

**Western Slope Pickleball Club
Meeting Minutes
October 15th, 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)

Guest: Mary Kusack (for Anna Goetz)

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

Absences: Anna Goetz and Rob Schoeber.

I. Call To Order/Quorum: Jeffrey called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm with a quorum of 11/13 Board members present. Masks were worn by all present with social distancing.

II. Minutes of Previous Meeting: (Sept 10th meeting minutes emailed to all Board members prior). Hearing no corrections or additions, Jeffrey accepted the minutes with no corrections.

III. Unfinished (Old) Business:

1. Concussion Training for Board Members/Linda: As of today 8/13 Board members have completed the training.

2. Business Sponsorships – current update, recruitment. George has added the current 5 Club Sponsors to the membership spreadsheet. He will continue to track Club sponsorships. In lieu of a dedicated recruiter, Brenda will send an email to all players regarding Club sponsorship opportunities and discount card options. Brenda will also approach local businesses regarding discount cards and Club sponsorships. All sponsorships and discount cards are honored for 1 year from start date. (See emails on file)

IV. Officers' Reports

President-Jeffrey general statement:

Thanks to everyone who attended and assisted with the city leaders event last week. Joe, Rob, Brian and Bruce did a fabulous job of planning this event and multiple others helped pull it off. In spite of weak attendance by the invited city leaders it went exactly as planned and will have some impact on our standing in the community.

It's been a busy Fall for pickleball events and I'm proud of the way the membership has supported these events and furthered the spirit of competition in our sport.(email to all Club member on file)

Following our September meeting George and I had a discussion with Lorie Gregor regarding changes to the court reservation policy that was having a negative impact on Tao's lesson programs. The changes were ultimately modified to allow court rentals starting at 1030 am. Jeffrey relayed this information to Tao.

1. Club request for signage to discourage non-pickleball/tennis activities on courts: I discussed the desire for signage at the courts to define use for tennis and pickleball only. Lorie committed to monitor the situation.

In keeping with the GJPR motto: "If you see something, say something!" - we encourage any pickleball players to report (by photo if possible) any court damage due to non-pickleball/tennis activities to Lorie Gregor.

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

1. Financials ending 09/30/20. End balance = \$34,747.87. Hearing no corrections or additions, Jeffrey accepted the above report.

2. 2020-2021 Proposed Club Budget (emailed to all Board members prior to meeting-on file). 2020-2021 Budget approval was obtained by electronic vote in November (on file). The approved budget was posted on the Club website in November.

3. Club application for 501c3 status- Beth will research options. She will be requesting help from other Board members as well as Aaron Clay, Club attorney.

Membership/Communications - George

<u>Yr Ending</u>	<u>Total Members</u>	<u>New Members</u>	<u>Renewing Members</u>
*05/13/21	336	98	238(63%)
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 10/12/20

We added nineteen members since the last meeting. Sam Meyer (14) joined the Club to play in the Sweet 16. Braxton Parks (18) also joined.

1. The Sweet 16 went well though I had to scramble to keep them filled as many on the roster dropped out. I not only went through the entire wait list, but had to grab some who were not on the wait list to make it work. We added a second 3.0 event and had a total of 80 participants. Filling the 4.0+ required the inclusion of several players who had registered for the 3.5 including three men who played on the women's side of the roster.

2. In keeping with last year, Club membership dues will be \$20 as of Nov. 1st.

Website - Tracy

1. On line Club dues payment option – Tracy has found a vendor, Cheddarup.com. She will email information to Board members and have them test it. If it meets our needs, she will notify Club members of the availability to pay on line (an additional fee will be included).

The link <https://wspc-dues.cheddarup.com> will be displayed on the Club website. (Board members email on file.) Mail-in membership dues by check or cash will still be available.

Outreach – Brian

1. GJ Annual Holiday Parade – Brian asked if the Board is interested in participating if the parade is not canceled. The Club would like to participate. Brian will check with the City.

Social – Mary Kusack

1. Survey Monkey -Anna emailed example questions to the Board prior to the meeting. George sent several suggestions back to Anna. After a short discussion, the group felt 2 surveys would be appropriate. One with questions about active play (S16s, Round Robbins, Tournaments, court availability) as soon as possible. A second survey early in 2021 regarding Club social events and other matters. Each survey should be 10 questions or less.

Revision note from 11/05/20 from George: “My initial suggestion to go with two surveys was the expectation that taking the survey would take 20 minutes. I took the survey and answered all questions in 5 minutes. This led me to retract my initial recommendations and go with just one survey.” Consequently, only 1 WSPC Survey Monkey will be administered.

