

WBV Pickleball Club Board Meeting Minutes

August 31, 2021

6:30pm MST

Present: Steve Merkovich (President)
Jerry Davis (Treasurer)
Bill Barbuto (Vice President)
Rhonda Whitaker (Secretary)

Beginning at 6:30pm a presentation was made by club members Kelly Lodato and Wayne Baxter of the Westbrook Pickleball Club Ad Hoc Committee-Membership Well Fair. The recommendations from this committee are as follows with board action noted in blue.

Committee's Recommendations to the Board

1. Adopt our suggested court mappings - based on intel gathered from the member survey. Board unanimously approved mappings as submitted with the caveat that amendments will be made as needed after ladders for Winter play are finalized by the Ladder Leaders (JDee Birkland, Jerry Harris and Donna Kardinowski).
2. Implement a training & ratings committee to continue work in this area. Board unanimously approved the formation of a Training and Ratings Committee. Kelly Lodato volunteered to head this committee and Wayne Baxter will act as a consultant. Kelly will advise when additional members are added.
3. Implement a voluntary IPTPA* rating system using an external source. Board unanimously approved to join IPTPA, \$100.00 for three year membership, as step one to pursue making a rating system available to club members. Recommendations below will be addressed at a later date by the Board.
 - Recommend we set up Zoom Call with IPTPA director to hear about the program
 - Recommend Practice/Drilling sessions per skill level Oct-Dec
 - Recommend Skills test rating day be set up Jan/Feb
 - Recommend that the club invest in paying for the first group willing to test this new system.
4. Approve implementation of new member Welcome packet at front Desk developed by Kim and Donna Knorowski. Board unanimously approved the idea of a New Member Welcome Packet. An edited copy will be sent to the Board and Steve will discuss it with Renee at the Vistas.
5. Approve implementation of Pickleball Pal program with Donna Knorowski as lead. Donna can have PP's take pics of new members to send to Laurie Kotas for website. Board unanimously approved the implementation of the Pickleball Pal program.
6. Approve Carl Ulrich working with Diane Doerschel to redesign our club website. Board unanimously approved this recommendation. Steve will talk to Diane Doerschel and Steve Lage.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.