

LW Pickleball General Meeting Minutes

Date: November 8, 2023

Time: 1600 - 1716

Location: Rec 1 Ballroom

Agenda distributed: via
lwpicklepeople@googlegroups

Next Meeting: December 6, 2023

Welcome and Call to order - Donna Macfarlane

<break for Pizza>

Safety Briefing - Gary Steubs

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve – Jan Simmons

Second - George von Tropp

All in favour, no oppose

Review and Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve – George von Tropp

Second - Shelley Lehrkind

All in favour, no oppose

President Report – Donna MacFarlane, for Patrick Guedo

- Court expansion update:
 - Court expansion delayed - completion date scheduled for November 30, 2023
 - Have to replace posts on West side to support weight of sound mitigation - funds to come from contingency fund
 - Under budget ~ \$12K
- LW liaison
 - John Stickling, assistant to Justin Bauch, is the contact for general acrylics and all court related issues
 - Ron Koch is the main point of contact for the pb club for facilities - Glenn and Pat secondary
- Require volunteer for communications
 - To present your club for LW.
 - Dianna Bridget communication liaison for LW - advertising can help raise money for the tournaments
 - A big thank you to Helene Ballantyne for volunteering
- Rhonda Lang - clothing sales
 - We have our own store online!!

- Tank tops/short sleeves - \$25+shipping; Sweaters \$40+ shipping. We can do mass orders to save on shipping.
- Club gets 20% of the proceeds
- Pikelball.com □ Clubs □ Leisure World Pickleball Club (10% off your first order).
- Donor plaque
 - Thank you to everyone who put effort and money into getting our new courts
 - Platinum sponsors are acknowledged by a plaque mounted on the stands at the courts (south side, facing the kitchen).
- Incident forms

Update from last spring's directive – we don't have/need incident forms. If there is any emergency, call 911.
- Inhouse tourney – March 22, 23rd – Rene & Anita Guerra will be looking for volunteers & participants

Treasurer Report – Bill Gun

- The court expansion project has been paid for. The club contributed 185,000, of which 105,000 were from member donations.
- We currently have more than 61,000 in the bank. Revenues for the year are forecasted to exceed our costs.

Membership Report - Rhonda Steubs

- Membership to date:
 - 428 members as of tonight (last year 525)
- A show of hands tells us that most would like to see the application and renewals online.

Social Report - Colleen Proffitt

- Acknowledged the folks who participated in the “Pickleball Express” in the LW Homecoming Parade
- Tennis Club/PB Club 10th Anniversary Party – thanks for volunteers who helped put that together.
- Raffle Tickets (for tonight) –50% goes to winner, 50% will go to PB club. Additional prize: Pickleball ‘dogs’
- **Volunteers Needed** - has a list of social committee volunteers needed. Colleen passed around a signup sheet.
- Next get together will be the Christmas Potluck (December 17th). Chicken will be provided, attendees bring the rest.

Activity Report – Ron Ruden

- Round robins – are now in effect.
 - If you didn't get an invite, you may not have filled that portion on the membership application (or you may not have renewed your membership in time).

- o A number of invites were kicked back to Signup Genius - MAKE SURE you have info@signupgenius in your contacts list.
- USAPA Sanctioned Tournament – Donna McFarlane
 - o February 15 - 17, 2024
 - o Lyle Horman chair of the sanctioned tournament.
 - o 3 vendor and 1 sponsor so far. Dianna LW will assist with advertising.
 - o Medals purchased.
 - o 1st tournament committee meeting December 15th. 11:00 - 12:00 Lakeside room

Player Development Report – Rick Ballantyne

- Acknowledgements/thanks to:
 - o Colleen Wolkowsky for filling in for Rick last year.
 - o Sharon Carter for all her work getting the ratings kicked off.
- Ratings: (will be required for Round Robins for 3.5 and above).
 - o Working on implementing this for Round Robins. Not in effect yet, but it is coming. Notification will be sent out regarding the rules/processes.
- Court usage

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16 Beginner	15 Beginner	11 Public	12 Public
14 Int	13 Adv	9 Adv	10 Challenge
Int 8	Int 7	Adv 3	Challenge 4
Int 6	Int 5	Adv 1	Adv 2
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- o This is our first take on how we see morning Open Play/ Paddles up work (after the new courts open). It may change.
- o Public – means all LW residents. These courts cannot be reserved for Round Robins or for member play.
Note this doesn't mean that you, as a resident cannot use them, but just that they cannot be booked/reserved.
- o You will still be able to book any of the other courts and host games for your own guests.
- Survey – you should have received a survey that asked what members want for player development (use/training of Lucy, different Round Robins,
- Pickleball Central – club has cut a deal with Pickleball Central: members will get 5% off, and the club will get 5% rebate.
- Skills & Drills – reassessing the program to make sure it is as effective as possible. Five sessions are set up for this year.
- Beginner Lessons – clarification. Will be held Tuesdays from 12:00-1:30 this year. January lessons will be Tuesdays and on Thursday evenings

Website – Ev Dewar

- Thank you to Joe McNeil for being the tech support for the pb club
- Website:
 - Updates regarding new courts, new schedules are in progress, hopefully caught up by next week.
 - Welcome corrections and comments!
- Picklepeople google – group use:
 - Content – stick to PB Club Business or points of interest. Use the LW Post for general topics (e.g. rentals, sale of furniture). Post is not limited to residents.
 - REPLY vs Reply ALL – limit use of “Reply All”.

Court Maintenance – Ron Koch

- **Volunteer required**: Lottery, handling the money (thanks to Jerry Enget)
- Court cleaning:
 - Currently we use water brooms – 10 people x 1.5 hrs to clean 8 courts. With more courts, we’ll need more brooms, more people, hoses, etc. All 16 courts will be tied up at the same time.
 - Recommends that we acquire a cleaning machine – many advantages. Only ties up the court being cleaned, takes ~20 minutes.
 - Bill Gunn confirms that we have the funds.

Motion to spend up to \$11,000 for a new court cleaning machine – Carol Anderson

Second - George von Tropp

All in favour, no oppose

- Reminder: Gates need to be closed, umbrellas need to be closed (they fall & break when windy)!!
- Heaters – will need help with rolling out the heaters, **Volunteers Needed**

New Business:

- Require secretary for March and April - Big thank-you to Ronda Gates for volunteering
- Open Mic:
 - Q: Can we get our old courts fixed/resurfaced?
 - A: Cracks can /will be repaired on an ongoing basis, but the epoxy patches only last a couple of months. To remediate, the (~25 year old) courts need to be torn up and redone. Ron will look into patching. Talk to your LW Board (it’s LW Facilities’ responsibility).

Adjourn – 5:16 pm