

**General Membership Meeting Minutes
Westbrook Village Pickleball Club
November 11, 2021**

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

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

Absent: ---

Pickleball Members: Approximately 40 Members present

Announcements and Presentations

Steve Merkovich -

- We are sad to share the news of Sue Holstad's passing. Sue volunteered as Club Treasurer from 2017 through mid 2019. There will be a Celebration of Life at the Lakes December 10th from 10am - Noon.
- Phil Ash continues his recovery and hopes to be back on the courts after the first of the year.
- PLEASE **SCAN** YOUR WESTBROOK VILLAGE ID CARD EVERY TIME YOU PLAY! PLEASE!!! The HOA has been asking our President, Steve Merkovich, why the scan log for the Pickleball Club isn't showing very many scans!! As we know, there are A LOT of people playing every day. SO PLEASE get back in the habit of SCANNING YOUR ID CARD EVERY TIME YOU PLAY!!
- Homeowner Comments
 - Non-Agenda Issues-If you wish to address the Board on an item not on the agenda, please indicate the topic on the sign in sheet. You will be given (3) minutes to address the Board prior to the meeting being called to order. A request was made to post an agenda before the meeting. It was decided an agenda will be posted by JDee Birkeland on the Macumber Board north of the east courts the week before the meeting.
 - Agenda Issues-Following Board discussion and prior to the Board vote, each homeowner will be given (3) minutes on the agenda topic.

Meeting Call to Order / Quorum Validation

Steve Merkovich, President, called the meeting to order with a quorum at 1316 hrs.

Review / Correction / Approval Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2021 meetings approved with the following corrections:

- JDee was not a member of the summer Ad Hoc Committee. She is the Ladder Team Leader.
- Jeannine DuBois volunteered to be Team Leader for the club Annual Dinner Party [formerly, Holiday Party] not be Team Leader for the Social Committee. We are still in need of a volunteer for the Social Committee.

Treasurer Report

The BBVA Bank has been changed to the PNC Bank. The latest bank statement shows a discrepancy of \$195.08. I am working with the PNC to resolve it.

- Income from Shirt sells
- Expenditures for Root Beer Float Social and pickleballs
- Balance \$23,518.72

Unfinished Business

- Ladders - JDee Birkeland, the ladders are going great. There are a total of 130 people signed up plus subs for the 5 ladders. Here are the current numbers for each ladder:
 - 31 Monday Night 3.5
 - 11 Monday Night 3.0
 - 29 Tuesday Night 2.5
 - 44 Thursday Night Open
 - 35 Saturday Morning 3.0

There was discussion as to whether Gigi LeMaster's Training Clinic coming up this Wednesday - Friday would interfere with any of the ladders. It was decided that all three days would be held on courts 1-4 in the afternoon. Steve will verify the times with Gigi.

- Stadium Courts - Per Bill Barbuto, the renovation of the Stadium Courts has been halted due to an email written by Tim Davis, a member of the WBV Pickleball Club. The email was sent to: 1) Bill Patena, Councilman for City of Peoria, 2) Jesse LaPlaca, WBV Facilities Manager, and 3) Code Compliance Dept in the City of Peoria. The Code Compliance Dept has halted all work on the Stadium Courts until they look into the things presented by Tim Davis in his email. Until further notice, there will be no further work completed on the courts. There was discussion among the members as to getting more information about the complaint and the original bids. Per Steve Merkovich the bids should be public information through WBV HOA. A copy of Tim Davis' letter will be emailed to the club. Currently there is no additional information from the HOA as to when the construction will resume. A suggestion was made by Wayne Baxter that club members do not approach the HOA Board individually, but instead wait for updates from the Pickleball Club Board.
- Social Committee needs a Chairperson - We are in need of a Social Committee Team Leader. We just need One or Two people to Lead this Committee. Please volunteer! Contact Steve Merkovich stevemerkovich@yahoo.com
- Training Committee Volunteers - Steve and Bill have talked with Gigi LeMaster about training some members for this committee.

New business

- Guests - The WBV HOA adopted a NEW GUEST POLICY, which is in effect NOW. The Punch Cards are going away. In the NEW Guest Policy, WBV Residents must accompany their guest(s) to the front desk at either rec center. The Resident's ID card is run through the scanner and then connected to their guest's name. Every Resident is given 20 free "punches" per year. In the past, an entire group of people entering the rec center at one time with a resident counted as 1 "punch" on the card. Now, each person in a group being sponsored by a resident will result in a "punch on the card". After a resident has sponsored 20 guests, they can purchase another 20 "punches" for \$20.

(Note: There isn't a card that gets punched. The computer keeps track of the number of guests that are associated with a resident's ID card.)

- Fake Addresses on Member Applications - There was a recent incident where a member application was received and the address on the application did not match the check. When this was followed up on it was discovered that the couple applying for membership was using a friend's Westbrook address with his/her permission. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW FRIENDS TO USE YOUR ADDRESS TO APPLY FOR CLUB MEMBERSHIP.
- These are not Public Courts - If you see someone you don't recognize playing on the WBV pickleball courts, don't be shy - introduce yourself. If you find that the players are not Westbrook residents or guests you can let them know that the courts are not public or you can let the front desk know. The nearest public courts are at Liberty Park, 96th Ave & Williams Road.

Committee Reports

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

We have been very busy volunteering in a variety of activities. Here are some of them:

- Breat Cancer Fund Raiser - The Raffle to play with Sara Ash sponsored by Sara and Onix, along with all the donations made by club members was a huge success with over \$2000 being raised. Thank you to Sid Harris for the \$400 match challenge to get us started. Two charities will be the recipients of the money raised: Breast Cancer Research Foundation (BRCF) and National Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc. Thanks to all who donated. A special thanks to Phil and Sara Ash who got this started and who have also agreed to do it again next year!
- Turkey Drive - In the past we have really pushed this event, but it was decided to be low key this year since we really pushed on the Breast Cancer Fundraiser. If you want to make a donation, Lois Kumerow (par4thecourse1@yahoo.com) will have an envelope for donations on the West courts, and Bob Schulz (rschulz9@wi.rr.com) will have an envelope for donations on the East courts when they are there. Last year WBV Pickleball Club raised \$5,000 alone, more than any other WBV club.
- Veteran's Dinner - on Nov 11, 2021 - Once again, several club members served at this awesome event. The club is blessed with so many Vet's, over 300, and it is a great way to honor them each year.
- 2nd Sunday Market Place - