

Western Slope Pickleball Club
Meeting Minutes
September 10th, 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, Mike Fortner and George Gerson.

Absences: Brian Hart.

- I. Call To Order/Quorum: Jeffrey called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm with a quorum of 12/13 Board members present. Masks were worn by all present with social distancing.
- II. Minutes of Previous Meeting: (August 13th meeting minutes emailed to all Board members prior). Hearing no corrections or additions, Jeffrey accepted the minutes as approved.
- III. Unfinished (Old) Business:
 1. Lobster rental/COVID guidelines follow up-Rob
Rob suggested the following changes:
 - Reduce rental fee from \$10 to \$5 per 1.5 hr session.
 - No on-line reservations at this time (may re-visit in future)
 - Machine may be used at Lincoln Park east court #1 or west courts #5 & 6 (electricity issue will be addressed with GJ Parks & Rec)
 - Add Rob Schoeber (w/contact info) to all paperwork. Tracy & Jeff will remain on contact list.
 - Add to Lobster set up: Disinfect balls with sanitizer (to be determined) before and after use. Allow to air dry. Rob will keep sanitizer stocked.
 - Rob will initiate a weekly reservation sheet to be posted in the shed.

Above changes approved.

Rob has been conducting Lobster orientations when contacted by Club members.

2. Financial audit follow-up-Beth/Jeffrey Beth met with Bob Funderburk (Club member & retired accountant) 8/21/20 to review the Club financial statements. Bob felt Beth is doing a fine job. He suggested a few line item changes reflected on the Financial sheets ending 8/31/20. Another suggestion: To improve checks & balance, someone should review the monthly bank statements. Beth will forward those statements to Jeffrey monthly prior to reporting. Report to follow from Bob.
3. Insurance rates per age group increase - Linda
Linda reported the rates would be: Ages 13 to 15: \$3.68 per participant
Ages 16 to 18: \$5.73 per participant . No need to address at this time as we have no club members under 19. Will review at March 2021 renewal.
4. 501c7 vs 501c3 info – Linda After several emails with Club attorney Aaron Clay, he suggested we pursue the 501c3. Aaron suggests we engage an accountant to begin the paperwork. No decision was made by the Board at this time.
5. Concussion Training for Board Members-Linda
Linda emailed a link (<https://www.train.org/cdctrain/course/1089855/?activeTab=resources>) to all Board members prior to this meeting requesting they complete the training and print a certificate for Club files.
Documentation of Concussion Training is encouraged by our Insurance carrier. All members agreed to participate. Linda will keep the records.
Linda suggested Eileen Egloff (ref trainer) also complete a certificate.

IV. Officers' Reports

President – Jeffrey

Exciting time for the club. After all the restrictions and limited activity we are back in full swing. Round robin play has been well attended up until this weeks weather change. The new doubles ladder has been well received and boosted player activity. And this weekend's tournament brings to life our biggest on-court event of the year after a long wait from the postponement from last Spring.

A big thanks to all board members and volunteers for all the hard work and extra effort required to keep the club activities alive and successful during this challenging period.

The tournament committee and group working on the exhibition/demo project have pulled together a couple of big successes that all club members will enjoy being part of and our social committee has kept members engaged in social activity opportunities in spite of limitations. Jeffrey also mentioned he played at the Palisade courts recently and met many nice players.

Treasurer – Beth (Club financial reports emailed to Board members prior to meeting)

1. Financials ending 08/31/20. End balance = \$34,936,28. Hearing no corrections, Hearing no corrections or additions, Jeffrey accepted the above report. All agreed the audit changes were helpful.
2. Club Address change to: 289 Chinle Ct, GJ, 81507
Beth notified Secretary of State, will change Bank of Colorado when she orders checks. Jeffrey will complete a W9 for GJ Parks & Rec. Principle address on Club IRS form 990 will be as above.
Linda notified Linda Patterson at Mtn West Insurance of the new address on 08/21/20.

Membership/Communications -George

Yr Ending	Total Members	New Members	Renewing Members
*05/31/21	317	80	237(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 9/08/20

We added 16 members since the last meeting. Most new members came as a result of our August clinic and from players wishing to play in the Club Tournament Sept 12-13th.

In my last report I mentioned Sam Meyer, son of Jenn and Dan, had joined as our first child member in order to play in the Club Tournament. Unfortunately, he has a conflict with High School tennis and will not play in the tournament or become a Club member.

The second set of Sweet 16s is scheduled for October 10 and 11. Registration will open on Sept 14 for those who did not participate in the July Sweet 16 and on Sept 21 for all members.

Website - Tracy

1. On-line registration – in progress.
2. Doubles and Singles Ladder results are posting weekly. Basic guidelines are also posted.
3. Business Sponsors Update: Currently 6 Club Sponsors for 2020-21 . Jeffrey will notify any lapsed Business Sponsors. All Club Sponsors are featured on the Club website with Biz Spotlight write-ups and in the Club Newsletters.

Outreach -Brian (email report)

Annual October, Community Streets Event – Canceled due to COVID.
Brian completed the Concussion Training.

Social Events – Anna

1. Drill Fest, Aug 24th was festive. Everyone loved the food and the play. It was confusing in the beginning, and so we have made some notes about a few changes to include signing people up for the court where they will begin and having a more formal rotation plan. We are also wondering about having 15 minute sessions rather than 20, as all night long people were reminding us to ring the bell around at the 15 minute mark, thinking that we had gone past 20 minutes. Player name tags were also suggested.

