

PEAK TO PEAK BOARD MEETING

May 13, 2021

PRESENT:

Officers: Jen Eggleston, Marnie Knapp, Tom Knapp, Rick Hum, David Sackmann, Brad Leach, Alex Ware, Rhonda Davis (by phone)

Absent: Clint Lawrence

President Jen Eggleston called the meeting to order. The minutes of the January 14, 2021 meeting were approved.

TREASURER: Clint sent his financial report electronically prior to the meeting. (attached). His report was approved. Rick reported that he, Clint, and Alex completed a financial review for 2020 and that the financial records are accurate and reflective of the current position of the organization. Rick suggested that the club decrease the amount of cash left in the shed (ball fund, voluntary contributions, etc). There was discussion regarding the need to continue collecting for the ball fund now that Salida Recreation has agreed to contribute \$250/year toward balls and it was decided that we would continue to keep the ball fund money pouch visible at the Salida courts.

MEMBERSHIP: Tom reported a membership total of 130 members, an increase of 4 since January. It was noted that 2 new members resulted directly from the Novice Round Robin in Salida and 1 from the "Learn to Play" clinic in Buena Vista.

BUENA VISTA COURTS: Jen reported that the GOCO grant application submitted by the Town in February (which did NOT include the pickleball courts) was denied. Jen attended a Grant Funder's Round Table on April 9 and presented our project to 5 different funding sources. All funders reported that they have been inundated with requests and are awarding smaller amounts. The BV Courts Committee in consultation with Earl Richmond has decided to proceed with a phased approach. Phase 1 will consist of the site preparation at an estimated cost of \$30,000. P2P will contribute \$10,000, the Town of BV will contribute \$10,000, and we are hoping the County will contribute \$10,000. Significant donations of fill dirt and labor have been secured. Phase 2 will consist of pouring the concrete slab at a cost of approximately \$120,000 and Phase 3 will consist of applying the surface material, fencing, nets, etc. at a cost of approximately \$124,000. The committee hopes to obtain several smaller grants (~\$50,000 each) to fund phases 2 and 3. A groundbreaking ceremony is planned for June 16 at 11am with actual site prep projected to being in July by Miles Construction. The Board discussed Clint's concern about the club contributing \$10,000 toward the site prep and then additional funding not being secured and the courts never being built. Stephanie suggested having a conversation with Earl regarding that concern. David suggested looking into the possibility of purchasing an insurance policy. Court Committee members felt the risk of this happening was very low and the Board voted to approve the expenditure of \$10,000 from the Club's donation (not individual pledges/donations).

CLARIFICATION: The \$10,000 contribution from Peak to Peak for Phase 1 construction will consist of \$7500 from the Club and \$2500 from cash donations to the BV Court Fund.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH SALIDA RECREATION: Jen reported that the final draft of the MOU was submitted to Salida Recreation and signed and the Board voted to approve.

SUMMER SCHEDULES: The summer schedule for BV has been approved and posted. The outdoor schedule for Salida has been approved as a year-round schedule. Marnie expects play to resume in

the north building at the Fairgrounds this winter but will touch base with Diesel approximately one month prior to confirm.

ROUND ROBINS AND LADDER LEAGUES: Marnie reported that the Novice Round Robin she organized on May 8 was a huge success! She plans a monthly Novice RR. There are plans for an Intermediate RR on May 22 if she can get 12 participants. Ladder leagues will start in June if there is sufficient interest.

CLINICS: Stephanie reported that DJ Howard is booked to offer clinics in BV on July 13, 14, and 15. Stephanie is waiting on Shane with BV Rec to get the registration page built so that registration can open. Stephanie will send information to Molly for inclusion in the next newsletter and to Marnie so that the details can be posted on the Events page of our website.

OTHER SUMMER ACTIVITIES: Rhonda reported on the “Summer Kickoff” Round Robin schedule at the BV courts on May 15. Sixteen participants are confirmed and Rhonda has raised \$380 for the BV Court Fund. There are plans to make this a monthly event.

Rhonda also reported that the Wine Social scheduled for June 25 is completely filled with a waitlist. This is a great opportunity to get to know people better.

EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, AND COURT MAINTENANCE: With the approval of BV Recreation, Stephanie ordered temporary weighted rubber “lines” to allow for 2 additional courts in BV on the west tennis court without tape or painted lines. As summer participation increases these “lines” will be utilized to increase player capacity. Shane and Tucker (BV Rec) will make small marks on the tennis court to allow for quick and easy placement of the “lines”.

Tom suggested purchasing 4 new nets for Salida. Jen will email Diesel for approval.

There was discussion regarding damage to the courts being caused by the nets blowing over and having missing end caps for the nets posts. Stephanie will check with Pickleball Central to see if we can purchase additional plastic end caps and base caps.

Rick suggested that the Salida courts be power washed and that surface cracks and scrapes be patched.

FALL TOURNAMENT: Stephanie reported that the tournament planning is going very well. Registration opened to Club members on May 1 and to the general public on May 8 and there are already 61 players registered. There are approximately 45 people registered for the tournament social. Stephanie presented the tournament budget (attached) which was approved by the Board. There was discussion regarding whether there will be additional costs for insurance or if our existing policy will cover the tournament. Stephanie will contact Clint to clarify.

COURT GUIDELINES/RULES: There was much discussion regarding the Board’s role in organizing play at Centennial Park and how to best meet the needs of the majority of players. Several ideas were explored, including having specific hours for arranged play, use of the paddle saddles, challenge courts, etc. It was determined that we need to clearly define “Open Play”, “Arranged Play”, etc. The Board decided against a player survey. All agreed that the paddle saddles should be utilized when the courts are full with players waiting. Marnie agreed to label the courts and paddle saddles to indicate that the south courts are for beginner/novice/recreational players and the north courts for intermediate/advanced/competitive players. Marnie felt that it would be easiest to introduce the use of the paddle saddle to the south courts and agreed to manage that. Board

members agreed that the responsibility of enforcing the paddle saddle system should not fall solely on the shoulders of Marnie and agreed to help with the transition to its use. David Sackmann suggested inviting other players to provide input. The discussion was tabled with Board members agreeing to email their ideas and suggestions to Jen for further consideration.

NEXT MEETING: Set for 2pm July 21, 2021 in Salida. Jen will contact Clint to see if the meeting room at his church can be used.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by:
Stephanie McDonald
Secretary, Peak to Peak Pickleball Club