

**General Membership Meeting Minutes
Westbrook Village Pickleball Club
October 14, 2021**

(Draft for approval at the next general membership meeting.)

Present: Steve Merkovich (President)
Bill Barbuto (Vice President)
Rhonda Whitaker (Secretary)
Dianne Doerschel (Webmaster)

Absent: Jerry Davis (Treasurer)

Pickleball Members: Approximately 30 Members present

Meeting Call to Order / Quorum Validation

Steve Merkovich, President, called the meeting to order at 1300 hrs.

Review / Correction / Approval Meeting Minutes

May 24, 2021 and September 9, 2021 meetings approved with corrections.

Announcements and Presentations

Bill Barbuto thanked the members of the Pickleball Ad HOC committee who worked many hours over the summer. Leaders of the Ad HOC Committee, Kelly Lodato, Wayne Baxter and JDee Birkland presented additional information:

Kelly Lodato

- Survey sent to club members, data collected and other Pickleball Clubs surveyed. Data presented to Board and members at September 9th meeting.
- Data for Ladders forwarded to JDee and Jerry Davis
- Court mapping - a work in progress. Will be shared with members via email as updates are made
- New member packet is finished and at the Vista's front desk and at the courts
- The Pickle Pal Program for new members is back.

Wayne Baxter

- Training/Rating committee was created and will be led by Kelly Lodado with Wayne Baxter's assistance.
- Skills/Rating program will not be mandatory
- The number of rating programs out there is huge
- Researching what other clubs are doing
- The International Pickleball Teaching Professional Associations (IPTPA) program looks very promising.
- Will need volunteer trainers
- Looking to start early 2022

JDee Birkeland

- Ladder schedules are posted in advance - come 15-20 minutes early
- Contact Ladder Captain if you can't make it
- Members can join one ladder/Ladder captains can join two ladders
- One free no show, 2nd no show you will be asked to help with ladder paperwork, 3rd no show - no play for 3 weeks
- The number of participants will not be limited
- All ladders will be welcoming to all players. If you have questions or need help, reach out to the ladder captains or JDee.
- Reviewed the list of current ladders
- JDee and one board member will be at ladders the first couple of weeks
- Lastly, please, if you see new people on the courts introduce yourself

Treasurer Report

- No Report

Unfinished Business

- Ladders - See JDee's comments above under Announcements and Presentations
- Court mapping - Dianne Doerschel is updating so that you can read each day clearly
- Holiday Party Saturday, January 15th at the Lakes Ballroom. Jeannine Dubois has volunteered to head the Social Committee and is looking for help with the Holiday party. Please email her at jtd486670@yahoo.com if you are interested.
- Center Courts (Stadium Courts) - Contract with General Acrylics was signed and work is anticipated to start on November 1st. This project has been five years in the making. Please do not cross the caution tape once it is put up. They will be removing the current surface to make sure the subgrade is in good enough shape to put a 6" top on it like the west courts. They will be mobilizing in the parking lot so we may need to park in front parking lot or on the east side. Once the courts are poured it will take 30 days to cure. Steve will follow-up on the standard distance between courts. It was asked if we were replacing the corner pads, per Steve not at this time.

New business

- Social Committee looking for Chairperson - [Note: since this meeting Jeanine Dubois has volunteered as Team Leader, jtd486670@yahoo.com]
- Training Committee Volunteers - Contact Kelly Lodato or Wayne Baxter if interested in helping with this committee.
- Court Furniture - Steve will ask the HOA Board about getting new furniture.
- Vice President and Secretary Positions - Both positions expire 12/31/21. If you would like to volunteer contact Steve Merkovich. Mike Barrett volunteered to be Vice-President. If more than one person volunteers for a position there will be an election held.

Committee Reports

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

- Members have asked Lois about having another garage sale. Answer is - we will when we have a purpose.
- Breast Cancer Social is October 16, raffle tickets will be sold till 6:30pm
- Tax Credit form may be available up to \$400 (contact Lois if you want the link)
- November Vet's Club Dinner coming up in the Lakes Ballroom
- If you have ongoing ideas for 2022 or would like to work with the Social Committee, please contact Lois.

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

See JDee's comments above under Announcements and Presentations

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

Per Steve Merkovich we are gaining new members. Any that pay on or after 10/1/2021 will be paid through 12/31/2022.

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

No report

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

Steve Merkovich and Bill Barbuto are taking pictures at the different activities and sending to Chuck. If you take pictures you can send to Chuck Morse for consideration in the Living Lifestyles Magazine. This is great publicity for the club.

Social – Ann Eisentraut and Judy Allen, Committee Members

A Social will be held on Saturday nights. Would like different committees to take a night to come up with a theme. [Note: Jeannine Dubois has volunteered to be Team Leader of the Social Committee, jtd486670@yahoo.com.]

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

Per Kelly Lodato - Fall Welcome Back Jamboree Social with a Rock & Roll theme is scheduled for November 7, 2021, Sunday, 8:00am More info will come later. [Note: Jamboree has been rescheduled for 12/11/21]

Training - A volunteer Team Leader is needed for 2021 - Contact Steve Merkovich, President at president@wbvpickleballclub.org

See Wayne's comments above under Announcements and Presentations regarding Training/Rating Committee

For the Good of the Order

Liz Lage - Friday morning ladder needs players. Sunday night Fun Night using round robin format.

Marc Parenteau - Golden Geezers

- Looking for new members, must be a male and will be 75 years or older in the current year.
- Sends a single red rose to any lady the group receives a request for (in or out of Westbrook).

- Having a Community Garage Sale 11-5 and 11-6 at Marc's house. Accepting donations. Working with Diane Ballard who is also doing a sale for her Christmas Project.

Steve Merkovich -

- Asking maintenance to turn court lights on earlier.
- Start scanning your membership at the Vista's office. (Dianne will send a email reminder to members)
- You will soon see updates to the Club website. Originally designed by Steve Lage and now maintained by Dianne Doerschel, Carl Ulbrich has volunteered to join the team and is currently redesigning the website. Be sure to thank these volunteers for the time and effort being put into this time consuming project.

Mike Barnett thanked the Pickleball Club members for all the help provided to him over this last year.

Next General Membership meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 1300 at the FALC Building.

Meeting concluded at 1430 hrs.

Minutes submitted by Rhonda Whitaker, 11/4/21

Thank you for reading the Westbrook Village Pickleball Club General Membership Meeting Minutes. These are unofficial minutes until approved at the next general membership meeting. If you have corrections or questions, please contact one of the Club Board Members below.

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