

**Western Slope Pickleball Club**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, February 20, 2020**  
**Ed Bozarth Chevrolet Community Room**  
**5:00 – 6:45 pm**

President - Jeffrey Smith

Past President – Brenda Furnace

Vice President – Bruce Gregg

Secretary-Linda Griffith

Treasurer- Beth Klein

Membership/Communications Director: George Gerson

Website-Tracy Dvorak

Outreach Director- Brian Hart

Social Chairperson – Anna Goetz

Members at Large: Joe Egloff (LP) ; Bill McEnteer (PR); Wanda Robinson,  
(Palisade)and Mike Fortner (Fruita)

Fundraising Director: Vacant

Board Attendees: Beth Klein, Linda Griffith, Jeffrey Smith, Brenda Furnace, Wanda Robinson, Joe Egloff, Bill McEnteer, Tracy Dvorak and George Gerson.

Absences: Brian Hart, Anna Goetz, 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 4:57 pm. Jeff welcomed everyone.

Unfinished (Old) Business:

1. GJ Parks & Rec Reply: (Email response from Lorie Gregor on file and sent to all Board members prior to meeting.) Summary: Proposal-All Round Robin (RR) events must have court times reserved by the end of February 2020 for dates/times needed. Based on availability, GJ Parks & Rec will block out requested court dates and times. No rental fees will be charged. Moving forward, all RR events will be “booked” by the volunteer in charge of each venue. This year, Jeffrey will notify Cheryl Reigle (LP) and Gordon Dirst (PR) to make those reservations for the 2020 season by February 28<sup>th</sup>. RESULT: Policy from GJ Parks & Rec stating effective 01/01/20 any organized play on public courts will need to be reserved through our office. (on file)

Jeffrey and Bill announced RR start dates/times per Cheryl & Gordon: Lincoln Park will begin Wednesday & Friday play, 9-noon, April 8<sup>th</sup> and Pineridge will begin Tuesday & Thursday play, 9-noon March 31 (weather permitting). Start times will be set earlier as am temperatures climb. Play at both venues is expected to continue until November.

2. D & O Insurance/Club General Liability and Accident Coverage quotes & options– (handouts on file) Linda asked Brenda to read her email communication with Arron Clay, Attorney, Delta, CO regarding D & O Liability Insurance for WSPC. (emails on file)

Summary: Aaron recommends NOT to purchase this insurance 1) high cost not justified, 2) very small chance of suit against Board/member, 3) CO has very strong statute protecting volunteers serving non-profits. Gross negligence and intention is key to CO statute making a suit very unlikely. Such coverage may actually encourage suits. Aaron suggest each Board member check with their insurance provider regarding coverage. After a short discussion and review of costs, a **MOTION** to NOT purchase D & O Liability Insurance was made by Bill and seconded by Brenda. The motion carried unanimously.

his A second **MOTION** to replace Marc Summers with Aaron Clay, contingent on acceptance, as our Club Attorney was made by Brenda and seconded by Bill. The motion carried unanimously. Jeffrey will ask Aaron for a formal acceptance and extend a free Club membership.

Review of WSPC General Liability and Accidental Death & Medical Insurance coverage with Mountain States Insurance/Philadelphia Insurance: Following a short discussion, the group decided to continue with our current coverage and vendor as long as premiums remain similar. Quotes were obtained, by Linda, from Mountain States Ins & Home Loans Insurance, both in Grand Junction.

3. Code of Conduct Board Members: Handout (on file) Linda read the “proposed” document and Board members made a few changes. Consequences of rule violation(s): *Violations of the code of conduct will be investigated, discussed and an appropriate course of action will be taken by the WSPC Board of Directors by **unanimous/majority** vote, which may include a warning, suspension or dismissal from the Board.*

The final copy will be brought to the April meeting for final adoption and approval. A **MOTION** was made to adopt the changes and final list of rules as well as the consequences if any rule is violated by a WSPC Board member.

4. WSPC Newsletter Status: Jeffrey reported the Winter WSPC Newsletter is ready for publication and will be emailed to members within a week.

#### Officers' Reports:

##### President/Jeffrey – General Information.

1. The second sun shade on the east LP pickleball courts was damaged last week. The shade was removed for future repairs.

Treasurer/Beth – Financial reports R&E and Cash Disbursements ending 01/31/2020 were emailed to all Board members prior to meeting. Reports on file. Balance on hand is \$25,774.92. Reports were approved with no corrections. One addition to the R & E Report was requested by Jeffrey: line item for Clinics/Coaching to the revenue list. Beth will add this line item to the March report.

Vice President/Bruce: No report.

Member/Comm/George:

Yr Ending	Total Members	New Members	Renewing Members
05/31/20*	370	127	244(74%)
05/31/19	329	132	198 (76%)

\*as of 02/19/20-11 new members since 1/9/20 taking advantage of reduced membership fee.

Two Pickleball Beginner Clinics were held in the Barn 01/15. Instructors were Brenda, Mike F., Rich Garrett and George. Clinics were capped 16 participants each and both filled with 4 people on a wait list.

Seven outdoor Clinics are currently scheduled between April and August 2020. High popularity and interest in the sport of Pickleball continues in Grand Junction.