2. Club Christmas Party – After a short discussion, the Board agreed unanimously to cancel this event due to COVID restrictions. Uncertainty about how many participants would be allowed indoors and the issue of masks and social distancing make for too many variables to have a successful event. George will notify Club members by email of the cancellation. (email on file) Mary will contact the

Masonic Event Center for a deposit refund.

3. Other Club Activities – Mary indicated that it might be possible to schedule a Palisade Rim Trail hike with refreshments at Talbott's afterward. Bill suggested a future bike ride event.

Past President/Tournament Director – Brenda

1. 5th Annual Club Championship Tournament (Mixed Doubles) and Singles Tournament - Permission was granted after filing a request with MCHD and agreeing to comply with COVID-19 restrictions. All went well with a glitch regarding players having to start later in their brackets because of the order of play. I will rework that so there won't be a repeat of the long waiting time and hopefully we will be able to utilize more courts next year for the 2021 tournament. There were 100 and 24 participants respectively. Two days went well considering restrictions but everyone was great in adhering to the restrictions and requirements. Volunteers were great! Carol Canning and our Treasurer, Beth handled the check-in, court scheduling and result recording. We will continue to recruit volunteers to learn the routine and I was pleased to hear there were persons willing to learn. Eileen and the referees did an amazing job with nearly all games being reffed. Total expenses = \$1,118 not including court rentals.

2. Round Robin Managers – Gordon Dirst (Pineridge) and Cheryl Reigle have done an excellent job organizing the volunteers for these events. Gift certificates will be presented to Cheryl and Gordon.

3. Bookcliff Country Club – invited George and Club volunteers to hold a beginners pickleball clinic. 5 Country Club members participated.

4. Club perks/discounts – A BIG thank you to Matt Dvorak and his dad from Hacksteak Station (food truck at Rramblebine Brewery) for coupons for free salsa & chips. Thank you also to Dean & Sue Goebel for providing LOVE WSPC Pickleball stickers to our pickleball community. See George if you'd like a coupon or a sticker.

Vice President/Lincoln Park – Joe

1. City Council Pickleball Demonstration - was held last Thursday afternoon. It was disappointing that only the City Manager and Lorie Gregor were able to attend but, I believe, that we accomplished our overall goals. The City Manager is the first step in the Parks and Rec project approval process. If it doesn't get by him, the City Council never sees it. Also, I think Mr. Caton was very impressed with our Club. That is going to serve us well in the future. Thanks to the event team of Rob and Brian and Bruce. They put in a lot of time and effort to make this happen. Also, thanks to all of the Board members who helped out including check in, food service, set up and take down. It takes a village...

The turnout of Club members was excellent. 69 of 73 that signed up attended.

Thank you for your support! Everyone enjoyed the camaraderie and refreshments.

The suggestion was made to send the absent invitees a letter from the Club, a drink cup and first aid kit. Jeffrey, Linda & Brenda will make this happen. (Letter on file)

2. Chipeta Golf Course Tennis Courts - I still have not received a definitive answer back from the Course owners (the Wilson Group). Last I checked with Tim Reeves-Operations Manager, he said there was interest at the regional and corporate level and he was surprised that I had not heard anything yet. Joe will follow up.

3. Lincoln Park - The Court 4 shade at Lincoln Park was damaged from strong winds this past week and will be repaired before the end of the week. This does not appear to be a result of moving the shade for the City Council demo last Thursday but from a stress crack in the upper shade section. Round Robins continue to be well attended and well organized.

Pineridge Park – Bill

Round Robin play continues with 50 plus players each session. Gordon is stepping down as RR organizer at the conclusion of RR play this fall. The hunt for his replacement is ongoing. RR participants presented Gordon with a gift certificate to show their appreciation for his hard work.

Palisade – Wanda

No indoor Pickleball this winter, due the reasons mentioned at September's meeting. (Difficult to social distance, ventilation, sanitation, etc.)

Switching to Onix balls and stay outside as long as possible.

We are starting play at 9:00 am all days of the week.

Times will change as the weather changes.

Fruita – Mike

No changes-Rec. Center open 6- 11 am Mon-Thursday for pickleball.

V. Report of Committees;

No reports.

VI. New Business:

1. Emergency Contact/Name Tags for Club Members – Brenda is researching options and will follow up at future meeting or by email.

VII. Next Meeting Date & Location: Thursday, 01/14/2021. Location TBA

VIII. Adjournment @ 6:47 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-Cheddarup.com-Tracy
*Children's Pickleball Tournament-Spring 2021-Brian
Emergency contact info/name tags for Club members-Brenda
Head injury training & documentation program-Brenda/Linda
Survey Monkey post Club Tournament-Anna
501c7 vs. 501c3 Club status-Beth/Aaron
Club Skill Level Evaluation for members

Date: November 1, 2020
Linda Griffith
WSPC Secretary

Approved: November 10th, 2020
(electronic approval on file)