

Westsound Pickleball Community

Meeting Minutes 3/20/24

Attending Officers	Roland Perry, President Will Maupin – Vice President Theresa Aubin Ahrens, Presiding Partner (unable to attend Jana Piering voting rights) Deb North – Secretary Jana Piering - Treasurer Chuck Kheriaty Dee Dee Ryen Barney Bernhard Gary North Jonathan Ferrer Gary Floring Sally Haas Byron Harris	
Called Meeting	Meeting was called to order by VP Will Maupin, 11:54 am	
Time and Place	East Bremerton Gym	
Approve Meeting Minutes of 2/16/24	MOTION made to approve 2/16/24 Meeting Minutes by Chuck, seconded by Barney; Motion carried unanimously	
Treasurer Report Jana Piering	Treasurer Report by Jana Filed income tax for 2023, \$36614.67 Balance; paid up for EBG through March Jana mentioned unable to set up Quickbooks with Deb. If over \$50k use Clark Whitney	
East Bremerton Gym Rolland Perry	Update	Gary presented, \$14,500 donations for gym with 265 members and net loss for April; five people controlling desk volunteers has been great. Close April 30, 2024. Discussed opening for Spring Break, so EBG will be OPEN. List of best practices to add to agenda; waiver signed when become a member electronically.
	Discussion	Small Gym Rules currently posted and distributed-Gary Floring approached by small gym group to see if guidelines still valid related to the 3.5 level players on challenge courts 2 and 3. Issue: challenge courts are not as challenging and some members dissatisfied. Self-monitoring in back gym and how to police. Encourage players who lose 2 games to go to other gym. Consider having ratings clinics.
	Recommendation	Allow the EBG committee to make a decision on how to manage the small gym.
	Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gary North will send an email to go out to all board members with a process sheet/checklist • Gym committee will work on a proposal for continuing • Gary will create a court etiquette; scooting (hit with foot) is illegal
	Committee	Rolland Perry-Co-chair Jana Piering Gary North-Chair Chuck Kheriaty Ned Ahrens
Tournament(s) Chair: Susan Crossland	BBB Update Franklin X-40 is now the official ball of the tournament. Sponsoring tournament balls and 6 demo paddles. Medals – quotes from a couple vendors chose Hasty Ideas for Sponsorships: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tournament Committee will meet in April 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsor Letter cleaned up • Sponsorship Flyer to accompany • Anybody talking to sponsors need to inform Jane • Logo and sponsor letter emailed to Deb <p>Current letter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Too wordy, second paragraph moved to first paragraph • Invest back in community • 						
	Round Robin Event Update	November meeting Val suggested establishing a social challenge exchange with Sequim. Tabled.						
Membership Gary Floring	Update	Gary presented over 260 members; membership fee same as gym membership so change membership to \$35 for next year. Also thinking about moving the membership start date from June to August and move indoors. More months out of current						
	Recommendation	Change annual membership from June 1 to start Sept 1, seconded by DeeDee.						
	Discussion	Chuck asked about September and opening of gym in October. And special package. They can join anytime, but membership begins Sept. 1. When do we need to start the membership drive.						
	Motion	<i>Motion made to change annual membership from June 1 to start Sept 1, seconded by DeeDee. Motion carried unanimously.</i>						
	Recommendation	Motion made to change the membership from \$30 to \$35 by Gary Floring. Jana asked to table until have a better idea of amount charging. <i>Motion tabled.</i>						
	Discussion	More expenses, money for enhancing Lions Court, more ball. More of a cost analysis until we set a price. Some of the funds might go the BSD, parks department. And look at the EBG pay to play packages. Good companion topic and need more discussion. Coordinating at BBB and have a membership booth.						
	Committee Members	Gary Floring – Chair DeeDee Ryen Deb North Theresa Aubin Ahrens						
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Lions Park/Equipment Committee Jonathan Ferrer	Update	Jana is meeting with Jeff Elevado and asking Will and Mark Whitman to discuss semi-permanent structure at Lions Park. Discussed getting boy scouts involved. Will and Jana will put together a proposal and come up with a plan and a cost for a semi-permanent structure. Consider wind breakers in discussion. Rules to be updated and posted. Include on poster board with QRcode to membership and donate money. Advertise the BBB. Make easy to donate here.						

