

**Western Slope Pickleball Club
Meeting Minutes
February 18th, 2021
Electronic Zoom Meeting
5:00-7:00 pm**

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, Beth Klein, Brenda Furnace, Tracy Dvorak, Rob Schoeber, Mike Fortner, Brian Hart and George Gerson.

Absences: Anna Goetz, Wanda Robinson, Joe Egloff and Bill McEnteer.

- I. Call To Order/Quorum: Jeffrey called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm with a quorum of 9/13 Board members present.
- II. Minutes of Previous Meeting: October 15, 2020 meeting minutes approved electronically November 10th and posted on Club website.
- III. Unfinished (Old) Business:
 1. WSPC Survey Monkey-Anna was not able to attend. Responses by 81 Club members were emailed to all Board members prior to the meeting. Jeffrey displayed the questions/responses on screen with a short review of Club member responses. It was noted, a number of respondents were willing to volunteer for future Club events. Additional discussion will be scheduled at the March meeting.
 2. WSPC Insurance Premiums-Linda

	2020-2021 Premiums	2021-2022 Quotes
General Liability + Lobster	\$354	\$354
Medical/Accident	\$344	\$474
TOTALS	\$698	\$828

New Insurance premiums are due March 30, 2021. The above quotes are from Mountain West Insurance (GJ) and are lower than quotes from the only other local insurance company offering coverage for Sports Clubs as well as insurance prices from USA Pickleball. Linda and Jeffrey will meet with our Mtn. West Insurance agent to finalize any policy changes/clarifications before the March meeting.

3. Concussion Training-Board members – Linda (Informational) 10/13 Board members have completed training. Requesting 100% compliance by March 18th.

Our 4. WSPC Holiday Drive results – Brenda (Informational) Over 1100 lbs food donated to GJ Community Food Bank and 250+ toys for Toys For Tots. Club did an outstanding job and also helped 2 days to prepare family gifts for Toys For Tots. The Club received a heartfelt Thank You card from the Community Food Bank-our donation was much appreciated at a key time when their supplies were dwindling, Thank you to all the volunteers from Fruita, Palisade and Grand Junction for braving the cold weather and stepping up to help our communities. Fruita food donations went to the Agape Food Basket of the Lower Valley and Palisade food and toy donations went to the Migrant Workers.

Brenda made a motion that was seconded by Jeffrey: To make the WSPC Holiday Drive an annual event. The **MOTION** passed unanimously.

5. PROS Master Plan Zoom Meeting with Ken Sherbenou Update-Jeffrey (on file-email from Jeffrey to Board members 01/07/21 & Summary of PROS plan and WSPC court expansion efforts from Jeffrey to Club members 02/27/21). The complete 240 page FINAL PROS Master Plan can be accessed at:<https://www.gjcity.org/DocumentCenter/View/2316/Grand-Junction-Parks-Recreation-and-Open-Space-PROS-Master-Plan>
All Club members are encouraged to read the plan with the understanding that the content is proposed. Most of the content before page 64 has been published before. Plan concepts of various park changes, including Lincoln Park & Pineridge pickleball courts are included. Possible funding options are explained as they relate to the upcoming April 2021 Measures 2A & 2B.

WSPC Court Expansion committee will continue to work with the City and Tennis groups to expand pickleball at Lincoln Park.

6. 2021 USA Pickleball Rules Books –Linda The group agreed to order 4 new Rule Books for placement in storage boxes at Lincoln & Pineridge courts. Brenda will order the rule books from Pickleball Central using Club credits donated back on Club player purchases. Keep using the discount code so we may continue to build on our credit.

7. Youth Pickleball, Round Robins, S16s & 2021 Tournaments – update (see email communications on file to Club members from Brenda from 11/17/20-01/25/21)-Brenda has kept Club members updated on the above listed items as well as, Club discount cards, Club T-shirt availability, Club name tags, wind sock replacement, new USA Pickleball rules and Ladder play. Brian reports he will be requesting volunteers to help with Youth

Pickleball if enough kids sign up.

Brenda-WSPC is required to sign a Sports Contract with Mesa County. Contract completed and approved. Copy sent to GJ Parks & Rec. Pretty much the same requirements we had for our last club tournament but no requirement of sending list of participants.

A HUGE thank you from the Board for keeping the Club membership updated through emails, Brenda!!!

8. 501c7 Application Status – Brenda/Beth The 1023-EZ Form has been completed and submitted. Beth has opened an account with the IRS regarding our 501c3 application. Cost of application is \$225 and will be entered under Administrative Expense on WSPC Budget. If approved, one of the benefits of 501c3 status is WSPC may accept tax deductible donations. Thank you to Beth, Brenda & Aaron Clay for their efforts.
9. CheddarUp.com status – Tracy. On-line payment of Club dues is up and running smoothly. George is able to access new/renewing member information. Tracy sends payments to deposit into Club account. Current Cheddar program is free. We may need to upgrade to the TEAM plan at \$30/mo in the future.

