

**Western Slope Pickleball Club**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**July 17<sup>th</sup>, 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, Bill McEnteer, Tracy Dvorak, Bruce Gregg, Mike Fortner, Aiaga Roffey and Nancy Eaton,

Absences: Wanda Robinson, Walter Cummings and Anna Goetz.

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

Additional Agenda Items:

1. Thank You card for John & Fran Jessup – Club Pickleball Machine donation

Minutes of Last Meeting (May 16<sup>th</sup> & June 5th meeting minutes-copies to all Board members prior)

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

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

Misc. from President/Brenda:

1. New Club Member Perks Purchase – invoice to Beth for 63 Club logo gym bags at \$8.91 each for a total of \$561.27. 3 colors ordered.
2. Lincoln Park pickleball court maintenance – Brenda spoke with Club member, A. J. Murray regarding general upkeep of the courts such as, keeping wind screens repaired and any minor damage. Since A.J. lives close he said he would be happy to help. Tracy suggested he be invited to be part of the Lobster Pickleball Machine Committee. Brenda reported the City will allow the electrical outlets at

the West Courts at Lincoln Park to be available so the pickleball machine may be charged.

#### OFFICER REPORTS:

##### Vice President/Bruce:

1. GJ Comprehensive Master Plan – Bruce & Jeff attended a June 16<sup>th</sup> public meeting. The proposed completion date of the plan is spring of 2020. The Plan is a long-range look at where and how the city will grow over the next 20 years. The plan involves more than planning for residential and commercial growth, and includes planning for their services and infrastructure (parks, utilities, roads, police fire, etc). A link with an attached survey was sent to all WSPC Club members. Even though this plan is not specific to citywide recreation, such as pickleball, Bruce feels our Board should stay informed and provide input.
2. Organized approach to obtaining additional indoor/outdoor pickleball courts and space – Bruce suggested the Board and Club become more proactive in lobbying for more pickleball opportunities. We need answers to why the LP conversion has been delayed and the status of this project. Bruce and Jeff will be taking the lead on this subject. All Board members were in favor of the plan and will contribute.

Treasurer-Beth: Financial reports ending June 30<sup>th</sup> were emailed to all Board members prior to this meeting-on file.

A **MOTION** to accept the Financial Reports was made by Bill and seconded by Linda. The motion carried with a unanimous “aye” from all members.

Outreach/Jeffrey: (Linda handed out a copy of the outline Jeff created for the program)

1. Youth Pickleball Program Update: 2<sup>nd</sup> session is currently underway at the West LP courts. A tournament will be held on July 30<sup>th</sup> for all participants that sign up through Parks & Rec. Brian Hart will lead the effort with Club volunteers.
2. Jeff agreed with Bruce that the Club needs to keep abreast of City Planning.
3. WSPC Float and BBQ Sat. July 13<sup>th</sup> – Went well with 32 on the river in 11 float craft and a total of 40-50 attended the BBQ. Pickleball, cornhole and volleyball were available and of course LOTS of great burgers and side dishes. Thanks to Ed Roffey who drove the shuttle bus and all the members who donated side dishes. (Attached flyer on file).

Membership/Communications-George:

As of 07/15/19 the Club has 323 members for the 2019-2020 membership year. 81 are new members and 242 are renewing members.

Website-Tracy: (Committee report on file)

1. Lobster Committee Meeting 7-9-19 – committee members- John Ahern, Brenda Furnace, Tracy Dvorak, Alecia Gordon and Jeffrey Smith addressed guidelines

for the Club “Lobster” Pickleball Machine use and defined terms. In summary:

- The “Lobster” will be available for rental by Club members who have completed an orientation on how to use it and the procedure to retrieve then “Lobster” from the shed and return it. All renters must sign a liability waiver at orientation.
- The machine will be stored in the Pickleball storage unit at Lincoln Park and initially the rental fee (cash only) will be \$10 per 1.5 hours-this includes 135 returnable balls.
- Plans to develop an online reservation system are in process. NOTE: This reservation system will NOT take money. It will only reserve the time/date.
- Lastly, please be PATIENT! The WSPC Board will email Club members when all policies, access, and reservation procedures are in place for rental. Great job! Lobster team. More details next meeting.

Social/Anna: (Report emailed to all Board members prior to meeting) -Linda summarized report to members.

