

**Western Slope Pickleball Club**  
**4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 5:00-6:00 pm**  
**at Lincoln Park Pavilion with Potluck Dinner**

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

Guest Speaker: Lorie Gregor, GJ Parks and Rec Coordinator

A potluck dinner, with pulled pork, provided by Mike and Terri Fortner (YUM!!) and various side dishes and desserts brought by Club members were available before and during the meeting.

Club President, Brenda Furnace called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm. Brenda welcomed all attendees and thanked them for coming. 56 Club members in attendance.

Exercise Warm-Up: 5 minutes of exercise was provided and demonstrated by Mike Hill with musical accompaniment “YMCA” by The Village People. Participation was encouraged to aid digestion of potluck dinner.

Guest Speaker: Lorie Gregor

1. Beginning and Intermediate Pickleball Clinics are going quite well and are expanding. Thank You to George Gerson and Club volunteers for making this a successful program in association with GJ Parks & Rec.
2. Western Regional Pickleball tournament in May was a success. Next up is Western Colorado Senior Games August 19-25<sup>th</sup>. Pickleball tournament is August 24-25<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms are available at the Parks & Rec Department – sign up for other events and attend the banquet on Thursday. Sign up deadline is August 2<sup>nd</sup>.
3. Youth Pickleball starts June 11<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> and July 9-25<sup>th</sup>, on Tuesdays and Thursdays 9-10 am with a Youth Tournament on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank You to Jeffrey Smith and Club volunteers for organizing and running both programs in conjunction with the P & R Dept. Training the newest generation of Pickleballers is essential to growing the sport.

4. Monthly Pickleball Newsletter from GJ Parks & Rec. - keeps you informed of court closures, tournaments, Barn play schedules and other key issues. Sign-up online with your email address if you are not getting the Newsletter.
5. City of Grand Junction Master Plan for Recreation & Parks: The City will be creating a Parks Master Plan for the next 10 years. The last plan was done in 2001. In response to questions regarding the conversion of the Lincoln Park tennis courts to Pickleball courts, Lorie indicated that no plans will be made until the Master Plan is completed. No date of plan completion is available at this time. Lorie asked for patience and understanding as the Master Plan will positively affect the entire community.
6. Fielding a question regarding Vendors at Pickleball Tournaments: The City is in the planning stages of setting guidelines and rules. Currently, no changes for Pickleball vendors at local courts.
7. Court Rental Procedures: Any GJ citizen may rent Pickleball courts for \$5/hr at Lincoln or Pineridge Parks. You must make each reservation at the P & R Office and POST the date and times in the window box located at each court.

#### Report from Brenda: Wha'sup with the Club

1. Brenda referred all present to the postings available for their review: Club Mission Statement; Club Goals & Accomplishments; latest Financial reports and 2019-20 Budget; 2019 Club Social Events.
2. Pickleball Machine – Club members, John and Fran Jessup have generously purchased a Lobster pickleball machine for use by Club members. Details to follow. Issues such as storage, battery recharging, use training & maintenance and consent forms will need to be drafted and in place. Please be patient while a Club committee works on this.
3. WSPC Discount Cards – 10% discount at Clifton Liquors offered by Barb and James Vezakis and 10% discount at Coldstone Creamery offered by Matt and Sylvia Collins. Cards are available after the meeting and must be signed by the Club member and PRESENTED at the time of purchase. A HUGE Thank You for your generosity!!
4. Club USAPA Sanctioned Tournament – Brenda announced she will be spearheading efforts to make this tournament happen in 2021 with perhaps a cash purse. If we hold a well run sanctioned tournament maybe we can get the City's attention and get more pickleball courts. We will need everyone's help to make this happen. Referees for all games will be essential.
5. LP Round Robins – Wednesday/Fridays at 8-11am starting the week of June 12th due to rising temperatures. Reminder to please return all balls so the Club can continue to supply pickleballs for the events. Request for volunteers to run round robins-contact Bruce Greg at [jbgheat@yahoo.com](mailto:jbgheat@yahoo.com) or Brenda at [bcfurn@msn.com](mailto:bcfurn@msn.com) to sign up. If you want to play – VOLUNTEER to help!
6. Club Member Volunteers – Brenda is requesting that EVERY member volunteer

- at least 4 hours/year to help with events. Sign-up sheet is available today.
7. Club T-Shirts – Brenda is taking orders today. You must fill out an order form and include a check or cash. See her after the meeting.
  8. Drill Sessions – Dan Hughes has volunteered to conduct. Please contact him. No courts will be used for drilling if they are needed for open play unless the court has been reserved through GJ Parks & Rec. Reserved courts are posted near gate.
  9. Glenwood Springs City Survey – Mike Cox informed Brenda of a future survey that may affect Pickleball courts in Glenwood. Brenda will forward the survey to GJ players or notify them by email

OFFICER REPORTS: (each officer presented a short report to the group)

Vice President/Bruce: Happy to report the 24 Rd Clean-up is going well and the next date will be communicated by email. Bruce would like to thank all the volunteers. Several of whom had been at every clean-up. WSPC area includes both sides of 24 RD from the Subaru/VW dealership, north to the roundabouts. Look for our sign as you drive by.

