

Western Slope Pickleball Club
Meeting Minutes
May 16th, 2019 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
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)

Board Attendees: Brenda Furnace, Beth Klein, Linda Griffith, George Gerson, Jeffrey Smith, Walter Cummings, Anna Goetz, Bill McEnteer, Tracy Dvorak, Wanda Robinson, Bruce Gregg, Mike Fortner and Nancy Eaton,

Absences: Aiaga Roffey

The meeting was called to order by Club President, Brenda Furnace at 5:00 pm. Brenda welcomed everyone.

Additional Agenda Items:

1. Review/revisions of Club Accomplishments (2018-2019) & Goals (2019-2020) – Linda emailed lists to all Board members prior to the meeting. - *not addressed due to time constraints. Will be addressed by email.*
2. Copy of each Board member Job Description – Linda would like each officer to review/revise. - *Not addressed due to time constraints. Will address by email.*
3. Check for member-donated pickleball paddle – Brenda presented a check for the paddle sale to Beth.

Minutes of Last Meeting (April 17th meeting minutes-copies to all Board members prior)

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

Misc. from President/Brenda: (A summary report was emailed to all Board members prior)

1. Storage Shed/Club Pickleball Machine – Researched possible portable pickleball machines. Lobster brand seems a good choice at a cost (with/accessories) of

~\$1373.01. Brenda forwarded the information to John Jessup and is waiting to hear from him. After speaking with GJ Parks & Rec, regarding providing electrical power to the Pickleball Storage Shed at LP is not a possibility at this time. Future plans to enlarge the current parking area would mean moving the Storage Shed to a different location. This complicates having power available for charging a battery operated pickleball machine between uses but Brenda thinks we can still make it a reality. Logistics and a plan for member use of a machine will be discussed at future meetings. Brenda also proposed a lock box for the Shed key to allow better access. A lock box with a changeable code would cost around \$18. Further discussion to follow.

2. GJ P & R meeting to discuss vendors selling pickleball paddles – Brenda will attend and bring information back to the Board.
3. Club member donation – when submitting Club membership dues a local member included a “donated” \$35 (plus one) amount. The intended use was to allow a player that could not afford the membership, to use the amount. After a Board discussion, the Board members would like to thank the donating Club member but would reserve the decision to award “free/donated” memberships at this time. This item will be added to Next Steps and discussed in the future.
4. LP Round Robins Update: Excellent turnout so far. Brenda has volunteers to run the RR's for May but needs more help with June/July coverage. She will work on a sign-up list. She has consolidated RR supplies into a large container and has streamlined the process so two people can easily run all 6 courts.
5. Drilling for players – After the Drill Fest in April, Brenda felt there is a need for more drilling for pickleball players. She has spoken with a Club member and hopes to form a committee of players willing to offer drilling options. **MOTION** was made by George and seconded by Mike to allow Dan Hughes to chair a committee to offer pickleball drilling with Board oversight. The motion carried with a unanimous “aye” from all members. More on this at future meetings.
6. Extra paddles from Henry Bullock – Brenda is talking with Henry about returning the unused/damaged pickleball paddles donated by the Club and others for the Veterans event last September. She would like to see these paddles repaired and used in our Outreach Programs. Further discussion & update to follow.
7. Club T-Shirts – Working with Kathy Valvoda and Chris Kopanos, Brenda is offering Club T-shirts for women and men through Nexgen Promotions. She has notified members of the availability and how to order them by email.
8. Inappropriate Board member(s) behavior at GJ Pickleball Tournament – Brenda was informed that a Board member and a Club Chairperson used profanity and allowed their temper to be shown at the tournament, This is not acceptable behavior for any player in any tournament. Please be reminded that as Board and Chairpersons we are held to a higher standard and have a responsibility and obligation as role models to be the best we can be, Regardless of how competitive we are or what happens in tournament play, we always need to exhibit good

sportsmanship.

9. Need for USAPA sanctioned tournament in GJ – Brenda feels the Club needs to begin planning for a sanctioned pickleball tournament with a goals date of 2021. We need to keep and expand the referee training program and get committees organized. We will need people who are committed and willing to go the extra mile to see this to completion. It is a Club goal so why not start now? Following a brief discussion, all Board members present agree and are willing to “do their part” to make this happen. Further discussion to follow-add to Next Steps List.
10. Miscellaneous info – Board Elections nomination email sent to all members (May 7th); wind socks bought by Club were installed by Brenda and Glenn at LP and Pineridge (April); GJ Tournament (May 11-12)-Brenda set up a Club table & banner, snacks & water and had Club membership applications available. Thank you to those who helped; Warehouse Adult Night Out (May 3rd) – Brenda attended and posted pictures to Club FB page.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Vice President/Bruce:

1. 24 Rd Clean-up – Bruce has been checking the area and has picked up one bag of trash. The area looks good. Future clean-up date to follow.