1. Ladies Yoga and S16 led by Mary Kusack – May 31<sup>st</sup> went very well. See video posted on Club FB.
2. Thursday Fruita Concert, Bluegrass Offenders – July 11<sup>th</sup>. ~40 attendees.
3. Float Trip & BBQ – July 13<sup>th</sup>: BIG shout out to Jeffrey Smith for organizing the float and hosting the BBQ. Everyone's asking that we do it again next year!
4. Next Social Event: Sept 27<sup>th</sup> Potluck and Party hosted by Don & Jana Donahue. Perhaps a Hawaiian theme? That is the Friday before Delta Oktoberfest Pickleball Tournament. More details to follow.
5. Anna will need to purchase additional plates & silverware soon. All expenditures for social events have been submitted to Beth and/or reimbursed at this time.

Fundraising-Aiaga: - Doubles Dual held 6/16/19 reimbursements and deposits were submitted by Aiaga.

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

Walter/LP: No report. Brenda reminded At-Large Members for LP and Pineridge to check the storage box(s) frequently for first aid supplies. If they are running low it is your responsibility to restock and get reimbursed. Cold packs should be available.

Bill/Pineridge: RR play has been busier every week on Tuesday/Thursdays 9am-12pm. Bill will be working to help out by organizing some volunteers to run the RR when Kelly is not available. Overall the play has maintained a fun and cordial atmosphere.

Wanda/Palisade: (emailed report to Board members prior to meeting-on file)

Linda summarized Wanda's report: The town only received one bid for the new courts that did not meet expectations so the bid will go out again this Fall. Tuesdays – Wanda and her husband are conducting a Beginner's Clinic-6 participants on 7/9. The Clinic

will run through August. Contact Wanda if interested. It is exciting that all four of the current courts have been full with players waiting.

Mike/Fruita: Mike will be meeting with the Fruita City Manager on August 1<sup>st</sup> at the regularly scheduled “coffee” meeting. Mike is hoping to put up a temporary pickleball court on his property and start clinics. Details to follow.

#### Club Election Results and Officer Changes/Resignations:

New Club President – Jeffrey Smith. All Board members present fully support Jeffrey as our new president.

Past President – Brenda Furnace per Club by-laws. Brenda received a standing ovation from Board members honoring her for founding WSCP and her untiring efforts, enthusiasm and vision leading our Club forward. Brenda will continue to serve on the Board, attend meetings and concentrate on making a USAPA-sanctined tournament happen in GJ by 2021.

Outreach Director – Brian Hart (newly elected member). A **MOTION** was made by George and seconded by Bill to install Brian as Outreach Director. The motion carried with a unanimous “aye” from all members.

Fundraising – Aiaga has served her full 2 year term and is retiring. The Board has elected to leave this position “open” at this time. Brenda and the Board gave a round of applause for Aiaga's efforts and enthusiasm over the last 2 years. She has been a driving force.

Stand-by Treasurer – Nancy Eaton has fulfilled her 2 year term plus and is resigning. The Board would like to thank Nancy for a job well done. Thanks for hanging in there from the beginning! The Board accepted Nancy's resignation and elected to eliminate the Stand-by Treasurer position at this time.

Accepted nominations and installation of Board Officers: A **MOTION** was made by Bill and seconded by Tracy to approve the following members for Board Officers:

President – Jeffrey Smith  
Vice President – Bruce Gregg  
Treasurer – Beth Klein  
Secretary – Linda Griffith

The motion carried with a unanimous “aye” from all members.

#### New President's Message:

Jeffrey accepted the position of Club president and thanked the Board members for their support. His vision for the Club is to move forward in expanding the sport of Pickleball with the addition of both indoor and outdoor courts.

#### Next Steps Items:

Referee Training & Club challenge - ongoing

Policy for Club Membership for person under 18 years old  
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  
Fund for player unable to purchase membership  
2021 USAPA-sanctioned GJ Pickleball Tournament  
Extra Pickleball paddles – from Henry Bullock  
Drilling Committee –  
GJ P & R Meeting re: paddle vendors  
Lobster Pickleball Machine – rental policies & guidelines-subcommittee report

Executive Session: *5 minutes*

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, August 15, 2019, 5 pm at Ed Bozarth Chevrolet Community Room.

Adjournment: Brenda adjourned the meeting at 6:48pm

Submitted: July 25, 2019.  
Linda Griffith  
WSPC Secretary

Approved: August 15, 2019