

**Western Slope Pickleball Club**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 11th, 2021**  
**Zoom Meeting**  
**4:30-6:30 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, Joe Egloff, Bill McEnteer, Anna Goetz, Wanda Robinson and George Gerson.

Absences: None

I. Call To Order/Quorum: Jeffrey called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm with a quorum of 13/13 Board members present.

II. Minutes of Previous Meeting: (Minutes from February 18, 2021 emailed to all Board members prior to meeting.) Jeffrey, hearing no additions/corrections accepted the meeting minutes.

III. Unfinished (Old) Business:

1. WSPC Survey Monkey – Anna Member response. Summary and future plans/actions.

A total of 81 Club members responded (~23% of membership). Copies of Survey questions & responses were emailed to Board members prior to the meeting.

Anna reviewed some of the significant questions with the Board. It was determined that Anna, Linda & one other Board member would respond to any member requesting follow up (Question #20). This Survey committee will formulate a plan addressing Survey responses, member suggestions and comments.

2. Club Insurance Update – Linda (Spreadsheet of insurance quotes/estimates from 3 sources was emailed to Board members prior to the meeting). After Jeffrey and Linda met with Linda Patterson (Mountain States Ins. Agent), we are recommending the Club stay with Philadelphia Ins. Co. Total annual premium for General Liability/Lobster Equipment and Accident/Medical coverage is \$828.00. This amount is lower than 2 other quotes/estimates. The Board accepted this recommendation and Beth will make the premium payment on line.

Linda will be working with Brenda to develop written policies for filing an insurance claim and other needed Club insurance policies. Review of our Club waiver policies and applications will be done. Concussion training records will be reviewed. Copies of these policies and records will be forwarded to Mountain States Ins. For their records.

3. CheddarUp Update-Tracy (money transfer) After consulting with CheddarUp, Tracy discovered the wrong Club banking information was given. The correct routing and account information has been provided. An amount of \$153 should be delivered into the Club account in the next few days. Tracy will confirm the receipt with Beth. Beth will be given access to CheddarUp funds transfer so she may monitor deposits in the future. Tracy reported that several members have used the on line payment.

#### IV. Officers' Reports (per request except financials)

Treasurer-Beth (February financial reports emailed to all Board members prior to meeting for review)

Hearing no questions or corrections, Jeffrey accepted the February financial reports.

Emailed Officer Reports – sent to all Board members prior to meeting. Board members review emails and discuss ONLY clarifications to save time.

#### Membership/Communications-George

Yr Ending	Total Members	New Members	Renewing Members
*05/13/21	356	115	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 03/10/21

We added 3 new members since the February meeting.

Monthly adult pickleball clinics will be held through spring, summer and fall. The next Beginner clinic, April 10 filled quickly and a second clinic was added on the same day and is nearly full. WSPC membership drive will begin April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

#### Outreach-Brian

Youth Pickleball -still waiting for sign up numbers from GJ P&R. Contract signed.

#### Website-Tracy

Updated website and the calendar on homepage. Send me any other updates if I missed anything.

#### Social-Anna

Anna is planning a membership appreciation breakfast at Lincoln Park and Pineridge on a Round Robin event day. George requested those be scheduled in May.

#### Past President/Tournament Director Report:Brenda

1. Brenda met with Tonja Kueper-Rinaldo from the Alzheimer's Association. They want to partner with us for a fundraiser that will benefit both the Club and the

Alzheimer's Association. Plans will have to be fine-tuned but I believe this is a good project/opportunity for them and our Club! (Proposed flyer on file) Consensus of Board is to have Brenda pursue this effort. Date: July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at Pineridge courts. More details to follow.

2. T-shirt orders (43 sold) have been submitted.

3. Name badges will be ordered on the 15th of this month (47 of 50 sold).

4. Club Tournament date change. The Huntsman Sr. Games in St. George conflicted with the original dates of the Club Tournament. *Proposed* new dates for our tournament are October 2-3<sup>rd</sup>. Brenda plans to meet with the Tournament Committee and report back for our next meeting

Lincoln Park/Vice President Report-Joe

Large crowds daily and especially weekends. April 2<sup>nd</sup> 9a-noon RR starts under much appreciated leadership of Cheryl Reigle. Joe will notify Lorie Gregor regarding net height issue on West court #6 and electrical outlet box cover damage.

