

Peak to Peak Pickleball Club Annual Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2017

22 members present - meeting led by Stephanie McDonald

I. Club Structure/Organization

1. Clint Lawrence, Bill Fitzgerald, and Darlene Friederichs welcomed as newest members to steering committee. Each will serve a two-year term and meet 4 times/year.

II. Financial Report

1. The club is now registered with the state and has a tax ID number. This was necessary because we need to open a bank account. Clint Lawrence has volunteered to be our treasurer.
2. We are not yet tax exempt as it requires a \$400 filing fee. This will happen in the future.
3. Our current balance is \$665.

III. Club Communications

1. All agreed our club email distribution list should ONLY be used for club business.
2. Facebook Page
 - a. We currently have 194 followers.
 - b. Members can access our page even if you don't have a Facebook account.
 - c. Address is www.facebook.com/PPPickleball
 - d. Our page has valuable playing information like instructional videos and tips, as well as club pictures and other information.

IV. Court Construction Update

1. First, our utmost thanks to Rick Hum for heading up this project. He has donated an immense amount of time in research, meetings, and especially in writing the grant that was submitted last November.
2. Salida GOCO Grant:
 - a. We are hoping to build 2 roomy tennis courts on the east side of the Aquatics Center. This will enable us to set up 8 Pickleball courts.
 - b. The estimated cost will be approximately \$328,000.
What we have so far:
 - \$66,000 from City of Salida
 - \$15,000 from Chaffee County
 - \$7,000 in Peak to Peak Club pledges (Over 50% of our membership made a pledge which is important to the committee reviewing our grant.)
 - \$3,000 in Salida Tennis Club pledges
 - c. Grants are awarded in late March, early April. Even if our grant is approved this time, court completion would not be until late summer, 2018.
3. Buena Vista Courts:
 - a. The best plan is to build designated courts and the City wants to do this.
 - b. The city has land available for this project north of the existing tennis courts.
 - c. Fred Baldwin has a contact at Hard Rock Cement that may be willing to give us a deal on cement.
 - d. There is also talk of using the old courthouse in downtown BV as a recreation center.
4. There are efforts afoot to create a county-wide recreation district that would possibly build a large recreational center somewhere in the county. At this time, however, there is little chance of this happening.

V. Club Logo/Shirts

1. Thanks again to John Takacs for the design of our shirts!
2. Shirt orders have been going well. We will continue to order shirts throughout the year; just let Stephanie know.

VI. Silver Sneakers Program

1. There has been an issue at the fairgrounds with more and more of our members being Silver Sneakers players. This is cutting into the revenue of the fairgrounds as most of us are not "paying players". Some of our members met with Salida Rec to brainstorm ideas as to how to increase this revenue. Here's how it currently works:
 - Salida Rec gets \$3/visit by Silver Sneakers members. \$2.25 went to the rec dept and the county got \$.75. Silver Sneakers only pays up to 10 visits per month. After that, no one gets anything.
 - As it is now: Salida Rec will now pay the fairgrounds \$1.25/Silver Sneakers' visit up to 10 visits and the rec dept will get \$1.75/visit. Steve Wyatt is happy with this change, but is still concerned we may be using more electricity than we are paying to use.
 - So, it has been suggested that Silver Sneakers users voluntarily choose to pay perhaps \$1 or \$2 each time they play, or after your 10 visits/month, become paying players. Remember, this is totally voluntary. Our sign-in sheets will be changed to allow a place for donations that are made to be noted and recorded.
2. We also discussed ways to get more "paying players" involved. This would mean we need more younger players. Unfortunately, our current schedule does not accommodate younger "working" players. Some solutions:
 - a. Thursday night has been extended from 5:00pm to 9:00pm. This hopefully will encourage our younger players to come out and play on Thursday nights.
 - b. The rec dept is also working on trying to get us weekend playing time at the fairgrounds. As of yet, this is not a reality. More to come on this.
3. Also, morning playing times on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, was moved from 8:30am to 9:00am due to the early morning glare. It has been decided that most players (and Steve at the fairgrounds) prefer this time, so that change has become permanent. Morning play is therefore, 9am to 11:30am on those days.

VII. Summary of 2016 Club Activities

1. Membership is currently at approximately 160 persons.
2. Last year we held 2 "Learn to Play" Clinics, an "Intro to Pickleball" 6-week class in BV, introduced Avery Parson's 4th graders to the game, had a booth at Paddlefest in BV, hosted clinics by Sarah Ansbury which attracted 65 people from 6 different states, top-ranked Daniel Moore came to play in Salida with many of our players, held a Demo Day in Salida, and lastly, skill and drill sessions in BV. This is a lot for a small club!!
3. 18 of our club members participated in tournaments. 17 of those received 1 or more medals. Our total medal count for the year was 71. Again, a wonderful achievement!
4. 3 players participated in the US Open in Naples, FL., 1 player at the USAPA Nationals in AZ., 5 players qualified to represent Colorado at the 2017 State Games of America in Michigan, and 1 qualified to represent CO at the 2017 National Senior Games in

Alabama.

Way to go and there is always room for more participants. The more the merrier!!

VIII. Upcoming Events/Activities

1. February 20th - Round Robin Mixer with clubs from Canon City and Gunnison.
2. 3-day tournament at Darren Patterson gym - March 27, 28, 29 Will include men's doubles, women's doubles, and mixed doubles. Get your partner now!! Registration will be opened to entire state.
3. Sarah Ansboury will return the week of August 21st for clinics.
4. Costa Rica trip - December 2 - 9th, 2017. Pickleball in the morning, relax in the afternoon at an all-inclusive resort along the Pacific coast.
5. Alpine Bank Colorado Tournaments

6. Ashley Davis is leaving the BV recreation department and she will be sorely missed. She was a great boon to our program in so many ways.

IX. Other Business

1. An AED has been installed in the hallway at the fairgrounds. It would be a great idea if many of us became familiar with its use. The day will come when we really need it. Thanks, Irv Broudy, for spearheading this endeavor!! It's a comfort to have it there.
2. Ice bags to be kept in freezer in north storage room at fairgrounds for injuries. We should be able to reuse these. They will be made of a mixture of ice and alcohol to keep them pliable.

3. As always, we want to encourage those of you without glasses, to wear protective eyewear when playing.

Phewww, I think I'm done. Respectfully submitted, Kathy Evers