

**General Membership Meeting Minutes  
Westbrook Village Pickleball Club  
April 8, 2021**

**Present:** Steve Merkovich (President)  
Jerry Davis (Treasurer)

**Absent:** Bill Barbuto (Vice President)  
Rhonda Whitaker (Secretary)

**Pickleball Members:** 12 Members present

**Meeting Call to Order / Quorum Validation**

Steve Merkovich, President, called the meeting to order at 1300 hrs with no quorum. Meeting notes taken by Club Webmaster Dianne Dorschel.

**Review / Correction / Approval Meeting Minutes**

March 11, 2021 meeting minutes approved.

**Treasurer Report -**

- Club account balance - \$24,233.50
- Membership Dues - \$300.00
- Paddle Sales \$210.00
- Shirt Sales \$320.00
- Expenditures \$599.15

**Unfinished Business**

- Washing of Courts – Done monthly right now. It will be done after 10:30am each month. New facilities manager is Jesse LaPlaca . If birds make a mess, tell Steve, or the board member and they can call Jesse. Steve will meet with Jesse to determine when to wash the courts.
- Roller dryers – Steve looking for a way to get water off courts besides the roller dryers. When they are left sitting on the ground, it ruins the roller ones. Steve is looking for a squeegee.
- Wear masks when not actively playing? We are following CDC Fed, State, and county guidelines. Mayor of Peoria asked to continue wearing masks. We think WBV is waiting to see if there is a spike in Covid cases after Easter holiday. If no spike happens, then WBV HOA board meeting on May 5 may vote on whether to continue wearing a mask. So, should we be wearing masks while not on court? Good question! Steve stated that we should be following the CDC Fed, state and county guidelines.

## **New business**

- Note from leader of Posse: They are looking for Posse members to do four hours per week. See Chuck Morse – he used to be a Posse member and he could answer questions. Contact Mike McDade commander 623-566-3144.
- Ladders: JDee wants to wait until the Fall. The pball club needs to wait until WBV HOA states we can congregate as we need to do!
- Meeting Place: Until we hear different, this is our new meeting place. Lakes Ballrooms A,B, & C. aka Lakes Multipurpose room (Steve said it is now called the Multipurpose room).

## **Committee Reports**

**Community Affairs** - Lois Kummerow, Team Leader [parforthecourse1@yahoo.com](mailto:parforthecourse1@yahoo.com)

- Had scheduled a speaker from the Peoria Police Dept. about support for the Peoria Police Citizen's Academy for the Peoria Police Department's Victim Assistance Unit – but decided to wait to do this Fall.
- Eve's Place – domestic shelter for abuse. We are supporting, and will continue through the year. If people have gently used stuffed animals and children's books in very good condition, donate by giving them to Lois. And at Christmas time we will donate. Lois and Steve will pick up and store. Clothing, toys, etc and furniture – etc.

**Ladders** – JDee Birkeland, Team Leader [jbsk@xmission.com](mailto:jbsk@xmission.com)

JDee wants to wait until the Fall.

**Membership Committee** - Pat Sulwask, Team Leader [sparkle4714@gmail.com](mailto:sparkle4714@gmail.com)

We extended membership dues deadline from Feb 14 to April 15. We have just over 300 members right now.

**Political Action Committee** - Tom Ossell, Team Leader [tom@orionresortsales.com](mailto:tom@orionresortsales.com)

No report

**Publicity** - Chuck Morse, Team Leader [patandchas58@cox.net](mailto:patandchas58@cox.net)

Kurt Unvericht turns 95 on May 16. Let's do a drive by on May 15! Lois & community affairs will organize. Married 70 years! Ralph Sleeper turning 95 in July. Will do something courtside for Ralph in July.

**Social** – A volunteer Team Leader is needed for 2021 - Contact our Steve Merkovich, President at [president@wbvpickleballclub.org](mailto:president@wbvpickleballclub.org)

No report - NONE due to still being in Phase 3

**Tournament** - Kim Foley, Team Leader [kimberliefoley@gmail.com](mailto:kimberliefoley@gmail.com)

Welcome back tournament slated for Sunday, November 7, 2021. More info to come.

**Training** - A volunteer Team Leaders is needed for 2021 - Contact our Steve Merkovich, President at [president@wbvpickleballclub.org](mailto:president@wbvpickleballclub.org) if you are interested in taking this position.

No Report

## **For the Good of the Order**

- Slot for EMT parking - Chuck Morse stated that a van was parked in the spot that we want to leave blank for EMTs if needed. We need a sign or something designating the spot for EMT parking. The area is the first 3 spots on the west end of the ramada.

Steve asked the golf club president about designating the spot(s) and the club president said they were fine with it. Steve is working on this request.

- Court usage/mapping - Steve is meeting tomorrow to discuss court usage issues. More to come on the changes for times of play due to the weather becoming warmer.
- Men/Women Group: Chuck Morse wants a night time slot once a week for men and women. Until things open up by WBV HOA, we have to pass this info on by word of mouth. Talk to Chuck to get things started.
- Training: Steve has received a lot of calls asking about FREE training lessons. We can't offer anything right now due to Covid restrictions. Paid lessons – several people who give lessons for pay are members of our club. Ask Steve or Dianne or any board member for names of instructors.
- Beginner/Novice/Low Intermediate: Change in play time to 7-9:30 am daily, on courts 13-16.
- Drilling: Drilling should NOT be during OPEN PLAY time for Club Members. (Open play time for Club Members is for Advanced, Intermediate and Beginners/Novice/Low groups per court mapping. This includes Ladies Wednesday night group.) The only exception is if a court is available. If people are waiting to play, people who are drilling should give up the court.
- Tubing on top of the fence is falling apart. Steve is dealing with it. Can't find it in stock. Steve is looking for the tubing.
- Stadium courts - Still working on what to do with this area. Yesterday at WBV Recreation Committee meeting, it was stated that the area is UNSAFE. Finally the HOA board recognizes the issue.

Next General Membership meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 1300.

Meeting concluded.

Minutes submitted by Rhonda Whitaker, 4/15/21

Approved at General Membership Meeting 5/13/21 - RSW