Tracy will pay the annual renewal fee (\$36) for our domain WSPCGJ.com

10. Membership Report – George

<u>Yr Ending</u>	<u>Total Members</u>	<u>New Members</u>	<u>Renewing Members</u>
*05/13/21	353	112	241(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 10215/21

We added 17 members since our October meeting. We are 29 below last year's record with 25 fewer new members than last year. No doubt lower numbers are a result of the Covid pandemic.

Our first set of Sweet 16s is scheduled for June 12/13. I plan to begin the membership drive for the year ending May 2022 during the first week of April. This will give members time to renew/join before registration closes for the Sweet 16.

11. Follow Up Items from October meeting: Informational only

- WSPC did not participate in GJ Reverse Holiday Parade per Board consensus.
- Rescheduled January 14, 2021 meeting to February 18th Zoom meeting per Board consensus by email. (on file)

IV. Officers' Reports (Emailed Officer Reports – sent to all Board members prior to meeting. Board members review emails and discussion ONLY on clarification to save time.

Treasurer-Beth (October, November & December 2020, January 2021 financial reports emailed to all Board members prior to meeting for review)
Total Bank Balance Oct, 2020 \$35,664.59 & Jan, 2021 \$34,836.56.

All Financial Reports posted on Club website.

Hearing no questions or changes, Jeffrey accepts the above financials.

Outreach-Brian Brian emailed a court usage forecast May-August 2021, The West pickleball courts will be used by youth tennis & pickleball June through July. This schedule will be dependent on program enrollment.

Linda requested a copy of the 2021 contract with GJ Parks & Rec for Club files. Jeffrey has signed contract and will forward a copy.

Brian suggests WSPC continue to pursue “sharing” tennis courts-i.e. temporary pickleball lines.

Past President/Tournament Director Report: Brenda

- New Pickleball net (still in box) purchased for \$100.00 for Club from private party. Request for reimbursement is approved by the Board unanimously.
- New wind Socks at the West Courts / Pineridge Courts. Extra wind sock purchased as spare. Reimbursement approved.
- T-Shirt order forms sent out to membership for those interested. Today (2-17-2021) is the last day to submit orders
- Name tags are 3X1” Rounded badge, gold frame Matte gold colored. WSPC Logo Printed on the left. Up to 40 characters for the name and symbols after that it is 20 cents per character. Price is \$8.00 each. We will start accepting orders ASAP. Names will be printed and centered on the right side of the logo.
- Dan Meyer, WSPC member. is on the Sports Commission and he approached me regarding future tournament here in GJ. I told him due to COVID and lack of courts and trained persons we are not in a position where we can hold a successful tournament until we meet the two above mentioned restrictions. He encouraged us to hire Referees and do what we can to get going on an outside tournament.
- Pickleball Club Credits: We have \$485.29 in credits that we can use for balls and other items such as prizes for the Sweet 16’s, New Rule Books etc

Palisade Report-Wanda

Palisade is playing outdoors as much as the weather will allow; in the afternoons starting around 12:30 pm. Numbers are low at times due to the weather and COVID.

Pineridge Report-Bill

When the sun shines and temp goes up all 6 courts are going strong. Not so good weather still brings out the true pickleball players. Clarification: Paid persons teaching pickleball must rent the court to use it exclusively. Otherwise, court use must be shared with any players waiting. Currently, due to COVID, GJ Parks & Rec is NOT renting courts per Lorie Gregor.

I am not sure how everyone else feels about this but I think the proposed community center at Lincoln Park is not a good location. I would hope we pursue sharing the LP tennis courts.

Fruita-Mike Fruita Parks & Rec has completed their Master Plan. 8 pickleball courts in Salt Wash area are planned-no timeline yet. No lights are in plan.

V. New Business

1. Dennis Simpson – GJ City council candidate for District D. Local pickleball player. Informational only. You can view your District candidate(s) at gjcity.org Services>Resources>GIS Map>City Council Districts OR City Maps tab>layers icon at top right>Choose City Council Districts
2. Western Colorado Alliance (WCA) Zoom meeting with GJ City Council candidates February 24th (Wed) at 6pm. Visit WCA FB page for details and registration.

VI. Next Meeting Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021 Zoom at 4:30pm-7pm. Jefferey will provide invitations and links.

VII. Adjournment: @ 6:41pm

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

*Children's Pickleball Tournament-Spring 2021-Brian

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

Submitted 02/28/21

Linda Griffith

WSPC Secretary

Approved 03/11/21