

Western Slope Pickleball Club
Meeting Minutes
October 10th, 2019 at 5:00-6:45pm
Ed Bozarth Chevrolet Building

President - Jeffrey Smith

Past President – Brenda Furnace

Vice President – Bruce Gregg

Secretary-Linda Griffith

Treasurer- Beth Klein

Membership/Communications Director: George Gerson

Web Site-Tracy Dvorak

Outreach Director- Brian Hart

Social Chairperson – Anna Goetz

Members at Large: Bill McEnteer (PR); Wanda Robinson (Palisade);Mike Fortner (Fruita); Lincoln Park (LP) – Vacant

Fundraising Director: Vacant

Board Attendees: Beth Klein, Linda Griffith, Jeffrey Smith, Tracy Dvorak, Bruce Gregg, Mike Fortner, Brian Hart, Wanda Robinson, Bill McEnteer, Anna Goetz and George Gerson.

Absences: Brenda Furnace

Guest: Mike Cox (Club member)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Club President, Jeffrey Smith at 5:00 pm. Jeff welcomed everyone.

Jeffrey welcomed Mike Cox and asked him to present any questions or concerns.

Mike asked about the future of the Lincoln Park Pickleball expansion plan. Jeffrey and Bruce explained the current status and referred Mike to the Club September minutes on the Club website for a more complete summary. He was assured that pickleball court expansion, indoor and outdoor is a high priority for the Board. Mike's second question concerned the possible availability of challenge courts and/or 4.0+ courts. The Board has these items on tonight's agenda and the Next Steps List. Further discussion will follow.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: (Sept. 19th Minutes – emailed to all Board members prior to meeting)

September 19th, 2019 Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved with one correction. Meeting date of October 17th was incorrect. Meeting date was October 10th.

Unfinished (Old) Business:

1. *Youth Club membership for person under 18 yrs:* Tracy presented a separate Youth Club Membership Application (17 & under). The group approved the form, with a few changes, to be posted on the website. An informative email will be sent to all players. Final copy on file.
2. *Club Purchasing Policy* -A final policy was submitted and approved. Copy on file.
3. *Community Streets event follow-up:*Brian reports Club members have been notified of the event (Oct 19th, 10a-3p) and it's value. Volunteers requested with time slots available. He has contacted Greg LeBlanc, Senior Assistant to the City Manager, regarding street setup for pickleball demo and participation. The Club may need to supply a net. The City will be responsible for painting court lines.
4. *At-Large Board Member for Lincoln Park nominations:* Linda nominated Joe Egloff. The Board members unanimously approved Joe to fill the position. Linda will notify Joe and invite him to the November meeting.

Officers' Reports:

President/Jeffrey – General Information. No discussion.

1. Kurt and Mike Hansen repaired shade at LP damaged by wind.
2. Brenda did a stellar job of running the singles tournament.

Treasurer/Beth: Cash Disbursements and R&E reports ending 9/30/19 emailed to all Board members prior to meeting. (reports on file)

Current Balance on hand is \$25,888.84 Reports were unanimously approved with no corrections.

Vice President/Bruce:

1. 24 Rd Clean-up is scheduled for Sat., October 26 at 10 am. Email requesting Club volunteers to follow.

Membership & Communications/George: (per email report)

Yr Ending	Total Members	New Members	Renewing Members
05/31/20*	348	105	244 (74%)
05/31/19	329	132	198 (76%)
05/31/18	262	107	155 (84%)
05/31/17	184	184	0

*as of 10/07/19

Sweet 16 – October 12- A total of 72 members have registered (8 on Wait List) for the event. Adding a second 3.5 event to be held on the LP East Courts from noon to 3 pm. This will allow a total of 64 members to play.

Membership Phone Directory – issued on October 1 with 215 members participating. A total of 205 participated last year.

Clinics – Beginner clinics for the New Dimensions program will be held on Oct. 10th and 17th at Lincoln Park. 35 participants have registered.

Website/Tracy:

- Set up a "Calendar" anchor on homepage --- Done. Check it out. "Calendar" is on the main menu at the top of home page. When you click it, it auto scrolls down to the club calendar.
- Removed Walter from Board of Directors on website -- Added title of Tournament Director to Brenda, and removed the title from Tao.
- Misc. ---- Updating of information on the website and calendar, such as winter indoor hours, posting minutes, treasurer report, etc.

Outreach/Brian:

1. Middle School Pickleball Program: Contacted AJ Murray regarding West Junior Middle school on 1st Street. PS teacher has Pickleball class in place. Will continue to research options for pickleball in GJ middle schools.
2. Area League Play: Exploring possible team play with Delta, Montrose, Fruita & Palisade.

Social Chair/Anna

1. Christmas Party Update from Mary:

Notes from Mary's meeting with John Groves at Grand Valley Event Center:

We are responsible for setup and cleanup. Club can access the venue at 4p and must leave by 10 pm.

Suggest an email in November requesting volunteers setup, tear down and decorating.

There are a total of 19 tables but that is very crowded. They can comfortably seat 8-9 per table. When we get RSVP's we can decide on those numbers.

Audio and video equipment are available.

There is a small ice machine but he recommended we bring more ice that we can store in their freezer. We have use of the kitchen for prep and cleanup.

A Christmas tree will be set up in the room. That's the only decorations. We need to provide any additional.

NO alcohol can be sold under any circumstances unless we provide a liquor license but BYO is fine and encouraged.

Catering is fine with them. A trailer may be parked by the west doors near a back entrance. The Club can provide dessert.

