

PEAK TO PEAK PICKLEBALL CLUB - STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date - 10-3-2016

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. Second shirt order - the order has arrived and is being dispersed to members. A profit of \$95 has been added to the club treasury as a result of the second order.
2. Salida court update - Rick has been meeting with Theresa Casey (Arts and Recreation Director with Salida Recreation) and working on the application for the GOCO grant we will need in order to build new courts. The first draft of the grant application will need to be submitted by Nov. 3 for review and feedback with the final application being due on Nov. 17. Grant awards will be announced March 2017. We are requesting \$300,000 for dual-purpose courts (ie 8 pickle ball courts configured on 2 tennis courts).

Important things to know:

- * The City of Salida has agreed to contribute \$60,000 in matching funds IF we are awarded the GOCO grant.
- * Our club will need to contribute *at least* \$2000 - \$3000 if we receive the grant. Melissa Jory is drafting a letter asking for pledges toward that goal, which should be e-mailed out to the general membership by Oct. 7. We are simply asking for pledges at this time. No money will be collected unless we are actually awarded the grant next Spring.
- * We are contacting the Salida Tennis Club to request that they also pledge financial contributions since these courts will be shared courts.
- * Old fencing, wind screens, and lights from the existing courts at Centennial Park will be salvaged and reused if possible to help minimize costs.
- * A prefab restroom and storage shed is also included in the plan, along with a drinking fountain and parking lot.
- * Rick Hum is looking into potential contractors who would be best suited to building the courts.
- * We need 7 letters of support with compelling reasons as to why we need these courts to include with the grant application. A request will be sent out soon in regards to this need.

Lanette from the Salida Recreation Department has addressed some of our current issues with the courts at Centennial Park. She has contacted the Public Works Department

Buena Vista - Avery Parsons Elementary School

Sundays 1 - 3:30pm Intermediate/Advanced/Competitive
3:30 - 6pm Beginner/Novice/Recreational

Buena Vista - Darren Patterson Christian Academy

Mondays 8:30 - 10:30am All levels

9. Why we "pay to play" - some players have expressed disagreement with being asked to pay to play on public, tax-supported park facilities. The directors of both Recreational Departments were contacted for further explanation and gave this response: "Pickleball players are paying to have the courts 'reserved' for priority play at designated times. At all other times outside of those reserved for pickleball, players may play based on court availability without charge." It was further clarified that the \$2 charge at Centennial Park is **still** a suggested donation and not a required fee.
10. Referee training - several club members have expressed an interest in receiving referee training. Stephanie is willing to do a training for anyone who is interested - please contact her if you want to be included.
11. December Christmas Party - our annual Christmas party has been scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 8 from 5 - 9pm for all players and their spouses or significant others. The party will be held at the Fairgrounds. We will have a pot-luck dinner with open bar, as we did last year, and there will be a small charge to cover the bartender fees. We'll also be playing pickleball! More details to come but save the date!
12. Annual club-wide meeting - the Steering Committee had originally decided to hold an annual, club-wide meeting immediately prior to our annual Christmas party but after further discussion decided against that plan. Instead, our annual club-wide meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 8 from 3:30 - 5pm and ALL MEMBERS are strongly encouraged to attend! We need every member to be active and involved in the club!
13. Steering Committee members - The Steering Committee, which meets quarterly, will be losing 3 members as of Dec. 31, 2016. We will need 3 new members to serve for a term of 2 years, starting 1-1-2017. As per prior discussions, we'd like to keep the committee balanced between recreational players and competitive players and between Salida and Buena Vista. Those members whose terms are coming to an end are Bill Blodgett (competitive/Salida), Margy Brown (recreational/Salida) and Donna Hebenstreit (recreational/Buena Vista). If you are interested in serving on the committee, please email Stephanie and we'll have club members vote to decide on replacement committee members. Because we only meet quarterly, committee members are asked to make meetings a priority in their schedules whenever possible.

regarding the issues of slippery areas, line painting, and the timing of the sprinkler system. A new storage shed is in the budget for purchase in 2017.

3. BV court update - Stephanie gave a presentation to the BV Recreation Advisory Board in August to make a plea for dedicated pickleball courts. The Board was very enthusiastic, positive, and supportive but a lack of funding is the major obstacle. As a result of the presentation, pickleball courts **were** added to the BV Parks Master Plan. Stephanie will continue to work with Recreation Director Emily Osborn toward the goal of either building new courts or re-surfacing, fencing, and installing permanent nets on the current basketball slab or on the old skate park slab.
4. Salida Demo Day - Kathy reported the Demo Day event held at Centennial Park in Salida on Aug. 27 was a great success. Twenty new players participated, many of whom are continuing to play. Twenty club members also participated and helped coach new players in the basics of the game. Thank you to all who helped!
5. "Learn to Play" Clinic - a "Learn to Play" clinic for new and beginner players is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 9 at the Fairgrounds from 5 - 7:30pm (in lieu of the regularly scheduled play). The cost will be \$3 and Stephanie will send out an informational flyer by email for club members to forward to interested friends and acquaintances. Stephanie will provide the instruction but we will need several club members to volunteer to assist attendees.
6. USAPA Ambassador Retreat - Stephanie attended the Ambassador Retreat in Florida in September, attending numerous educational seminars including "Growing Pickleball in Your Community", "Building New Courts", "How to Teach Beginners", and many other useful topics. She reported the retreat was very informative as well as fun.
7. Club banners - the Steering Committee is considering the purchase of banners for each of our outdoor playing locations. John Takacs is assisting with the design of the banners and is obtaining pricing information.
8. Fall/Winter playing schedule:

Salida - Chaffee County Fairgrounds

Mondays	1 - 4pm All levels 5 - 7:30pm Intermediate/Advanced/Competitive
Tuesdays	8:30 - 11am Beginner/Recreational 1 - 4pm Intermediate
Wednesdays	8:30 - 11am Advanced 5 - 7:30pm Beginner/Recreational
Thursdays	8:30 - 11am Beginner/Intermediate 5 - 7:30pm Advanced

The next Steering Committee meeting will be on Monday, Jan. 23 at 12pm at the Fairgrounds.

Minutes submitted by Kathy Evers 10-5-2016.