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

Expenses and Revenue report & Cash Distribution were submitted and explained by Beth. A “proposed budget FY19-20” was added to the R & E report. After a short discussion, a **MOTION** was made by George and seconded by Wanda to accept the proposed budget FY19-20. The motion carried with a unanimous “aye” from all members.

A **MOTION** to accept the Financial Reports with the elimination of the line item “Dual” was made by Jeffrey and seconded by Bill. The motion carried with a unanimous “aye” from all members.

Outreach/Jeffrey:

1. Youth Pickleball Program Update: Begins June 11th and runs through July 25th, 2019. Jeff has enough volunteers at this time. He will be using USAPA guidelines for children's pickleball. Jeff will send an informational email to all pickleball players reminding them to sign up any children ages 8-13 through GJ P & R.

Membership/Communications-George:

As of 05/16/19 the Club has 256 members for the 2019-2020 membership year. The 3 pickleballs perk is being well received.

Beginner Clinics (2) held at Pineridge May 13th had 32 participants, 14 signed up

as new Club members.

Website-Tracy:

1. Continuing to work on a PayPal on-line option for Club members.
2. Board Elections – Tracy needs all 6 “open” Board positions to her this week so she can post the election. Board members running for re-election are: Jeffrey Smith/Outreach; Nancy Eaton/Stand-by Treasurer; Brenda Furnace/President; Beth Klein/Treasurer; Bruce Gregg/Vice President and Aiaga Roffey/Fundraising. George & Brenda will do this.

Social/Anna:

1. FYI- Jim Mense (Club member) has volunteered to help beginner pickleball players at Pineridge. No set schedule.
2. Ladies S16 and Yoga – 24 have signed up and Anna will draw 16 players from this list by lottery to participate with 2-4 on a waiting list.
3. Club Float Trip – coming up July 13th. We need to plan soon.

Fundraising-Aiaga: - No report

Lincoln Park,Pineridge, Fruita & Palisade At-Large Reports:Walter/Bill/Mike/Wanda:

Walter – Ladder Play is in full swing. Linda mentioned there was a request to post the results/current status on the Club website. Walter will do that. Court divider screens are an excellent addition. Thank you to Brenda.

Bill – Pineridge has been busy with the Tuesday/Thursday round robins. An average of over 40 players attend. Players really appreciated the Club sponsored treats in April.

Mike – May 28th, Mike plans to meet with the Fruita City Manager, at 10am at Aspen Coffee regarding outdoor pickleball courts. George volunteered to attend the meeting also. Mike was approached about a possible indoor pickleball tournament in the Fruita Community Center. He will keep the Board posted.

Wanda – May 10, Wanda met with the architect to design 4 new outdoor Pickleball courts . The courts will have windscreens and fencing. Hoping to be completed by this summer. Wanda and Pete (husband) offered a Pickleball Beginners Clinic, in Palisade Sat. May11 and had 15 participants. Future Clinics: Kid's Clinic June 6 for 8-12 years old and June 8 for 13-18 years old.

Next Steps Items:

- Referee Training & Club challenge - ongoing
- Policy for Club Membership for person under 18 years old
- Club Pickleball Machine – plan & policies (need electrical power access)
- Policy for Club bulk purchases requiring bids

Area (other towns) League play?
On Line Registration for Club membership
Local publications – Pickleball events coverage needed. Club liaison?
Drone footage of LP & PR Pickleball Courts
Sunshades at Pineridge?
Survey Monkey – Club Tournament Feedback
Youth Pickleball follow-up (June-July 2019)
Club membership discount cards
Fund for player unable to purchase membership
2021 USAPA-sanctioned GJ Pickleball Tournament
Extra Pickleball paddles – from Henry Bullock
Drilling Committee – Dan Hughes
GJ P & R Meeting re: paddle vendors
Lock Box for Storage Shed key & Access

Executive Session: *Not addressed due to time constraints.*

Date of Next Meeting: Date to be communicated after June 5th Annual Membership Meeting.

Adjournment: Brenda adjourned the meeting at 6:55pm

Respectfully Submitted: May 21st, 2019

Linda Griffith
WSPC Secretary