

**Western Slope Pickleball Club**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday August 13th, 2020**  
**Lincoln Park Pavilion**  
**5:00-7:00 pm**  
**(COVID-19 restrictions apply)**

President - Jeffrey Smith

Past President/Tournament Dir. – Brenda Furnace

Vice President/Lincoln Park At-Large–Joe Egloff

Secretary-Linda Griffith

Board Member – Rob Schoeber

Treasurer- Beth Klein

Membership/Communications Director: George Gerson

Website-Tracy Dvorak

Outreach Director- Brian Hart

Social Chairperson – Anna Goetz

Fundraising Director: Vacant

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

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

Absences: Mike Fortner and Brian Hart.

- I. Call To Order/Quorum: Jeffrey called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm with a quorum of 11/13 Board members present. Masks were worn by all present with social distancing.
- II. Minutes of Previous Meeting: (July 9th meeting minutes emailed to all Board members prior). Hearing no corrections or additions, Jeffrey accepted the minutes as approved.
- III. Unfinished (Old) Business:
  1. Pickleball Demo/Exhibition for GJ City Council – Joe Joe, Rob & Brian met 2 times since the July meeting.  
Rough Outline Points: (follow COVID guidelines at the time)
    - Request GJ City Council members to join in a pickleball demo for 1 hour at LP- possibly on a regularly scheduled council meeting evening.
    - Invite City manager, council members, fire & police chiefs & few others. Diverse group of players to demo game. Invite guests to play after demo.
    - Have a MC to introduce guests to pickleball rules, explain the Club mission, function & give statistics regarding number of players.
    - Appreciation plaque

- Possible press release – Tracy will do this.
- Limited refreshments
- TENTATIVE date: Oct 8<sup>th</sup>

iv. Officers' Reports

President – Jeffrey

1. General summary of Club accomplishments since last meeting will be included in body of minutes. Sweet 16 & Float Trip/BBQ in July – our first Club events under county approval. 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Club tournaments “go ahead” from the county and GJ Parks & Rec., thanks to Brenda's hard work getting the paperwork done and delivered. Shade repairs at Lincoln Park with new, sturdier design.
2. July 14 & 16 – First of several public meetings for input to GreenPlay (consulting firm) for the GJ Parks & Rec 5 year Master Plan for Grand Junction Recreation. He and several Board members & Club members attended the meetings. The Club will keep members informed of future public meetings by email.
3. Club Pop-Up Canopy: One of two canopies is in need of repairs. Jeffrey has ordered the parts and expects to have it available for the Club Tournaments.

Treasurer -Beth (Financials emailed to board members prior-on file)

1. Financials ending 07/31/20. End balance = \$34,633.93. Hearing no corrections, Jeffrey accepted the above report.
2. Proposed 2020-2021 Club Budget: Beth will finalize the numbers and submit them at the Sept. meeting for approval and posting on the website. A few new revenue/expense line items will be added. Unless Beth is notified, budgeted amounts will be the same as last year amounts.
3. Annual Audit: Jeffrey will schedule a meeting with Bob Funderburk and Beth within the next 2 weeks. Any changes will be instituted beginning with the 2020-2021 fiscal year.
4. Club P.O. Box renewal: After a short discussion, the group decided not to renew the PO Box but to change the Club address to George's residence as he receives most of the Club mail (applications). Beth and Linda will make the appropriate changes with state/federal and insurance companies. Linda will notify GJ Parks & Rec of the address change.

Membership/Communications -George

Yr Ending	Total Members	New Members	Renewing Members
*05/31/21	301	66	235(62%)
05/31/20	381	137	244(74%)
05/31/19	329	132	198(76%)
05/31/18	262	107	155(84%)
05/31/17	184	184	0

\*as of 8/13/20

1. 43 members have been added since our July meeting. One new member, Sam Meyer, son of Dan and Jenn Meyer is our first “child” member. Sam has registered for the Club Tournament. 9 new Club members registered at the July Beginner's Clinic (18 participants).
2. Sweet 16 July 18-19 Update: 64 participants. Male and female winners posted on Club website (WSPCGJ.com) Special thanks to all the volunteers and Carol Canning for her help both days.
3. Next Club S16 is October 10-11<sup>th</sup>. Wait list players will have priority.

Website - Tracy

1. On Line Club registration update: Tracy will set up a personal Pay Pal that will allow players to join or renew their Club membership annually if they have a Pay Pal account. Mail in applications will always be accepted. Tracy will work with George to facilitate membership tracking.
2. Club Business Sponsorships: 2 sponsorships are currently paid. Jeffrey or Tracy will notify other sponsors by email before they are removed from Club listings. Jeffrey will approach a Club member to volunteer to help Tracy with sponsorship recruitment.
3. Doubles Ladder & Singles Ladder postings on website: Tracy will post all results if results are submitted on the same day weekly and in PDF format. Brenda will work with Dan Meyer and Walter Cummings to make this happen. Tracy will post the Doubles/Singles Ladder guidelines for player reference.

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Outreach -Brian -No report.

Social Events – Anna

1. August 24<sup>th</sup> – Dog Days DrillFest 6-8pm at Lincoln Park. 5 courts reserved, 20 minute drill sessions with 4 different instructors, 1 court with Lobster (Jeffrey/Linda volunteer to run). Mike Fortner will serve pulled pork sandwiches and chips for \$5.
2. July Float & BBQ – Float trip was attended by many but over 30 members with reservations did not attend the BBQ. Possible reasons may have been that the float (very low cfu on the river) took too long to complete and people were too tired to attend the BBQ. We will consider, time of year (river level/flow), shorter river distance, BBQ location and possibly making the Float and BBQ two separate events in the future.
3. Survey Monkey after Club Tournaments: Anna requested Board members send survey questions/suggestions to her.

