

PEAK TO PEAK PICKLEBALL CLUB - STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date - 7-18-2016

Committee Members Present - Bill Blodgett, Marilyn Box, Margy Brown, Holly Christian,
Kathy Evers, Donna Hebenstreit, Rick Hum, Melissa Jory, Stephanie McDonald
Additional Club Members Present - Linda Bales, Ruby Osberg

1. SARAH ANSBOURY CLINICS - Stephanie reported on the overwhelming success of the Sarah Ansoury clinics in Buena Vista. The clinics, lessons, and strategy discussion were attended by 65 people, representing CO, NM, AZ, KS, TX, and CA. 32 of the 65 attendees were members of the Peak to Peak Pickleball Club. An economic impact survey was sent to attendees after the clinics with a 60% response rate. Comments regarding the clinics and lessons were very positive. The clinics generated \$4902.50. Total profit, submitted to BV Recreation, was \$275.00.
2. CLUB SHIRTS/HATS/BAGS - Our initial order was placed for 64 shirts, 12 hats and visors, and 3 paddle bags. The order was shipped last week and expected to be received today 7-18. The club purchased one shirt for John Takacs to thank him for his design work. Total profit for the club was \$200.00.
3. SALIDA COURT UPDATE - Rick updated the committee on progress toward the GOCO grant application to be submitted this November. Melissa presented research results on other grant sources that might be applicable for additional fund-raising. Rick reported that Theresa Casey has offered her support in securing additional grants. The possibility of gaining some benefit from the "Weed Tax" in Salida was also discussed. Rick will be contacting Ambassadors in both Steamboat and Montrose for more information about their newly-constructed courts.
4. BV COURT UPDATE - Stephanie reported that the BV Recreation Supervisor, Emily Osborn, has verbalized support for converting the existing basketball slab into dedicated pickleball courts. Rick and Stephanie met with Emily on 6-29 to further discuss this and Stephanie was asked to make a presentation to the BV Recreation Advisory Board during their August meeting. Rick explained the approved uses of Conservation Trust Fund monies and it appears that Buena Vista may have a substantial balance of Conservation Trust Funds. Emily is looking into the actual money available and whether or not it has been ear-marked for other projects.
5. PADDLEFEST BOOTH - Stephanie reported on the success of the pickleball booth at Paddlefest in BV on 5-28 and 5-29. A large number of people visited the booth and were given information about pickleball and offered the opportunity to play with instruction by Peak to Peak members. 11 local residents supplied their contact information with interest in joining in local play.
6. LEARN-TO-PLAY CLINIC IN BV - Stephanie offered a Learn-to-Play clinic in BV on 6-15 with the help of several volunteers. 8 people attended. A second Learn-to-Play was offered on 6-29 with 6 attendees.
7. SALLY AND MIKE DOBSON - Stephanie reported that Sally and Mike Dobson, two high-level players from Las Vegas, will be visiting the area again in August. Sally and Mike taught 6 clinics to our players last summer. This year they will be playing in Salida and will be offering "coached play" to groups of 4 on demand. They do

not charge for their coaching. All club members are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to work with them.

8. CLUB COMMUNICATIONS - Stephanie reported good activity on our club Facebook page. The page is a great source of training tips, drills, videos, upcoming tournaments and clinics. You do not need to have a Facebook account to access our page. www.facebook.com/pppickleball Rick will continue to explore other options for club communications such as Word Press and Google Groups.
9. CLUB PHOTO - now that we have club shirts, we would like to take a club photo at the courts. Rick mentioned that this would be helpful for our upcoming grant application. A date and location will be determined and an email sent out to all.
10. CLUB SHADE STRUCTURE/BANNERS - the committee discussed the need for a pop-up shade structure and club banners. Rick offered the use of his personal shade structure and also reported there is a shade tent in the shed at Centennial Park in Salida. The committee decided to forgo purchasing a custom shade structure and instead look into the cost of having club banners made that could be attached to a pop-up. Stephanie will talk with John Takacs about club banners.
11. DEMO DAY/PICKLEBALL RODEO/INTER-CITY PLAY - the committee decided on Aug. 27 for hosting a Demo Day in Salida, similar to the one in BV last summer that attracted several new players. Rick volunteered to check on prices for advertising in the Mountain Mail. Chris Branson is interested in organizing a round robin tournament for club players and possibly including players from other areas with the weekends of Aug. 13 or Aug. 20 being discussed as possible dates.
12. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION - Rick reported that Bruce Davidson had discussed the possible repair/resurfacing of the Fairgrounds courts; Rick will follow-up with Bruce regarding this proposal.

Meeting was adjourned with the next meeting scheduled for Oct. 3, 2016 at 12pm at the Fairgrounds (pending availability).

Meeting minutes submitted by Stephanie McDonald 8-6-2016