

PEAK TO PEAK BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 21, 2021

PRESENT:

Officers: Jen Eggleston, Marnie Knapp, Tom Knapp, Rick Hum, David Sackmann, Alex Ware,
Rhonda Davis, Stephanie McDonald, Clint Lawrence

Absent: Brad Leach

Members: Leonard Davis

President Jen Eggleston called the meeting to order. The minutes of the May 13, 2021 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Clint sent his financial report electronically prior to the meeting (attached). The report was approved. Clint announced his plans to retire as club treasurer at the end of his current term and Alex expressed a willingness to fill the position once vacant. Clint brought up some concerns about the current software we're using (Quicken) being inadequate. There was discussion about using Quick Books through Wild Apricot or online - Marnie agreed to contact WA Tech Support for more information and pricing. Jen will ask a former business partner if she has an old version of Quick Books she'd be willing to donate. The Board agreed to change the pricing of club shirts to \$26 to make it easier to distinguish shirt orders from membership renewals.

Membership Report: Tom reported current membership at 143, up from 126 in January 2021 (see attached report).

BV Courts Committee Report: Leonard presented a detailed report on progress to date, fundraising efforts, and future plans (see attached documents). Each document was reviewed and questions were answered. The Court Naming Policy was approved after a revision to indicate that the Town of Buena Vista will not be approached with this policy until after we have 1-2 major donors committed. The Board also voted to officially approve the expenditure of \$1350 - \$2400 related to hiring a professional grant writer through Grants West. Due to time constraints, the Board had previously approved this expenditure via electronic vote on July 12 and Jen has signed the contract and begun collaborating with Jay Katz. Jen reports thus far Jay has been extremely responsive and appears to be extremely knowledgeable and experienced in authoring successful grant applications. This expenditure was funded from donations to the BV New Courts Fund. Jen also reported on the possible need for an independent compiled financial statement for some of the grant applications and will be reaching out to local CPA's about the cost of having this done.

Website Price Increase: Marnie reported a price increase with Wild Apricot of approximately \$200 per 2 years. The price increase is effective Oct. 30, 2021 and will go from \$1020/2 years to \$1224/2 years. The Board agreed to renew our subscription at the new price when due.

Summer/Fall Activities: Marnie reported the Learn to Play Clinic organized for the Salida Rotary Club was rescheduled for July 26 due to the prior date being rained out. Board members discussed the need to schedule more LTP clinics in Salida but the difficulty has been in finding a volunteer to teach them. Marnie reported Salida Rec is willing to pay someone to teach some pickleball programs but the exact pay amount is unknown and no one has expressed an interest in teaching.

Stephanie reported the DJ Howard Clinics in BV had 29 participants and 2 audits. The clinics did not fill with price being the suspected reason. The Club profit from these clinics will be

approximately \$100. Stephanie felt the decision as to whether or not to continue annual pro clinics needs to be discussed prior to planning for any future clinics.

Equipment, Supplies, and Court Maintenance: Salida Rec was submitted an invoice by Clint to reimburse the Club \$709.96 for the purchase of 3 new portable nets, replacement post caps for old nets, and 100 outdoor balls. Tom reinforced the nets in the known failure locations. Marnie will contact Diesel regarding court maintenance and crack repair. Stephanie will check on prices for water brooms and replacement rollers for the court roller squeegees. Clint suggested having multiple water squeegees available in case of rain during our tournament; Stephanie will check to see if we can borrow some from the Pikes Peak Pickleball Association so that we can have 8 on hand.

Fall Tournament: Stephanie reported 144 current registrants (some are waitlisted) from CO and 8 other states. All events are full except for 3.0 Men's Doubles and all 4.5 events and Stephanie is actively recruiting players to fill these brackets. There are currently 94 people registered for the tournament social.

Clint submitted a financial report for the tournament (attached)

Centennial Courts Salida:

Court Signs: Jen reported that Diesel did not agree to the installation of any permanent signs on the courts until the re-branding for Salida Rec is completed, but temporary signs may be installed.

Rules or Guidelines: All Board members agreed to continue efforts to promote use of the Paddle Saddle and court rotation.

Crowding: Clint discussed issues of recent overcrowding and safety concerns with both player and bags standing or being placed on the court surface between the east and west banks of courts. Clint proposed raising the windscreens on the northeast and south sides of the courts, placing paddle saddles on the *outside* of the fence, and requiring players to leave their bags outside the courts and to stand outside the fence (or on an unused court) when waiting to play as an immediate solution. As a longer term solution, Clint proposed installing a shade structure and bleacher seating between the west fence and the Aquatic Center building. The Board voted to adopt new rules for spectators and bags and Jen will email members to update. Marnie will make signs with the new rules.

Sign in and Donation Bag: The Board discussed whether or not we need to continue to use sign-in sheets at the Centennial Park courts. Leonard expressed a desire to capture statistical information and contact information for fundraising purposes. Jen noted that as long as people are not consistently signing in the statistics are not accurate and several Board members felt it would not be appropriate to use contact information for solicitation. Salida Rec was previously using the sign-in sheets to obtain reimbursement from Silver Sneakers but hasn't been collecting the sign-in sheets since the early COVID time-frame. Marnie also mentioned the maximum of 250 contacts in Wild Apricot at our current pricing level. The Board agreed to reinstate the use of the sign-in book and to keep the ball donation bag and court donation bag visible during play.

Fairgrounds: Jen reported that she has received no information or response from Diesel regarding summer indoor play at the Fairgrounds.

River Park Courts: Rhonda and Leonard reported large numbers of players on the courts during open play hours with use of the temporary rubber lines to create 2 additional courts when needed. Stephanie reported on the installation of an AED at the adjacent softball field with access information provided to BV Court Supervisors. Jen also informed the Board of permanently painted court lines in the gym at DPCA for indoor play.

Members concerns/questions: Clint reported he would be making a \$20 donation to the church food bank for use of the meeting room.

The next meeting date was set for Sept. 15 at 2pm in Buena Vista, location to be determined.

Jen adjourned the meeting at 3:53pm.