

Westsound Pickleball Community

Meeting Minutes 4/17/24

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 Gary North Jonathan Ferrer Sally Haas Byron Harris Jane Clark Barney Barnhard	
Called Meeting	Meeting was called to order by VP Will Maupin, 11:50 am	
Time and Place	East Bremerton Gym, 12:00 pm	
Approve Meeting Minutes of 2/16/24	MOTION made to approve 3/20/24 Meeting Minutes by Theresa seconded by Chuck; Motion carried unanimously	
Treasurer Report Jana Piering	Treasurer Report by Jana Filed income tax for 2023, \$38,823 Balance; paid up for EBG through March Working on adding members and reporting on income statement to State of Washington with 25 members prior to June 1, 2023 Jana mentioned unable to set up Quickbooks with Deb. If over \$50k use Clark Whitney	
East Bremerton Gym Gary North – Chair Rolland Perry – Co-chair	Update	Gary presented, \$18,400 donations for gym net \$15,400 open 144 days; five people controlling desk volunteers have been great. Gary sent out best practices for the gym recap. Ideas for next year, see suggestions. Demo Day on Monday, April 22 at the gym. Table will set up in the back of the room and people can come and try the paddles. Discount codes will be provided on Monday for various equipment. Suggested reserving two courts for the demo paddles. Member benefit. Gym closes April 30th.
	Discussion	Table suggestions until May meeting; Only note is gym needs to close by 2:30pm for school events and Boys and Girls club. Maybe Sheridan will be open.
	Recommendation	Recommendation for the EBG for 2024-2025
	Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss how next year gym will run
	Committee	Rolland Perry-Co-chair Jana Piering Gary North-Chair Chuck Kheriaty Ned Ahrens
Tournament(s) Chair: Susan Crossland	BBB Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hired a tournament assistant director for \$75 per day Theresa discussed volunteers and referee training Sponsor letters and flyer will go out to all members; any sponsors go to Jane Clark

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chuck will volunteer for morning speaker to make tournament announcements • Jane discussed contacting Kitsap Physical Therapy and vendor booths and focus for a certain time. • Committee will handle remainder of decisions 				
	Round Robin Event Update	November meeting Val suggested establishing a social challenge exchange with Sequim. Tabled.				
Membership Gary Floring	Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driving new membership, new project to automate by 7/1/24 				
	Committee Members	Gary Floring – Chair DeeDee Ryen Deb North Theresa Aubin Ahrens				
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Lions Park/Equipment Committee Jonathan Ferrer	Update	<p>Will and Jana talking to Jeff regarding a shade structure. Discuss willingness to put in a shade structure. Need a budget and then present to WPC Board.</p> <p>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.</p>				
	Recommendation	Committee meet in April and discuss rules				
	Discussion					
	Next Step	<p>Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chuck Kheriaty • DeeDee Ryen - chair • Song • Joathan 				
Community Development Rolland Perry	Update:	Rolland presented a building in Poulsbo, they are looking for a pickleball coop to work together to raise \$250,000 to prepare the building for pickleball.				

		<p>City of Poulsbo will run and keep the lease. Rent courts for 2 hours at a time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like WPC to help run the cooperative • May 1st meeting send a representative to the cooperative • Cooperative: Regional Pickleball Cooperative • Letter of support and a representative to the coop • Put money in and then we get money back
	Recommendation	Letter to support cooperative and assign a representative
	Discussion	<p>George and Andy Barber bought the building; They will make a deal if money. City of Poulsbo will have to come up with significant money. Several board members asked questions about how coop will work.</p> <p>Letter stating we are interested in supporting, however, we do not want to be part of coop at this time. Let's have someone attend the meeting on May 1, 2024. We are uncomfortable committing to coop at this time</p> <p><i>Byron Harris volunteered to represent and gain more information related to the coop on May 1, 2024.</i></p>
	Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee to meet and work with BSD
Education/Training Theresa Aubin Ahrens	Update	
Boys and Girls Club DeeDee Ryen	Update	Closes in April.
Events and Announcements	End of Season Party Sally Haas - Chari	<p>End of Season party – Sally presented a poster. Party will be 4/30 4-6:30pm at the Clover Leaf. Pizza will be delivered to the party at beginning. Approximately 35 people; 55 at the holiday party.</p> <p><i>Gary will cue up pickleball bloopers and some sort of presentation.</i> At 5pm there will be talking. We are inviting people from Bremerton School District. Wear your name tags.</p> <p>Send a reminder on the 23rd</p> <p>Slides</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upcoming Events – Armed Forces Parade, Lions Park, Blackberry Blast (cost goes up) • Front Desk Volunteers • Gym reopens in October, gym committee report • Skills and Drills at Lions Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Private lessons by certified instructors and people who are available • Future Plans – shade structure at Lions Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Olympic College • Membership Benefits <p>Prize and quiz/contest 3 questions on slide</p>
New Business	Armed Forces Parade	<p>Theresa presented, needs 3 nets. Theme: red, white, and blue.</p> <p><i>Theresa will send Deb an email to announce to all our members.</i></p>

	<p>Theresa Aubin-Ahrens</p>	<p>Parade May 18th; need to be there at 9:15 am at Church; parade begins at 10am. Need people to get together prior to event to practice. Pickle key chains to give out.</p> <p>Monetary award to be given this year.</p> <p>Would like to create a banner with blackberry blast and for WPC. What if we use one of the banners from last year. If she needs money then talk with Susan as marketing for the banner.</p>
	<p>Non WPC sanctioned Clinic Announcement</p>	<p>Devin Schmidt is doing two clinics; Lions Field on the weekend May 20th and 21st and one at Seabeck. More details to follow. When more details will send email to membership</p>
	<p>Dedication to Board Members</p>	<p>Jane presented all the hard work to set up WPC and all the hours and dedication.</p> <p>Recommendation: Purchase a bench for Lions Park or Manette or if new EBG courts happen with a dedication plaque to the initial board.</p> <p>Parks shared there would be a plaque with main contributors, Lions, Rolland Perry, Jana Piering, Betty Block prior to Westsound Pickleball. Would rather have WPC on the plaque.</p> <p>Nobody would be playing pickleball if Rolland hadn't taken the nets from Sheridan to Manette.</p> <p>Think about a lifetime membership for founding members.</p>

Volunteers/Committees The following is a list of recommended committees.

Committee and Chair	Responsibilities
<p>Tournament Coordinator – Susan Crossland - Chair Deb North Theresa Aubin Ahrens Jana Piering Will Maupin Gary North Jonathan Ferrer Rolland Perry</p>	<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
<p>Membership Coordinator Gary Floring - Chair Deb North Jana Piering</p>	<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
<p>Community Development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oversee the development, organization, and operation with City and County

	<p>Will Maupin - City Chair Rolland Perry - BSD Chair Jana Piering - Parks Chair ? - County Chair Chuck Kheriaty Byron Harris</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure programs are in compliance with rules and regulations • 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
Next Meeting	May 15 th , 2024, East Bremerton Gym	
Meeting Adjourned	1:01pm	
Approval of Meeting Minutes		