	Recommendation	Develop a consistent way to handle Lions Park during summer open play 9 – 12, M-F. Create an outdoor play committee to develop a consistent way to handle.
	Discussion	Create an outdoor play committee. Tuesday and Thursday is different due to Ladies groups. WPC nets, balls and rules someone from WPC will be in charge.
	Next Step	Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chuck Kheriaty • DeeDee Ryen - chair • Song • Joanathan Committee meet in April and discuss rules
Community Development Rolland Perry	Update:	Rolland received a thank you note, Julie Warner chair of committee. Rolland read a letter from James Crawford, BSD Superintendent, through Byron. BSD hiring a project manager, Steve Steedman, Asst. Superintendent of Facilities, will oversee project manager. Once hired meet and discuss further. Looking forward to building pickleball court.
	Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee to meet and work with BSD
Education/Training Theresa Aubin Ahrens	Update	Jana presented for one more scheduled drill day next Thursday, 3/28. Nothing scheduled for April. Training for beginners would like more guidance and great need.
	Next Step	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gary offered to do a skills and drills in April
Boys and Girls Club DeeDee Ryen	Update	DeeDee shared as weather gets nicer, children want to be outside. With gym closing in April, the committee will end the participation until next Fall. Once courts move to outside maybe more participation.
Volunteers/Committees	The following is a list of recommended committees.	
	Committee and Chair	Responsibilities
	Tournament Coordinator – Susan Crossland - Chair Deb North Theresa Aubin Ahrens Jana Piering Will Maupin Gary North Jonathan Ferrer Rolland Perry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hiring and training event staff including event planners, event coordinators, security details, broadcasters, referees and event volunteers • Negotiating price points with event contractors, venues or sporting arenas • Scheduling sporting events like tournaments, games or team dinners to ensure availability for proper venue spaces • Obtain sponsors • Develop and Implement a marketing plan
	Membership Coordinator Gary Floring - Chair Deb North Jana Piering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining and updating membership packets, marketing materials and club information. • Driving new membership • Communicating with the board and membership • Maintain and update membership information • Develop processes for handling renewal and annual member • Establish communication with members • Send new members benefit
	Community Development Will Maupin - City Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oversee the development, organization, and operation with City and County • Ensure programs are in compliance with rules and regulations

	<p>Rolland Perry - BSD Chair Jana Piering - Parks Chair ? - County Chair Chuck Kheriaty Byron Harris</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrange for the use of facilities and equipment, and oversee their maintenance • Develop partnerships in developing new sites for pickleball
	<p>Communications and Promotion Deb North - Chair Val Jennings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a cohesive communications strategy • Maintain and update website • Send monthly newsletter email to members • Project a positive WPC image to public
	<p>Education Coordinator Theresa Aubin-Ahrens - Chair Jana Piering Val Jennings DeeDee Ryen-Boys and Girls Club Chair Barney Barnhard Kirk Piering</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinating with coaches on games, practice, and event schedules • Coordinate and promote events, such as games and fundraisers • Establish processes to ensure members receive notifications of events
	<p>Places to Play Gary North - Indoor (EBG) Chair Rolland Perry Chuck Kheriaty- Equipment Chair Ned Ahrens Sang Lee ? - Outdoor (Lions) Chair</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Gym • Ensuring money is deposited • Auditing collections • Organizing volunteers to run front desk and set-up nets • Training volunteers on daily accounting • Contacting Communications Chair with any changes to gym status
<p>New Business</p>	<p>By Law Change Barney Bernhard</p>	<p>Prior to stepping down as VP, I (Barney) talked with Ken Lee (now x-president) of South Sound Pickleball, where we agreed and changed our bylaws, to state that if SSPB, dissolves their remaining funds will be transferred to Westsound Pickleball (beneficiary).</p> <p>Barney made a motion to add an amendment to our by-laws to add SSPC as a beneficiary upon dissolution of WPC. Seconded by Jonathon.</p> <p>Discussion: Are there other beneficiaries WPC would like to have? Would like SSPC to be one of our beneficiaries. Other organizations mentioned Boys and Girls Club, Bremerton School District, Parks Department, Central Kitsap, Lions Club. We are focused on Kitsap County. Suggested adding legal wording to include SSPC as valid beneficiary, however, include other. VanZee in Kitsap, then share materials. Two board members in SSPC have lock box codes at Van Zee. Beneficiaries can change at anytime.</p>

		<p>SSPC has provided a great deal in helping to get our organization started. We would like to recognize SSPC and can be changed at any time. SSPC has similar interests in developing SSPC. Is there a compelling reason to do at this time?</p> <p><i>Motion passes 5 to 4.</i></p> <p>Meet with executive boards and allow time for everyone to talk.</p>
	Social Chair Sally Haas	<p>End of Season party – Sally presented a poster. Party will be 4/30 4-6:30pm at the Clover Leaf</p> <p>Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrate and thank volunteers • Reinforce benefits of membership • Talk about future plans • Upcoming Events (Armed Forces Parade, BBB) • Gym Facts • Raffle • Ask for Volunteers <p>Projector, 60 people, no host bar Budget \$400, room costs \$100</p> <p><i>Motion: Deb North motioned to authorize \$400 for Sally Haas and social committee to move forward on end of gym celebration. Seconded by Jana Piering. Passed unanimously.</i></p> <p>Might want to consider talking to people about adding to board and changing positions.</p>
	Future board meetings	
Next Meeting	April 17, 2024, East Bremerton Gym	
Meeting Adjourned	1:35pm	
Approval of Meeting Minutes		