

Western Slope Pickleball Club
Meeting Minutes
January 9th, 2020 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) – Joe Egloff

Fundraising Director: Vacant

Board Attendees: Beth Klein, Linda Griffith, Jeffrey Smith, Mike Fortner, Brenda Furnace, Brian Hart, Anna Goetz, Wanda Robinson and George Gerson.

Absences: Joe Egloff, Bill McEnteer, Tracy Dvorak and Bruce Gregg.

Call to Order/Quorum established with 9/13 members present: The meeting was called to order by Club President, Jeffrey Smith at 5:00 pm. Jeff welcomed everyone.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: (Nov. 14th Minutes – emailed to all Board members prior to meeting). Meeting minutes were approved with no corrections.

Unfinished (Old) Business:

1. WSPC Newsletter Status-Jeffrey: Jeffrey will publish a Winter Edition, including a solicitation for new editor(s). He will be sending a questionnaire to WSPC Board members for a response for the Newsletter.
2. 2020 USAPA Rule Books/Linda: Will order 4 before the April 2020 Club Tournament.

Officers' Reports:

President/Jeffrey – General Information.

1. Brenda and Jeffrey attended the Nov. 19th Community Visions planning meeting. No additional information specific to pickleball courts. More of an overview of city-wide plans to improve infrastructure. Prioritization of key City issues and concerns with a timeline implemented. There were approximately 200 participants.

Treasurer/Beth – Financial reports R&E and Cash Disbursements ending 11/30/2019 & 12/31/2019 emailed to all Board members prior to meeting. Reports on file. Balance on hand is \$27,585.42 & \$25,897.38 respectively. Reports for Nov and Dec 2019 were approved with no corrections.

Vice President/Bruce: No report.

Member/Comm/George:

Yr Ending	Total Members	New Members	Renewing Members
05/31/20*	358	115	244(74%)
05/31/19	329	132	198 (76%)

*as of Jan 2020

Website/Tracy: Linda reports for Tracy.

Club Website status. Mosaic sold – no info yet. May need to pay in future and/or find another platform. Will have more information at Feb. meeting. (Add to Next Steps)

Outreach/Brian:

1. Pickleball in middle schools – most schools have an element of PB in PE curriculum. This may not be an avenue for pickleball expansion.
2. League Winter Play – limited to Montrose/Delta for inside – will address in Spring 2020 with outdoor play. Currently each town has scheduled indoor play based on skill levels, similar to GJ Barn.
3. Brian is interested in forming a children's league sometime in the future. Perhaps target less privileged children. (Add to Next Steps)
4. New Contract, signed by Jeffrey, with GJ Parks & Rec re: Youth Pickleball and Pickleball Clinics. (Contract on file.)

Social Chair/Anna:

1. Jeffrey – WSPC Christmas Party was a huge success and topped last year's very successful event. Anna indicated we had 134 people make reservations with 4 no shows. Board members agreed we should reserve the same venue for Dec 12, 2020. Anna will check into a reservation.
2. Social Events for 2020-21 will be discussed at future meetings.

Past President/Brenda:

1. Indoor Pickleball Tournament hosted by & at Tennis Bubble: Brenda & George are in contact with Jim Paregien to facilitate (not a Club event). Meeting with Jim, Jan 10th at 1 pm. Tentative date for tournament: Sat. Feb 8th with team format. There will be at least two sessions of play. Cost expected to be \$25/player. WSPC will support this effort by notifying all players through email. Follow up at Feb. meeting by George.

At-Large Reports:

Lincoln Park/Joe – No report

Pineridge/Bill: (per email)

Storage box safely moved to indoor storage for the winter.

Die hards playing almost everyday. They are waiting for parks and rec to clear courts when needed per Lorie's request.

Palisade/Wanda:

Donation from City of Palisade – leftover monies allowed the purchase of Palisade Pickleball T-shirts for distribution to local players. 4 x 6" banner also purchased to hang at the outdoor courts.

Indoor play at old Palisade H.S. Gym at 7th & Iowa. M, W, F & Sat. from 9-1130 am. Averaging 15-20 players. Drop-in players pay \$5.00.

Drill sessions are also being held twice a week in January only. For upcoming drill sessions and general Palisade Pickleball info: Contact Wanda – 970-216-6559.