Brenda effectively used two courts in order to work with more people, and Boonmy also allowed more than four in at a time. Overall, it was a great success and we will continue with the drill fest for twice a year. Mary and I would love to get board members' feedback on the format so that we can add our thinking regarding changes for the spring DrillFest to our notes.

Overall, our opinion is that allowing more people to participate made it feel much more "social."

2. Future socials: Mary and I had a date for the hike planned, but now we're glad that we hadn't gotten information out to the membership because the fire and air quality made it impossible to follow through. We would have had to cancel. We may try again. No Fall social is planned. Christmas Party will depend on COVID restrictions at that time. Future Club social events will be announced to the membership approximately 2 weeks prior to avoid cancellations. We would love ideas and feedback from the board, including thoughts about a hike and/or another yoga/open play morning or evening.
3. Survey Monkey to Club members: After the Club Tournaments. Send Anna or Mary survey questions.

Past President/Tournament Director – Brenda

1. 4th Annual Club Doubles Tournament & Singles Update: COVID restrictions will be observed. Hand sanitizer available at several stations, masks required off court and 6 foot distancing, temperature checks on all players prior and entry/exit only signs. No food/snacks or water will be served. A list of all participants has been sent to the MCHD. I sent Lorie a request for COVID-19 posters for East and West courts as well as to make sure both bathrooms are open and available for players Brackets will be sent to all participants 09/10/20. (
2. Terry Douchant has replaced Dan Meyer as Doubles Ladder manager. Terry will submit results weekly to Tracy for posting on the website. The weekly challenges has been changed from once to two per week. (Aug 31, 2020 Doubles Ladder email on file).
3. Referee training email, Sept 4 from Eileen Egloff on file. Discusses head injury/concussion to all referees participating in training.

Lincoln Park/Vice President – Joe

1. City Council/Demo Celebration: Good progress was made with the City Bruce Gregg did a great job inviting the City Council during the 3 minute open comment period at the Sept 2 City Council Meeting. Rob Schoeber contacted the City Manager's office the next day and got a positive response for October 8. The presentation plaque has been ordered, the east courts have been reserved at no cost, the menu has been finalized and Brian Hart has coordinated with Tracy to the electronic invitations sent out. Still have work to do before Oct 8. (email to Club members on file)

Draft Agenda:

- Into by Emcee (Jeffrey)
- Overview of Pickleball by George
- Presentation of Plaque by Brenda
- Brief explanation of Rules by Emcee
- Introduction of Demo Players, commence play with play-by=play colorful commentary by Emcee. Play 1 game to 11.
- Invite guests to give it a try. Pair up guests with Board member.
- Invite guests not playing to get refreshments and continue watching.
- Round Robin is from 4-6pm. Refreshments for player after RR.

Notes:

- Limitation on number of participants (20 players) and must maintain 6ft social distancing for all spectators. Cannot be an “open” invitation to all Club members.
 - Consider reserved parking for guests.
 - Name tags for – guests and WSPC Board.
 - Invite media
 - Estimated cost - \$300-400
 - Pop ups for shade.
2. Letter was sent to Chipeta golf course requesting consideration for converting tennis courts to pickleball. No response to date. (On file)
3. Even with ash on the courts, Lincoln Park has been near capacity during the week and over capacity on the weekends. Pickleballers are a hardy bunch of people! Round Robins remain well attended with a peak high of 13-14 people waiting for the next game. Cheryl does a great job of keeping things moving without a hitch. All equipment appears to be in good working condition.

Pineridge Park – Bill

I have been out of GJ most of the month so my report will be based on information from various social media reports. The Pine Ridgers adopted

the virus guidelines successfully and play continued despite courts covered in ash some days. Everyone is waiting for cooler weather

Palisade – Wanda

Palisade is going well. As usual all four courts are being used most days. Discussion is in progress about indoor. The plan for right now is to stay outside as long as possible. The reason is social distancing, not the best ventilation system in the gym and the need to sanitize on a daily basis.

Fruita – Mike

Fruita Rec center is now open for play. Monday thru Thursday 6am to 11 am. Mask must be worn when playing.

V. Report of Committees:

Lobster Committee – disbanded. Rob is leading the effort with back up from Tracy and Jeffrey. Future information will be reported by Rob as needed.

Court Expansion/ GJ City Council Demo – see Joe's report

Tournament Committee – See Brenda's report.

VI. New Business:

1. Brief discussion of Mary Kusack's message about pickleball court use for other activities (not authorized by GJP&R). Emails between Mary/Jeffrey & Jeffrey/Lorie Gregor on file. Lorie's reply to posting signs restricting court use was: GJ Parks & Rec has not noticed any court damage at this time but will increase their monitoring. Please keep them informed. Temporary signs may be needed in the future if the problem persists.

The Board encourages players to notify GJ P&R at 254-3866 if they experience or see any improper activities on the pickleball (or tennis) courts at Lincoln Park & Pineridge.

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2. Indoor play option at Bookcliff Activity Center: Currently, the Barn will NOT be available for indoor play. Alternately, GJ P&R activities will take place at the Activity Center. No pickleball schedule for play is known at time. Probably at least weekdays in the morning. Further information to follow.

VII. Next Meeting Date & Location: Thursday, 10/15/20. Location TBA

VIII. Adjournment @ 6:20 pm.

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 Skill Level Evaluation for members

Business Sponsorships – current update, recruitment

Date: September 22, 2020

Linda Griffith

WSPC Secretary

Approved: October 15, 2020