Website/Tracy:

Club Website status. Mosaic sold : Tracy indicated no further information is available but she is researching other possibilities for the Club website. She expects at least 1 month's notice from Mosaic regarding changes. Tracy is currently updating the Club Calendar to include regional pickleball tournaments.

Outreach/Brian: No report.

Social Chair/Anna: No report.

Past President/Brenda: See Tournament Committee Report.

At-Large Reports:

Joe (LP) – Kurt Hansen will be repairing the sunshade for Court 2 at LP.

Bill (PR) – Looking forward to RR play.

Wanda (Palisade) - Palisade is going well. We're still playing indoors until about the second week of March. We haven't set an exact date yet. Some players are playing outdoors starting at 1:00 pm depending on the weather.

We received our banner from the town. It will be displayed when the construction on the courts are done. I have been told that the contractor wants to have 45 - 50 degrees both day and night consistently before he starts the job.

Mike (Fruita) – Jeffrey reports for Mike.

1. Two meetings held by Fruita Parks & Rec held today. An invitational meeting was attended by Jeffrey and Mike at 1:00 pm. They participated in a survey process for the P & R Master Plan. Second meeting, open to the public, is being held at 5:00 pm today. Mike is in attendance with support from local pickleball players making a statement in favor of the need for outdoor pickleball courts in Fruita.

Master Plan for Fruita Parks, Open Space and Trails (POST) was last completed and adopted in 2009. The 2020 Plan added Health and Recreation. The City of Fruita has hired GreenPlay LLC to assist in formulating the 2020 Master Plan. These consultants will be present at the meetings.

#### Committee Reports:

Lobster Committee-Tracy The group discussed when the Lobster should be available for rental this spring. The consensus was to allow rental when the temperature is 50 degrees or above.

Court Expansion Committee/Bruce No report.

Sanctioned Tournament Committee-Brenda: The Board discussed the need for this committee and a Tournament Committee. The group decided to eliminate the Sanctioned Tournament Committee and keep the Tournament Committee. Brenda and Beth will continue to work together.

#### Tournament Committee/Brenda & Beth Jan 11<sup>th</sup> meeting summary

1. Club Tournament date: Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 8am-5pm at Lincoln Park. Brenda anticipates staying with the mixed skill level format with help from Tao. Club Singles Tournament date: Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 9am – 3pm at Lincoln Park. Courts are reserved and paid. Notification email sent to Club members. Brenda suggested a Survey Monkey be sent to Club members after the tournament to get format feedback.
2. Referee Training: Eileen Egloff will be conducting clinics in the Barn Sunday, March 29th and Monday, 30th. Clinic times are 1-4pm and 2:30-5:30pm respectively. Additionally, Brenda will be implementing head injury training. Linda suggested all Board members complete the training video and test.. The Club goal is to have all games at the upcoming 2 tournaments refereed.

3. Brenda submitted a listing of area pickleball tournaments (obtained from Lorie Gregor) and contact information to Tracy for posting on the Club calendar.
4. Club Sweet 16 dates: June 16<sup>th</sup> and October 10<sup>th</sup>. Courts reserved and paid.
5. Tennis Bubble Tournament: Held February 8-9<sup>th</sup> was a success. Event was organized by the Tennis Bubble staff with email notification support supplied by WSPC (George). 3 events with 16 players each with a total of 48 pickleball participants. Results and pictures were posted to WSPC Facebook page.

New Business:

1. Pickleball Survey (Chico, CA): 2017 informative study of the affects of the sport of pickleball on 366 players, 50 years and older, conducted by Dr. Richard Gitelson and Dr. Aubrey Newland. George forwarded this survey to Board members. After a short discussion, the group felt all players would benefit from this information. George will send the survey out by email. (Survey on file)
2. GJ Parks & Rec Open Space (PROS) Task Force membership: Jeffrey and Brian have applied for membership. A request for members to serve on Task Force to achieve board representation of community leaders and engaged citizens in formulating the Master Plan for GJ Parks & Rec. Jeffrey would like several Board members to apply. Application deadline is Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>. (application info on file)
3. Consider WSPC changing from 501c7 to 501c3: Linda would like to research this option and report at the March meeting. Will add to Next Steps.

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 2020  
 Post Pickleball Etiquette at courts-Linda/Lorie Gregor  
 Open Board position- Fundraising  
 Review Club tournaments, S16 schedule for 2020-2021  
 Budget Item-Tournament Costs-portable PA system-Brenda  
 WSPC Website future/online registration-Tracy  
 WSPC Newsletter (need Editor)-Jeffrey  
 Children's Pickleball Tournament-Spring 2021-Brian  
 Yearly WSPC Financial Audit  
 Emergency contact info for Club members-Brenda  
 Head injury training & documentation program  
 Survey Monkey post Club Tournament  
 Arron Clay – new Club attorney-Jeffrey  
 501c7 vs. 501c3 Club status-Linda

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, at 5 pm - Ed Bozarth Chevrolet

Adjournment/Jeffrey: 6:48 pm.

Date: February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Linda Griffith  
WSCP Secretary

Date Approved: March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020