Please present this question to the Board: Catered vs. Potluck? Following a

discussion, the consensus was to cater the party and keep the price per person reasonable. Mike Fortner provided the Board with a menu and pricing of \$13.00 per person from Practical Smokers. The Board asked Anna to obtain at least 2 more bids from other catering companies. The final caterer decision will be made by Anna and Mary. (additional bids on file).

Anna will work on an RSVP for Club members and a payment vehicle. Deadline for reservations will be Dec 1st.

Past President/Brenda: (email report)l-Linda reports

1. Singles Tournament Expenses: Singles tournament went well with ____ players participating and all matches reffed. Total expenses = \$230.07 (w/medals) Credits from fees & food donations = \$394.00. Net positive = \$163.96. Thank you to all volunteers and referees.
2. Round Robin report: Pineridge – may need more bingo balls. Limits players to 50. Last PR RR is Oct 31st. LP-Cheryl plans to end RR play Nov 8th (Barn play starts Nov 11th). Board agreed Cheryl can set the end date for LP Round Robins. Linda will let Cheryl know it's her call.

At-Large Reports:

Linda (LP) – Storage boxes on courts emptied and lost & found items donated on Oct 1st.

Bill (PR) – RR on several Tuesdays ran out of bingo balls – more than 50 players participated. The volunteer group led by Gordon and Tom have done a phenomenal job.

Wanda (Palisade) -

- The bid that was submitted by Mario Ortiz (contractor) for \$10,000.00 was approved at a September meeting by the Towns Trustees. Once the 4 courts are resurfaced, nets installed and lines painted – Palisade will have 4 permanent pickleball courts outdoors. Hoping for installation before winter.
- Outdoor play will be at 1pm. Indoor play will available with 3 indoor courts in the old high school gym.
- Tuesday evening clinics ended Sept. 24th. Sessions ran about 10 weeks.

Mike (Fruita) – continue networking with city officials and Fruita Rec Center.

Committee Reports:

Lobster Committee-Tracy:

- Set up another Lobster orientation -- Next Lobster orientation is 530pm Friday, Oct. 11 -- we have 3 RSVPs - Allie Davis, Brian Hart, Ashley Lloyd. Jeff and Tracy will be facilitating.
- Email membership about Lobster and that it's ready to be rented --- Brenda handled it in her Sept. 24 letter to membership. THANK YOU!
- Set up a group email for just Lobster users who have been through orientation --- working with George to see how we should go about this. George says No Problemo!
- Check Lobster Money box --- we had two envelopes from two rentals. Envelopes were given to treasurer Beth on Wednesday, Oct. 9.

Court Expansion Committee-Bruce:

- Bruce and Jeffrey met with Ken Sherbenou (GJ Parks & Rec Director) Sept 26th.
- GJ P & R 2020 Master Plan is due to the City Council August 2020. WSPC will be involved in the plan development.
- October 16th – next GJ City Council meeting – Bruce plans to attend.
- Bruce suggests we meet with the local tennis club or key members to discuss sharing the Lincoln Park Tennis courts. Initiate a dialogue.
- George agrees we should pursue “sharing” the tennis courts since new courts are not an option at present. This should be our focus to expand outdoor courts.
- Additional suggestion by Bruce is to mount a letter writing campaign.
- Jeffrey will compose an email to Club members explaining the Board's plans.

Sanctioned Tournament Committee-Brenda: (email report) Linda reported

- Available date(s) per Lorie – Fri-Sun, mid or early June 2021 at the conclusion of JUCO (Parking issues would be less) Possible option: April 2021. More discussion at future date. Suggest reviewing Club Tournament/S16 schedule for 2020-2021. *More discussion at future date.* Add to Next Steps List.
- Researching & organizing: Information available from Jane McKnight, pickleballtournaments.com website; equipment/supplies needed
- Registration should be posted at least 6 months before tournament dates.
- Paramount to continue referee training & practice at tournaments.
- Recommend increase in Tournament budget line for 2020 & 2021. AND separate Sanctioned Tournament budget line item. Need to include a portable PA system for local tournaments. Have been using personal system.
- Tournaments Binder Updates: Need at least 4 new USAPA Official Pickleball Rules Books – LP/PR/Geo & Tournament Director. Board approval? Purchase after Jan 2020 updates complete? Add to Next Steps List? Brenda has printed and filed other pertinent USAPA tournament documents.

Tournament Committee/Beth: No report.

New Business:

1. Communication options to keep Club membership informed of Court Expansion Plans. - Tabled for Nov, meeting
2. Time permitting: Other discussion items and member shared ideas. Tabled for Nov. meeting.
3. Challenge courts for 4.0 players-Tracy
Inquire to Tao about "challenge court" policy -- I reached out to him twice via email and once in person and all times he said he would get back to me. Still waiting. We may want to draft our own program and have him review it.
Tracy did distribute a Challenge Court Rules – Proposed Draft and a Pickleball Challenge Doubles Ladder proposal. This item will be on the November agenda.

Next Steps List :

Policy for Club Membership for person under 18 years old- Tracy-*Oct agenda*
Policy for Club purchases – *Jeffrey-revised policy at Oct meeting*
Area (other towns) League play? - *Brian/Outreach*
On Line Registration for Club membership – *Tracy*
Drone footage of LP & PR Pickleball Courts
Drilling Committee – *Anna*
Challenge and/or 4.0 plus court availability
Post Pickleball Etiquette at courts
Open Board position- Fundraising
Review Club tournaments, S16 schedule for 2020-21
Purchase 4 USAPA Pball Rule Books after Jan 2020 updates

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, November 14th, at 5 pm - Ed Bozarth Chevrolet

Adjournment/Jeffrey: 6:43 pm.

Date: October 30, 2019
Linda Griffith
WSCP Secretary

Date Approved: November 14, 2019