Treasurer/Beth Klein: Beth reviewed the Club financial reports (posted for anyone to review at the meeting and on WSPCGJ.com ). The 2019-20 Club Budget was also posted. There were no questions from the attendees.

Outreach/Jeffrey Smith: Jeffrey reported Youth Pickleball, offered by GJ Parks & Rec begins June 11-27 every Wed & Thurs., 9-10am. He has 9 kids signed up as of today. Club volunteers are helping make this happen. A second session July 9-25 with a Tournament on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Sign up you 8-13 year old child or grandchild using the GJ Parks & Rec Activity Guide or call the office.

Membership & Communications/George Gerson:

<u>Membership Period</u>	<u>Total Members</u>
06/05/19	290 (registration & renewal began April 1, 2019)
06/01/18-05/31/19	329 (80% increase from 1 <sup>st</sup> year membership)
06/01/17-05/31/18	262
06/01/16-05/31/17	184

FYI: 76% of members renewed last year. ~24% did not renew-left town, no longer play. 1 in 5 members are from outside Mesa Country.

June 29<sup>th</sup>, Club Sweet 16 had 64 players with TWO 3.5 groups.

Tao has gotten the Club a great deal on Franklin X40 balls – they are available from George at 2 for \$3, 4 for \$6, etc.

Website/Tracy: Tracy has been updating and maintaining the Club Website for the last 3 years. She handles scheduling for Tao's lessons, monitors and posts on Club Facebook page and obtained a shorter URL – WSPCGJ.com. She has been a key player in making

our Club a success.

Social/Anna: Anna Goetz and Mary Kusack organize and schedule Club social events. Anna is the Club Board representative. The 2019 Events are posted for your review. Anna reports the Ladies S16 & Yoga, May 31<sup>st</sup> was a success. Please see the video posted on our FB page. Dog Days Drill is coming up in late September. Next Club events: July 11<sup>th</sup> – Fruita concert – Bluegrass Offenders at 7pm at the Civic Center. Bring a snack.

July 13<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) – Club River Float Trip and BBQ. Jeffrey Smith will be sending out emails, hosting the BBQ and organizing the event. He will be requesting names of people with float crafts (rafts, canoes, tubes, kayaks). Watch for emails in the near future. Don't miss it!! Non-floaters are encouraged to attend the BBQ – bring a side dish or dessert.

Fundraising/Aiaga: Pickleball/Golf Doubles Dual was June 15<sup>th</sup>.

At-Large Reports:

*Walter Cummings* – not present. Walter represents Lincoln Park on the Board and is conducting singles ladder play throughout the summer.

*Bill McEnteer* – Bill is the Pineridge Board representative and reports Tuesday/Thursday round robins are averaging over 40 players that compete from 9a-12p. Everyone is welcome. Will soon be starting at 8am.

*Wanda Robinson* – Wanda is the Palisade Board representative and reports:  
Palisade has plans for 4 permanent pickleball courts – will accept bids till 6/15/19  
Currently they have 4 courts, 2 use portable nets.  
2020-plans to add 2 more courts with portable nets  
Wanda and her husband are conducting Adult & Youth pickleball clinics-talk to her about how to register.  
Future plans to have Palisade Police Dept vs. Fire Department Pickleball Tournament. Will keep us posted.  
M,W,F, Sat. – Open play at the Palisade courts at 8am. Come join us! Courts are located next to the public swimming pool.

*Mike Fortner* – Mike is the Fruita Board representative and reports:

He is working with other community members on getting the City to build outdoor pickleball courts in Fruita. The City is working on a Master Plan for recreation. June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 – Mike, George Gerson, Terry Doherty and Wanda Robinson met with Fruita City Manager Mike Bennett to give input regarding the need for outdoor courts.

M, T, W, Th & Sat. - indoor play at the Fruita Rec Center.

*Eileen Egloff*- Brenda reminded the group that Eileen has been publishing the WSPC Newsletter, posted on the Club Website. She will be interviewing players and providing important information regarding Club past and future activities and events. She has conducted several Pickleball Referee Clinics. Her dedication is much appreciated.

Adjournment: Brenda adjourned the meeting at 6:08 pm

Respectfully submitted: July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Linda Griffith  
WSPC Secretary