

**General Membership Meeting Minutes
Westbrook Village Pickleball Club
June 10, 2021**

Present: Steve Merkovich (President)
Bill Barbuto (Vice President)

Absent: Jerry Davis (Treasurer)
Rhonda Whitaker (Secretary)

Pickleball Members: Members present

Meeting Call to Order / Quorum Validation

Steve Merkovich, President, called the meeting to order at 1300 hrs with no quorum of the Board.

Thank you to Kim Foley for taking notes at this meeting.

Review / Correction / Approval Meeting Minutes

Corrections to be made to the May minutes:

1. No suggestion from Sil to bring guests to the HOA Board Meeting.
2. Steve didn't want to lead anyone to believe that there would be 4 courts in the stadium area. The number of courts has not been determined yet.
3. The Pickleball Club members should start scanning their cards immediately.

Since there was not a quorum of the Board, meeting minutes will be reviewed again at the next General Membership Meeting.

Treasurer Report - No report presented

Unfinished Business

- Card Reader - Discussion was held on getting a card reader/scanner to make it easier for members to scan their cards. It should be up to the HOA to provide an easier way for members to scan their cards so the usage numbers are more accurate. Counting the numbers for every activity is important for the HOA to determine how money is spent on the different programs in the community.
- Ladders - Copies of questions for a club survey were passed out to club members present so they could offer suggestions or changes to the survey questions. As was suggested at the May General Membership Meeting, the Board decided that an electronic survey of club members should go out to help determine the type of ladders, court mapping time for various types of play, and activities for our members.

An Ad Hoc committee will be formed to look at the data gathered from the survey to help plan to meet the needs of our Pickleball Club.

The following individuals volunteered for the committee:

- Kelly Lodato
- Tim Davis
- Judy Allen
- Ann Eisentraut
- Jeanne Dubois
- Donna Knorowski

The survey should go out ASAP to have feedback to the committee by August 1st so there can be analysis of data and recommendations to the Board by the September meeting.

- Center Courts - They are waiting on contractors, as there is a shortage in the Valley. We would like to use the same contractor as the other courts but it will have to go out on an RFP from the HOA.

New business - No new business discussed

Committee Reports

Community Affairs - Lois Kummerow, Team Leader parforthecourse1@yahoo.com

Ralph Sleepers 95 Birthday is July 20th There will be a celebration for him that morning at the Pickleball courts. There was a very nice article about Ralph in last month's WBV Magazine.

Ladders – JDee Birkeland, Team Leader jbsk@xmission.com

No Report

Membership Committee - Pat Sulwask, Team Leader sparkle4714@gmail.com

We have approximately 327+ members. The expectation is that we will have more members in the fall, as our Canadian friends and those who didn't travel during Covid will return.

Political Action Committee - Tom Ossel, Team Leader tom@orionresortsales.com

No report

Publicity - Chuck Morse, Team Leader patandchas58@cox.net

No Report

Social – Judy Allen, Team Leader judy.allen21@gmail.com

The Holiday Party is scheduled for January 15th, 6:00pm at the Lakes Ballroom.

The first Pickleball Summer Get Together was held at the Lakes pool. It was successful and the Social Committee would like to have more of these during the summer, which will depend on the weather. The Committee will try to give a week's notice.

Tournament - Kim Foley, Team Leader kimberliefoley@gmail.com

Next WBV Club Tournament is scheduled for Sunday, November 7th.

Training - A volunteer Team Leaders is needed for 2021 - Contact our Steve Merkovich, Wayne Baxter has indicated by letter to Steve that he is not going to be available to coordinate training

opportunities for club members. Steve will reach out to trainers outside the WBV Pickleball Club to see if they will be available to provide training to the club.

Good of the Order:

- Memorial Day - Gary Horton from the Veteran's Club and the HOA was very appreciative for all the help in setting up and taking down for the Memorial Day Ceremony.
- The WBV Pickleball club will help in the annual November Veteran's Day Dinner
- A question as to whether it is possible to have a waiver only form for Guests. It is confusing as the form that is used now is the Pickleball Club membership form. The Board will check with the HOA to see if they have a form. It was also suggested that the form indicate other activities that the guest could check if they were participating in. We could have 1 form on file and you wouldn't have to sign a new one for each club.
- It was suggested that we test out the Challenge Court Format on a couple of courts this summer to see how they work and determine the format we might use.
 - Winners stay, split and play two games
 - Winners stay and play together up to two gamesThey would also look at the Ad Hoc Committee recommendations for Challenge Courts.

Next General Membership meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 1300 hrs.

Meeting concluded at 1341 hrs.

Minutes submitted by Rhonda Whitaker 6/24//2021.

Approved at General Membership Meeting 9/9/21 - RSW