

## PEAK TO PEAK PICKLEBALL CLUB MEETING

February 17, 2016 3:30 - 5:00pm  
Chaffee County Fairgrounds

The meeting was called to order by USAPA Ambassadors Kathy Evers and Stephanie McDonald. Twenty-nine club members were in attendance:

Kathy Evers - USAPA Ambassador	Rob Dubin
Stephanie McDonald - USAPA Ambassador	Fred Baldwin
Ruby Osberg - recorder	Steve Bush
Karen Masden	Lee James
Gary Masden	Gary Wagner
Clint Lawrence	Doug Robert
Rick Hum	Larry Evers
Sue Ann Hum	Wayne Smith
Marilyn Box	Tom Bevington
Melissa Jory	Sean Pummill
Bruce Davidson	Marcy Pummill
Nita Stevens	Bill Blodgett
Margy Brown	Linda Bales
Terry Wiggins	Kay Hutchings
Nancy Kirkwood	

### **Club Structure/Organization**

The overall consensus of club members who were present was to keep the club informally organized, without the need for officers or bylaws. It was decided that it would not be beneficial to collect membership dues or apply for 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status at this time. Our current operation under the auspices of the Salida Recreation Department and the Buena Vista Parks and Recreation Department allows us to be covered by their respective liability policies. Those present agreed to the formation of a "steering committee" to guide future club activities and policies. It was suggested that the committee consist of 9 club members: 4 player representatives from the north end of the county (2 beginner/novice players and 2 intermediate/advanced players), 4 player representatives from the south end of the county (2 beginner/novice players and 2 intermediate/advanced players), and one additional player representative from any part of the county and any skill level. Once formed, the members of the steering committee will elect the committee chairperson. The following people volunteered to serve on the steering committee:

Rick Hum	Marilyn Box	Nita Stevens
Clint Lawrence	Bill Blodgett	Gary Wagner
Doug Robert	Stephanie McDonald	Kathy Evers

Once formed, the steering committee shall meet quarterly and more frequently on an as-needed basis, and a general club-wide meeting shall be held annually. The group also discussed the need to have representation at Town/City and County meetings where topics relating to recreational opportunities for Chaffee County are on the agenda.

\*It is noted that the above list of volunteers will have to be altered to satisfy the desired balance of representation and that steering committee members should probably serve for a period of one year to allow for the fact that beginner/novice players will become intermediate/advanced players. Any club members who were not in attendance at the meeting and who would like to volunteer to serve on the steering committee are asked to notify Stephanie or Kathy.

### **Club Financial Report**

Stephanie reported the following profit-making activities for the club:

9/2014	BV Court Dedication/Round Robin tournament	\$ 19.00
10/2014	Nancy Steffy clinics	151.00
12/2014	Christmas Party raffle	64.00
8/2015	Sally/Mike Dobson clinics	367.00
12/2015	Christmas Party raffle	<u>142.00</u>
		\$ 743.00

Because of the requirement to register our club with the state of Colorado in order to open a bank account in the club's name, it was decided that Stephanie will continue to hold club funds at this time.

### **Club Communications**

Stephanie reported some issues with email communications related to the size of the email distribution list. Many players are unable to "reply all" to email communications. Stephanie agreed to begin sending two separate emails, one for the BV roster and one for the Salida roster, in hopes of alleviating this problem. It was also suggested that we investigate additional means of communication within the club, including Google Groups and Doodle. Club members agreed that there was no need or desire for a club website at this time.

In regards to Monday night Ladder League play for advanced players, it was decided that it is not necessary for Kathy to send out an email sign-up each week. Play is limited to the first 16 players who sign up, and players may email Kathy to begin signing up any time after 12pm MST the prior Saturday.

## **Hosting a Tournament**

The group discussed the feasibility of hosting a small tournament this summer. A tournament would provide both visibility for our club and the opportunity to raise funds. Because hosting a tournament is very labor intensive and time intensive, and because of concerns about the adequacy of our courts, it was decided to forego planning a tournament for 2016 and reconsider for summer 2017.

## **Fund-Raising Ideas**

As there are no immediately anticipated expenses, a focused effort on fund-raising activities was not considered to be a priority at this time.

## **Update on Additional Pickleball Courts for Chaffee County**

Stephanie shared the news and results of a just-released feasibility study done in Buena Vista related to the proposed Recreation/Event Center. She thanked those who represented pickleball interests at public meetings held in 2015. The report confirms that the local population is underserved by recreational facilities and specifically cited the need for pickleball courts in several places. The report can be read in it's entirety by going to the website [www.buonavistaco.gov](http://www.buonavistaco.gov) and downloading the full document.

Rick Hum then provided a handout and explained the GOCO grant process. He reported the current priority is to approach the City of Salida with a proposal to resurface the existing tennis courts at Centennial Park to either dedicated pickleball courts or multi-use courts to be shared by tennis and pickleball. The club agreed that a professional proposal and presentation needs to be developed and the following people volunteered to serve on a committee specifically devoted to this project:

Bruce Davidson	Stephanie McDonald
Rick Hum	Kathy Evers
Fred Baldwin	Doug Robert
Gary Wagner	

If any club members who were not present are interested in serving on this committee, please notify Rick Hum.

Rick also reported on discussions at public meetings that have been held thus far regarding the Vandever project, but noted that this is a long-range project (approximately 10 years).

### **Club Logo/Shirts**

Stephanie reported on the voting results regarding the Peak to Peak Club logo. The majority of votes was split between design B and design C. Those present decided to take a final vote and the overwhelming majority chose design B (see attached). John T. has been notified by email of the final vote and will now begin adding color options to the design.

As final logo decisions are made, a committee was formed to begin researching shirt vendors, prices, style options, etc. Those who volunteered to serve on this committee were:

Marcy Pummill	Stephanie McDonald
Sue Ann Hum	Kathy Evers

If any club members who were not in attendance would like to serve on this committee, please notify Kathy or Stephanie.

### **Playing Schedule Issues/Concerns**

Stephanie reminded players to play at sessions reserved for their skill level. Some beginner players had voiced complaints that intermediate/advanced players were showing up to play at beginner/novice sessions and taking court time away from the beginning players. After further discussion, the group felt the presence of intermediate and advanced players at beginner sessions provided opportunities for lesser-skilled players to learn from more skilled players. All-skill-level sessions provide an opportunity for players of all skill levels to interact and play together. A decision was made to investigate the possibility of adding additional sessions for play at the Fairgrounds, including additional All-skill-level sessions.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:10pm.