

Western Slope Pickleball Club
Meeting Minutes
November 14th, 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) – Joe Egloff

Fundraising Director: Vacant

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

Mary Kusack attending for Anna Goetz.

Absences: Joe Egloff, Brian Hart, Anna Goetz

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

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: (Oct. 10th Minutes – emailed to all Board members prior to meeting). Meeting minutes were unanimously approved with no corrections.

Unfinished (Old) Business:

1. WSPC Pay-Pal v. Online Banking/Tracy: (see handout on file)

After a short discussion, it was decided that Tracy could set up a Pay-Pal account for WSPC in her name. Anyone using this account will pay an additional fee. Further details to follow at future meeting.

2. Challenge Court Rules-Draft/Challenge Ct Doubles Ladder/Tracy: (handouts on file) This item was tabled for now. Will address in the spring when weather permits outdoor play on a regular basis.
3. WSPC Purchasing Policy/Jeffrey: Final copy of policy on file.
4. Purchase of 4 USAPA Pickleball Rule Books after 2020 updates/Brenda: The purchase was approved for 2020.
5. Posting of Pickleball Etiquette List at courts/Linda: Per Lorie Gregor “No postings of any kind may be made at any public courts”. Jeffrey will speak with Lorie and see if any other options exist.

6. WSCP Newsletter Status – Dan Oliver is willing to publish but needs help with content. Jeffrey will seek a volunteer to help.

Officers' Reports:

President/Jeffrey – General Information. No discussion.

1. The shade at Lincoln Park on the southeast court has been removed due to severe damage and will not be replaced until spring.

Treasurer/Beth: Cash Disbursements and R&E reports ending 10/31/19 emailed to all Board members prior to meeting. (reports on file)

Current Balance on hand is \$26,491.27 Reports were unanimously approved with no corrections.

Vice President/Bruce:

1. 24 Rd Clean-up Oct 26th was a success with 10 volunteers.

Membership & Communications/George: (per email report)

Yr Ending	Total Members	New Members	Renewing Members
05/31/20*	348	105	244 (74%)

*as of 11/12/19

George proposed the Club offer a reduced membership fee after November 1st, yearly, to entice people to sign-up for a partial year that would include any social events and the April Club Tournament but no Club perks (Club bag, visor, balls). The membership fee would be \$20. The Board approved the suggestion. George will work with Tracy to get an application ready.

George also mentioned he has received requests for Onix pickleballs. Brenda and George will research pricing.

Website/Tracy:

1. Club Youth Application has been posted on the website.

Outreach/Brian: Jeffrey reported for Brian.

1. The Community Streets Event (3ed Annual), Oct. 19th went well. This is the 2nd year WSPC has participated. Many participants and 17 Club volunteers. Board members suggested the Parks & Rec Dept do more advertising of the event in the future. Linda will send a Thank You card to the P & R Maintenance Dept for painting court lines on the street. Brian sent a thank you email to all Club volunteers.
2. Parade of Lights GJ & Fruita: Jeffrey has been contacted but did not commit. Consensus from the Board members is to pursue entering the GJ Parade and do a simple theme with WSPC Banner and walkers handing out candy. Jeff will follow

up.

Social Chair/Anna Mary Kusack is reporting for Anna.

There is a \$50 court fee credit with GJ Parks & Rec since the Halloween Howl was canceled due to weather.

Christmas Party Update:

All is going as planned. Mary is making centerpieces and will need help moving tables into place prior to the party. Mary needs broken pickleballs – will place donation boxes at both court sites. She will contact volunteers and organize a decorating day. Mary is concerned about seating. The Board requested she make a limit of 150 if that does not violate the fire code. Board members suggested she purchase appetizer trays and a sheet cake instead of requesting Club members to bring dishes. The Board confirmed that the 12 Days of Christmas - Pickleball Style Chorus will be performing again.

Past President/Brenda:

1. Club Championship Tournament April 2020 - Brenda, George & Beth will get a firm date.
2. Donation by Sue and Dean Gobel to have WSPC stickers for members. They have submitted a design to Brenda and she will follow up. Brenda shared the design with the Board. More at the next meeting.

At-Large Reports:

Lincoln Park/Joe – No report

Pineridge/Bill: All continues to go well with the RR play with over 50 players.

The storage box will be stored for the winter. They have 6 dozen pickleballs to start the spring season.

Palisade/Wanda: Permanent court installation has been delayed until spring 2020 due to weather. Indoor play at 9 am is available Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, at old Palisade High School, West 7th St & Iowa Ave. A \$5 donation per player is requested. Weather permitting, there has been some outdoor play at 1 pm on the same days.

Fruita/Mike: Continuing indoor play at the recreation center.

Committee Reports:

Lobster Committee-Tracy: Unlikely another Lobster orientation will be held before the weather turns bad. Tracy provided Linda with an orientation outline to keep on file. Lobster use and promotion will be a Spring 2020 priority.

Insurance coverage for the Lobster is about \$20 annually. Policy on file.

Court Expansion Committee-Bruce:

Bruce attended the GJ City Council meeting on 10/16 to speak in favor of an increase of the DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES. These are fees charged any new building (residential or commercial) to support infrastructure, parks and rec, etc. 3 of us spoke in favor of an increase while 30 spoke against. The council voted to gradually increase the fees which had not been increased in several years. When Ken Sherbenou, Parks/Rec Director, gave his power point presentation the Lincoln Park Pickleball Expansion Project was on the list. He told me the increased fees will result in an additional 4 million dollars over 10 years. This should give us hope for a long term solution to increasing the number of courts but it doesn't address our immediate need.

Next Meeting: Community Values & Vision Workshop, Tuesday, Nov. 19th at 6:30 pm at Two Rivers Convention Center.

Jeffrey will send an email to Club members updating them.

Sanctioned Tournament Committee-Brenda:

1. January 2020 meeting is planned.
2. Meeting with GJ Sports Authority, Friday Nov. 15 at Trader's Coffee to discuss support for the sanctioned tournament in 2021.

Tournament Committee/Beth: No report.

New Business:

1. Process for monthly agenda content/Jeffrey:

Would like to have input from Board members how to best address agenda items.

Perhaps have members submit items to Linda at least one week prior to the meeting, then Jeffrey will prioritize a list for the agenda. Linda would like the Next Steps List to guide the agenda. More discussion at the next meeting.

2. Next meeting date: Traditionally, the Board has not met in December. All members agreed that January 2020 should be the next meeting.

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

Post Pickleball Etiquette at courts

Open Board position- Fundraising

Review Club tournaments, S16 schedule for 2020-2021

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, January 9th at 5 pm - Ed Bozarth Chevrolet

Adjournment/Jeffrey: 6:45 pm.

Date: November 29, 2019

Linda Griffith

WSCP Secretary

Date Approved: January 09, 2020