Palisade Report-Wanda

Good weather has brought out the players, the wind has been a deterrent on days that it is blowing. All courts going full blast.

Pineridge Report-Bill

Good weather brings out the players. The recent wind has made play very challenging with some good laughs. Round Robins very well attended. Nets, wind blocking flaps and ball stoppers repaired. West wind/sun screens will not be replaced until later this Spring.

Fruita-Mike Busy at 2 indoor pickleball courts. No additional info on 2 outdoor courts to be built at Sand Wash, on 18 Rd. as part of Fruita P&R Master Plan.

Committee Report:

Court Expansion Committee-Jeffrey Update plan of action for PROS Master Plan. Jeffrey shared excerpts from Master Plan information (on file) available on GJ City website.

Lincoln Park Pickleball court improvements are dependent on first building 4 tennis courts at Canyon View Park. Funds for this effort appear to be linked to the upcoming Measures listed below. Conversion of the current 4 tennis courts to 12 lighted pickleball courts would follow (20 total pickleball courts). This is part of the Short Term (1-4 yrs) timeline. The Lincoln Park proposed renovation with additional parking, artist's rendition is available on line as are the Columbine & Pineridge Park proposed changes.

Columbine Park renovation includes 4 lighted pickleball courts as part of the Mid Term (5-8 yrs) timeline.

Pineridge Park renovations with the addition of 2 pickleball courts is part of the Long Term (9+ yrs) timeline.

*Remember:* These are PROPOSED plans and timelines.

Jeffrey will notify all community Pickleball players of upcoming Measures 2A & 2B as they relate to future pickleball court expansion.(Jeffrey's email attached-approved)

Jeff and Rob met with Kathy Elliot of the local tennis club Tuesday afternoon March 9 followed by a Zoom meeting with the club's 7 member Court Expansion Committee that evening. Committee meeting evolved to a conference call after issues with the Zoom app. The committee concluded we are making good progress. Details forthcoming.

#### v. New Business

1. Skill level evaluations for members-George Discussion to address interest in written and/or on site evaluations per Survey Monkey questions.

George, Mike & Joe will create an evaluation form for 3.0-3.5 skill levels. George's feeling is that 4.0+ players may not need/wish to be evaluated.

2. Free On-Line referee training March 15-17th-Jeffrey/Brian Presented/organized by Jim Cooke, referee training coordinator and certified pickleball referee, South Sound Pickleball Club. He did indicate that he would be holding future online training in his reply email to Linda upon notification this session (100 participants) was full. Brian Hart notified the Club regarding this offer. George notified our membership of the online training.

Additionally, Eileen Egloff mentioned (to Linda) a gentleman, Jeff Wadley (Club member), a Level 2 registered pickleball referee lives in Glenwood Springs. She will try to make contact with him to help with future GJ referee training sessions.

#### 3. Miscellaneous Information

- Casa Grande Open – Dec 2-6, 2021 (Brian will be working with tournament director and will share details)

Tournament Hosts: Irina Tereschenko & Scott Moore.

This USAP sanctioned tournament includes both skill/age as well as Pro and Sr Pro events.

- Mike Fortner- Plaza Casino in Las Vegas-Pickleball courts available & reduced room rates.
- Per Mike-Play It Again-new sports shop opening in the old Pier One building near the Mesa Mall. Will carry pickleball equipment. Stay tuned.

VI. Next Meeting Date: Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 5:30 pm. Location TBA.

Next Steps Items–Review and update requested by Linda: (\*Items on hold due to COVID)

\*Area (other towns) League play? - Brian/Outreach

\*Challenge and/or 4.0 plus court availability-Brian

\*Children's Pickleball Tournament-Spring 2021-Brian

Post Pickleball Etiquette at LP & PR courts-Linda/Lorie Gregor

Bill requested taking this item taken off Covid “on hold”  
Open Board position- Fundraising  
Survey Monkey follow up plan-Anna/Linda/?  
501c7 vs. 501c3 Club status-Beth/Aaron  
Club Skill Level Evaluation for members-George/Joe/Mike  
Club Insurance policies and waiver review/revisions-Linda/Brenda  
VII. Adjournment at 6:12pm

Submitted: April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Linda Griffith  
WSPC Secretary

Approved: April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021