on Club funds.

Outreach/Jeffrey:

1. Youth Pickleball Program offered by GJ Parks & Rec: Jeff presented copies of a Contractor Application for the Club members to provide instructors for this program at the request of Lorie Gregor, GJ P & R Coordinator. Jeff will spearhead the effort to teach local youth pickleball through the recreation program. A few specifics include: age range 8-13y.o.; 8-30 children/class; 1-5 ratio of instructors to participants; 6 total sessions in June & July-Tues & Thurs 9-10am; with a pickleball tournament at the end of the sessions. The Club will receive \$12 per program participant. Registrants will sign up with GJ Parks & Rec and all classes will be at the west Lincoln Park courts.
This program supports the Club mission to expand and encourage the sport of

Pickleball in GJ and the surrounding area.

After a short discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Bill and seconded by Walter for the Club to participate in this program with Jeff leading the effort. The motion carried with a unanimous “aye” from all members. Jeff asked Beth to provide information for a 1099 tax form. Beth will take care of the form.

Membership/Communications-George:

One new member was added since the November meeting. These are the current numbers:

Membership Period	Total Members	New Members	Renewing Members
06/01/18-11/26/18	322	124	198
06/01/17-05/31/18	262	107	155

Seven months into the current year the membership is 22% above the total for last year. Membership renewal stands at 76%. Membership renewal last year was 84%. 55 (17%) members are from outside Mesa County.

Membership perks for 2019-2020 proposal: Statistics

Current members	322
Renewal Rate (assumed)	76% (same as last year)
% of members pickup gift	90% (this year was 80%)
# of members pickup gift	220
Cost at 3 balls (\$5) per gift	\$1100

For Comparison Purposes:

Cost of shirts, bags, caps	\$8 each
Cost for 220 gifts	\$1760
Savings using balls instead	\$1760 – 1100 = \$600

Rational: Pickleballs are useful for all players. Extra money saved can be used toward other Club activities.

NOTE: **New** Club members have a choice to receive a hat/visor or a bag with the Club logo until current supplies are exhausted OR 3 pickleballs. **Renewing** Club members will receive 3 pickleballs.

A short discussion followed resulting in a **MOTION** made by Bill and seconded by Jeffrey to adopt the above change in membership perks for the 2019-2020 membership year. Membership renewal and new membership applications will be accepted beginning April 6th, 2019. The motion carried with a unanimous “aye” from all members.

Brenda will compose and distribute an email explaining this change. Start date for accepting Club membership applications will be included.

Tournament Chairperson/Tao:

1. 3rd Annual Club Championship Tournament is Sat., April 5th, 2019. Updated information: Hope to have 4 brackets (5.5; 6.5; 7.5; 8.5) with any combination of skill level and gender. There will be bracket “pool” play and final bracket play will be single elimination. Tao hopes to guarantee each team at least 5 games (depends on number of teams per bracket). Score keeping by players will be required.

Franklin X40 balls will be used and Tao hopes to have some Engage paddles for prizes. Registration is now open and teams have registered in all brackets. George will compose and distribute an explanatory email for Club member distribution.

Website-Tracy:

1. Wind Sock (3) Update: Tracy requested there not be a Club logo on the wind socks. The Board agreed this would expedite the purchase and installation.
2. FB guidelines – Tracy does not believe we need any written guidelines at this time. Club Facebook administrators: Tracy, George, Brenda & Linda.
3. Tracy is continuing to work on digital payment for Club dues.

Social/Anna:

1. Club Monkey Survey Results: (complete survey results on file)

Summary and Important Points: available to all Club members – 101 responses

- Level of Play: 2.5-30(15%) 3.0(17%) 3.5(43%) 4.0(17%) 4.5(7%) 5(1%)
- Best Time for Socials: Sat & Sun afternoons, Fri eve & weekdays after 5pm
- Partner Status: partner plays(7%) non-play partner(0%) spouse plays(41% non-play spouse(31%))
- Popular Social Activities: Potluck before/after open play; Open play drills/skill games; attend free concerts; Sweet 16-mixed level teams; adult night out. Many additional suggestions were noted and Anna would like to thank everyone that responded to the survey. Some members offered to host an event or outing. The Club social calendar will be quite busy.

Anna and Mary are planning to bring donuts and juice April 23rd to Pineridge Courts during the Round Robin.

Fundraising-Aiaga: No report.

Lincoln Park & Pineridge Reports/Walter & Bill:

1. Walter – suggestion of round robin play at LP two times per week this spring is still in the works. Possible Wednesdays play for <3.5 and Fridays 3.5+ play. Further details will follow. Singles ladder play will begin again once the weather improves.

2. Bill – Round Robin play at Pineridge is scheduled to start Tuesday, April 2nd.

Next Steps Items:

- GJ Community Center support – ongoing
- Referee Training & Club challenge
- Policy for Club Membership for person under 18 years old – **March agenda item**
- Policy for Club bulk purchases requiring bids
- Area (other towns) League play?
- On Line Registration for Club membership
- Possible future Fundraiser – Culture Day
- Local publications – Pickleball events coverage needed. Club liaison?
- Drone footage of LP & PR Pickleball Courts
- Future round robin play at Lincoln Park outdoor courts
- Pickleball court dividers to reduce play interruption
- Sunshades at Pineridge?
- Budgets due by April 2019 meeting
- Any new Pickleball court construction in GJ – Club input needed

Date for Next Meeting: Wed., March 13th at 5:00 at Ed Bozarth.

Adjournment: Brenda adjourned the meeting at 6:48 pm.

Submitted: February 19th, 2019
Linda Griffith
WSPC Secretary