Past President/Tournament Director – Brenda

1. WSPC 4th Annual Championship Tournaments:  
2020 WSPC Club Tournament: Application filed and approved with Mesa County Health Department. My job to keep up with changes and restrictions regarding COVID. A list of all participants will be submitted to the MCHD prior to the tournament. Mixed Skill levels Saturday Sept 12, and Singles September

13, 2020. Working on COVID waiver for participants with required sign in for tournament.

Referee Clinics – Aug 24-LP 8-11a, west courts & Aug 25th-PR 5:30-8p. coordinated by Eileen Egloff (email on file)

2. Doubles Ladders: (email with guidelines on file)

Committees have been meeting and Club Members received an orientation at Lincoln Park West Courts. 25 Participants signed up. Addition committee meeting Friday the 14th at 5:15 pm. to organize the ladders. Posting on Club website will begin Sunday Aug. 16 and directory will be mailed out and challenges begin Monday Aug. 17, 2020. Club Members only: because they already sign a waiver when they join the club and that covers activities. Dan Meyer, Manager will manage results and report to Tracy for website postings.

3. Ball Stoppers at Pineridge Courts:

Brenda & Glenn Furnace have been repairing the ball stoppers and would like someone else to take over that responsibility. (See Bill's report re: Tom Pearson volunteering for task.)

Jim Craig has made new ball stoppers for Lincoln Park that are longer and shorter. A huge thanks to him for his donation and hard work.

4. Brenda suggested Lincoln Park and Pineridge representatives check their storage box first aid kit supplies. Any supplies needing replenished or expired items will be replaced by the Club.

Lincoln Park – Joe

1. Wash stations & equipment are in good shape and being used.

2. Shade repairs/replacement completed by Joe, Brenda & Glenn. New shade structure has metal reinforced side bars.

3. Joe & Brenda spoke with the Chipeta Golf Course manager regarding the conversion of 2 unused tennis courts to Pickleball courts. No decision at this time. Joe will follow up.

3. Other Pickleball courts in GJ: Bookcliff Country Club (2730 G Road) has 2 permanent pickleball courts for members & guests. George & Brenda spoke with management to explain game rules and WSPC functions & mission. George suggested they hold a pickleball clinic for interested members. Any use of their courts currently requires membership. More pickleball courts may be added in the future.

4. Joe also reported, Steamboat Springs Tennis Facility is soliciting funding to build 12 covered dedicated pickleball courts where 2 clay tennis courts are currently located. This indoor Pickleball Center will free up indoor tennis courts at the Tennis Center. Steamboat also has 8 dedicated outdoor pickleball courts.

Pineridge Park – Bill

1. Round Robins going great with almost a full 48 players most days.

2. One wind screen was rehung.
3. Tom Pearson has agreed to undertake ball stopper fix up/replacement.
4. Social distancing is a bit of an issue. I believe a reminder via George's letter might be helpful.
5. Bill has received requests to ask the Board if the Pineridge Round Robins could be provided balls like those being used at LP. George has 70 TOPP Club balls that can be donated to Pineridge RR. Current balls in use in LP RR were donated by a Club member.

Palisade – Wanda

1. Palisade is doing good. Wednesdays there are less players.
2. Pickleball article in the July Beacon edition: a few Palisade players wondered why the new courts in Palisade were not mentioned. Jeffrey & Tracy explained that the July article interview was conducted in January 2020 before the Palisade courts were installed. Additionally, the Beacon does not allow interviewed parties to edit or comment on article content.

Fruita – Mike (no report)

V. Committee Reports

Lobster Committee-Tracy

The Board would like to see increased rental use of the Lobster as well as a plan for COVID guidelines. Rob Schoeber volunteered to modify the current rental system and include COVID-safe guidelines. He will coordinate with Tracy.

Court Expansion Committee – Jeffrey No report (Pickleball demo for GJ City Council is designated a subcommittee)

Tournament Committee -Brenda (See Brenda's report above)

VI. New Business

1. Bruce Gregg is planning a Club 24 Road Clean-up for Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. Email notification to follow.

Next Steps List: (\* items on “hold” due to COVID)

- \*Area (other towns) League play? - Brian/Outreach
- \*Challenge and/or 4.0 plus court availability-Brian
- \*Post Pickleball Etiquette at courts-Linda/Lorie Gregor
- Open Board position- Fundraising
- WSPC Website -online registration-Tracy
- \*Children's Pickleball Tournament-Spring 2021-Brian
- Yearly WSPC Financial Audit-Bob Funderburk/Beth/Jeffrey
- Emergency contact info for Club members-Brenda
- Head injury training & documentation program-Brenda/Linda
- Survey Monkey post Club Tournament-Anna
- 501c7 vs. 501c3 Club status-Linda/Aaron
- Club Insurance questions-Linda

Club Skill Level Evaluation for members

Lobster Rental – Covid guidelines, increase rentals – Rob/Tracy

Business Sponsorships – current update, recruitment

Pickleball Exhibition/Demo for GJ City Council – Joe/Rob/Brian

VII. Next Meeting – Thursday, September 10th, 2020 at 5 pm. At Lincoln Park Pavilion.

VII. Adjournment - at 6:44 pm

Date: August 22nd, 2020

Linda Griffith

WSPC Secretary

Approved: September 10th, 2020