Fruita/Mike:

Indoor play at Fruita Recreation Center is daily from 6-10 or 11 am daily. 2 – 3 courts are available. Averaging 20-25 players. Silver Sneakers card holders-free admission.

Fruita outdoor courts progress: Currently there are no outdoor pickleball courts in Fruita. City is showing interest in a pickleball court location near the Dinosaur Museum (triangular shaped property) just off Hwy 340 on city-owned land. More to follow.

Dec. Meeting with Fruita Parks & Rec: School Dist. 51 has 4 tennis courts available between Monument H.S. And the middle school. Mike & Jeff met with Fruita P & Rec and report there is support to share these courts with H. S. tennis players. Pickleball court access should not be a problem when the courts are not in use by tennis players. Mike will follow up at future meetings on progress.

Committee Reports:

Lobster Committee-Tracy No report.

Court Expansion Committee/Jeffrey for Bruce:

See New Business for related items.

Sanctioned Tournament Committee-Brenda:

1. Nov 15th Meeting w/ GJ Sports Commission(GJSC) – Jeffrey/Brenda Discussed application forms, deadlines-slide show with instructions provided. Plan to apply for funding and support before Jan 1, 2021. Renee Wheelock-GJSC Director is contact person.

2. Committee meeting – Sat. January 11th, 2020 at noon at Main St. Bagels. Follow up at February meeting.

Tournament Committee/Beth: No report.

New Business:

1. Liability Insurance for Board Members/Jeffrey & Linda: Linda asked the Board members if they would like her to pursue research and quotes. The Board agreed. Linda will get WSPC Insurance quotes for our current coverage of WSPC General Liability and Medical & Accident Policy before renewal due March 2020. In addition, she will get separate Directors & Officers General Liability quotes. Follow at February meeting. (add to Next Steps List)
2. GJ Parks & Rec Email (Dec 2019) requesting WSPC court rental for Round Robin (RR) play at Lincoln Park & Pineridge. WSPC Reply Email sent January 10th to Lorie Gregor/Jeffrey: (emails sent to all Board members prior to this meeting for review-on file)

Jeffrey gave the Board a brief review of the circumstances and asked for their approval to send the WSPC Reply to GJ Parks & Recreation (Lorie Gregor) declining payment of any court fees by WSPC for RR play as these are not Club events.

A special meeting was convened, January 6th, 2020, consisting of Board members Brenda, George, Linda, Beth and Jeffrey to compose the reply email/letter. (Special meeting minutes on file).

After a short discussion and review of the emails, Board members unanimously agreed to submit the WSPC email reply, signed by Jeffrey. (on file) Follow up at February meeting.

3. Horizon Park Option for Pickleball Complex/Jeffrey:

Jeffrey shared an email (received last week) from Ken Sherbenou, P & R Director regarding the *possibility* of a 24 court Pickleball Complex located at Horizon Park, a City-owned vacant lot of 14 acres on 27 Rd north of the Horizon & 12th St. roundabout. This same location is the site of a proposed new GJ Fire Station. Jeffrey & Bruce will follow up on this idea as part of the Court Expansion Committee.

4. Code of Conduct for WSPC Board Members/Linda:

A draft copy, based on USAPA and SSIPA codes of conduct, was emailed to all Board members prior to the meeting for review. All members felt this is a good idea and should be on the February agenda for further discussion, due to meeting time constraints. (Add to Next Steps; copy of Code of Conduct on file))

Next Steps List :

Area (other towns) League play? - Brian/Outreach
Drone footage of LP & PR Pickleball Courts
Drilling Committee – Anna
Challenge and/or 4.0 plus court availability-address Spring 2021
Post Pickleball Etiquette at courts-Linda/Lorie Gregor
Code of Conduct for WSPC Board members-Linda
Open Board position- Fundraising
Review Club tournaments, S16 schedule for 2020-2021
Budget Item-Tournament Costs-portable PA system-Brenda
WSPC Insurance quotes before April 2020 renewal-Linda/Jeffrey
WSPC Website future/online registration-Tracy
WSPC Newsletter (need Editor)-Jeffrey
Children's Pickleball Tournament-Spring 2021-Brian

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, January 20th, at 5 pm - Ed Bozarth Chevrolet

Adjournment/Jeffrey: 6:55 pm.

Date: January 30th, 2019
Linda Griffith
WSCP Secretary

Date Approved: February 20th, 2020