

Peak to Peak Pickleball Club
Board Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2023 – 3:15-5:30 p.m. Library, Buena Vista

Present: Clint Lawrence, Stephanie McDonald, Brad Leach, John Vandewalle, Rose Seavey, Alex Ware,
Diane Cannella, Cheryl Piderit, Brenda Sampson

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of June 27, 2023 minutes-Brad motion to approve, Diane second. Approve unanimously.

3. Officer Reports, Alex

a. Treasurer-See attached report-Rose made motion to approve, Stephanie second, Approved unanimously.
Tournament fees up to \$9,339.18 in PayPal which includes the Social and entry fees.

4. Committee reports

a. Membership-See attached from Tom Knapp

b. Courts

i. Centennial-See attached report-

- Clint is building a barrier to go North to South with zig zag. They will be stored in the shed.
- Cardboard in the shed-try to sell to shipping companies.
- Question about whether we should change balls during the winter. Court Committee will test balls and decide which balls to order.
- Centennial Court Schedule will stay the same through October.
- The courts need a bike rack. John continues to send a list of our needs to Salida Rec. each month.
- Net bags need to be put back next to the fence. More clips will be installed to hang the net bags.

ii. BV-See attached report-

- Court committee meeting with BV Rec tomorrow. May suggest everyone bring their own balls.
- Players sign in for open play only. Clint suggested we ask everyone to sign-in at BV courts.
- The social committee needs to let Stephanie know if they want to hold a social event at DCPA.
- Paddle Saddles have helped to organize play when courts are full.

c. Social-See attached report-

- Stephanie will help coordinate indoor social event during January-March 2024.
Suggestion: a Glow in the Dark event
- Rose bought 500 name tags for various events.
- It is frustrating members don't follow the directions sent out with social event emails as it takes an extraordinary amount of time to correct registration.

d. Fundraising

i. Store merchandise- See attached report-

- Rose will ask Squad Locker for the club's 10% portion of merchandise sold at the end of 2023.
- During the tournament it would be a good time for the club to purchase items to be given away at social events.

ii. South Chaffee Courts donations-See attached report-

-We could have up to \$30,000-40,000 to put out for a match once a property is identified.

e. Media

-We did not get any publicity in the newspapers about the ALZ clinic event after four attempts to submit articles.

-Cheryl will reach out to Lijah Sampson at Mountain Mail and Alex will reach out to new editor of the BV paper to cultivate a relationship hoping to get more info about the Club in the newsprint.

f. Marketing-See attached report-

-Proposal to redo our website-Board decided not to pursue a new website.

-Cheryl will talk to Marnie about a facelift for Wild Apricot and possible revamp of front page.

5. Tournament/Events/Outreach

a. Rally in the Valley-See attached reports-

-156 registrants as of today.

-John will work with Salida Rec Center to get the dates for 2024 and 2025.

-Board will meet with Mariner Financial at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday at Soul Craft.

-Set up at noon on Thursday the 7th.

b. Clinic updates

- Jim Kochanski donated his clinic fees for the new court fund in Southern Chaffee County.

d. Alzheimer's Fundraiser

-Raised close to \$3,000 for ALZ. Donations as still being taken through August 16th.

e. Rec Dept Pickleball.

-Salida Rec District Learn to Play scheduled for August 16th at 3 to 5 p.m. at Centennial Courts.

f. Montessori fund raiser- Kirt Hine

-Shining Mountains Charter School. Looking for fundraising opportunities.

-School half funded by grants

-Get kids and families involved to help with the event.

-Kids ages 2-6 in the school. 40 families during summer. 18-23 during the school year. 60 families on the wait list. Goal is to raise \$2,000?

-The school would solicit sponsors.

-John and Stephanie will work with Kurt to formulate a plan.

6. Planning/New business

a. Status of South Ark/fundraising

-John will get the committee together to start brainstorming.

-Working to orchestrate a meeting between Town of Poncha and Chaffee County Commissioners.

-Also convening a meeting with other recreation sports groups (skating, soccer, rugby). The strategy is for all recreational groups to approach the County together.

-Brenda suggested we make sure this committee has a wide range of ages.

b. Accounting issues

- Learn to Play Clinics fees are paid to the club and then need to be distributed to the instructors. This creates additional work for Alex. A suggestion was made that we still use WA to have participants sign up for Clinic with a note to pay instructors directly or through Venmo.
- Close the ball fund-Motion by Brad to close the ball fund. Second by Alex, Passed unanimously.
- Close the BV Court Fund after Leonard is paid plus given the additional funds owed. John motion to approve closing BV court fund. Brad second. Passed unanimously.
- Start looking for someone to file the 1099 tax return. Jen gave Alex a name of a possible person to complete the taxes. We will put a request in the newsletter for someone in the club to file the taxes.
- Suggestion to put out bucket at BV courts for additional court needs.

c. Elections

- Two Board positions will open in 2024. Clint and Brad will be going off the Board.
- The annual Club meeting is scheduled for November 14th, 2023, 2 to 4 p.m. in Salida

d. Instructor policy

- No way to enforce instructor policy currently. It is self-policing.

e. AED

- Fire department wants the Club to have an AED at the courts. The unit could potentially be kept in the shed. The battery lasts up to 3-4 years.
- Cost is between \$2,000-\$3,000. We can apply for grants from the City.
- The Fire department will give us more guidance on what to purchase.
- All board members expressed concern about the security of any AED we might obtain. The shed is the obvious place for it, but we have been having issues with the shed not being locked when the courts are vacant. This was a critical discussion around whether we want to spend the money for an AED without a good secure location to keep it.
- Stephanie is requesting that an AED would be necessary at BV courts, as well.
- It was discussed that the courts are a part of Salida/BV Rec, which is an important part in terms of responsibility.
- It would be critical for club members to know where the unit is stored. The Fire department would do the training.
- Suggestion we fundraise for the AED.
- Stephanie will gather information from the Ambassador forum about how other clubs handle the purchase and use of an AED.
- Further discussion at the next meeting will take place to determine the feasibility of purchasing AEDs

f. Clint applied for a grant from Chaffee County Community Foundation for \$1,500 for new nets.

h. Rotary Lucky Duck Fundraiser- \$500 Silver Sponsor arranged by Ashlee to be given by the P2P Pickleball Club.

7. Mission/Vision Statement-to be discussed at the next meeting

8. Set meeting dates-September 12th 2023 12:00-3:00 p.m. in Salida; October 24th 2023 12-3:00 p.m. in Salida; Annual meeting, November 14th, 2023 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Salida

9. Adjourn at 5:40 p.m.