

PEAK TO PEAK BOARD MEETING MINUTES

SEPT. 15, 2021

PRESENT:

Officers - Jen Eggleston, Marnie Knapp (by phone), Tom Knapp (by phone), Rhonda Davis, Clint Lawrence, Rick Hum, Brad Leach, Stephanie McDonald

Absent - Alex Ware, David Sackmann

Members - Leonard Davis, Scarlett Massine, Karen Dils, John Vandewalle

President Jen Eggleston called the meeting to order and the minutes from the July 21, 2021 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Clint sent his financial report electronically prior to the meeting (attached). The report was approved. Jen reported that a previous office mate of hers has an old version of Quick Books the club could use; Rick proposed we continue with our current accounting tools through the end of the year. Clint will meet with Alex in October to begin training him in the Treasurer duties and begin transfer of records.

Membership Report: Tom Knapp reported 139 members as of Sept. 13, down by 4 from July due to normal fluctuation. Rick commented that the decision to institute membership and dues was a good decision as the dues are covering our club's administrative costs.

BV New Courts Committee: Leonard reported continued progress on site clearing. Rough grading is expected to be completed in the next 1-2 weeks, followed by fine grading. Additional funds are still needed to be able to commence Phase II. The Town has committed \$15,000 and we are still working to obtain a \$15,000 commitment from the county for Phase II.

We received a commitment of \$25,000 from the Next 50 Foundation which is contingent upon receiving full funding. The Next 50 Foundation agreed to provide a commitment letter for use with other grant applications. It was noted that the Next 50 Foundation was a grant source of which we were previously unaware and which was brought to our attention by the professional grant writer we hired. Both Jen and Leonard report the grant writer (Jay) has been extremely helpful and knowledgeable.

Since Aug. 1, we have raised \$8,153 of the \$10,000 matching donation; we have 2 weeks remaining to raise the final \$1800.

The GOCO joint application with Trails was denied for 2022 and GOCO is encouraging us to pursue Land and Water Conservation Trust Funds as a better fit. This is a Federal Government grant, with an application process that is "long, tedious, and slow to pay", but is thought to be our best shot for a "big hit" on foundational giving. The LWCTF has some unique qualifications which have resulted in an abundance of available funds with minimal demand. The first qualification is that the project must be part of a state park, and our project meets this qualification. Secondly, it requires a 50% match. We have raised >\$140,000, which is close to the 50% match required. Leonard feels we are on target to start Phase II in the Spring of 2022 and fundraising efforts will continue in hopes of completing Phase III next Summer immediately after Phase II.

Scarlett Massine suggested approaching the BV Rotary Club as a possible source of a matching grant. Jen will follow up on that lead.

Stephanie reported that 100% of proceeds from clinics currently being offered by club member John Wozencraft are being donated to the BV New Courts Fund and that the first clinic resulted in \$190 in donations.

Leonard provided meeting attendees with a Fundraising Report document (attached).

USA Pickleball Club Membership – the Board had a brief discussion regarding the new club membership offered by USA Pickleball and decided against becoming a member club at this time.

Fall Activities – there was discussion regarding the need to have one or more “Learn to Play” clinics in Salida. Stephanie will approach John Wozencraft regarding his willingness to teach. Marnie will talk with Diesel regarding whether or not they are willing to pay a certified instructor to teach clinics.

Fall Tournament – Stephanie reported the inaugural Peak to Peak Pickleball Classic tournament was a huge success! Many members of the club competed and/or contributed by volunteering in various roles and several received very positive feedback from tournament participants. Preliminary accounting indicates a profit of approximately \$11,680. We had approximately 160 participants representing Colorado and 10 other states. Stephanie will send tournament results to Molly for inclusion in the next newsletter; results have also been posted on our website and our Facebook page. Clint asked for volunteers to help remove the banners on Saturday, Sept. 18 at 9am – Stephanie will send out an email request.

Rick Hum suggested a short presentation to Salida City Council with photos to report on the success of the tournament. Rick and John Vandewalle agreed to create the presentation. Jen noted that statistical data is very important for grant applications if we want to consider a dedicated pickleball complex for Salida and that sign-in practices in Salida are very inconsistent. Tom Knapp mentioned that he had contacted Diesel to set up a meeting to discuss sign-in procedures but never received a response. Rick suggested someone estimate participation numbers each day. Marnie agreed to add this to the agenda for her upcoming meeting with Diesel. Stephanie will send the requested statistical data to Jen from our tournament.

Board members approved purchasing 2 2’X4’ club banners for future use.

Buena Vista Courts – the outdoor schedule will continue through the end of September. Indoor play will begin at DPCA on Oct. 1 with the same schedule as last year (Monday mornings, Friday evenings, Sunday afternoons). Sunday play will be open to youth players. There was discussion regarding access to the equipment shed and it was decided that we should change the lock combination.

Salida Courts – Marnie reported decreasing numbers of players at the Salida courts as many seasonal players have left. Marnie also reported that tennis players are now being allowed to play at the school on Friday mornings leaving the pickleball courts unused and that no one notified us that the courts were available for pickleball play on Friday mornings. Nate from Salida Rec made recent repairs to cracks and damage to the court surface and an electrician is

scheduled to repair the lights on Sept. 24. Marnie suggested reinstating the practice of leaving loaner equipment at the Aquatic Center desk for use by visitors.

Marnie and Jen are scheduled to meet with Diesel next week to discuss the indoor schedule at the Fairgrounds. Marnie requested meeting attendees submit ideas for time slots and skill levels. It is unknown at this time if pre-registration is going to be required. There was discussion regarding the success of the Court Supervisor role in BV but Marnie expressed skepticism that it would work in Salida due to the more frequent play times.

Clint suggested a committee to address improvements at Centennial Park, including an additional storage building on the west side. Clint, Brad, and John Vandewalle agreed to take on this task. Clint reported there are no storage units available for rent in Salida and the club is accumulating an increasing amount of equipment (medal stands, banners, etc.). The committee will present a plan at the November meeting.

Member concerns/questions - none were submitted

Next meeting - November 10 at 2pm, First Presbyterian Church in Salida. This will be our annual membership meeting, which will include Board member elections for 3 board members whose terms are expiring:

Rick Hum

David Sackmann (replaced Doug Moser and completed his term)

Marnie Knapp (declined re-election)

Several club member names were mentioned as potential board members.

Stephanie will review the bylaws for notices of board member nominations, elections, and the annual meeting and will send out notices accordingly.

The meeting was adjourned.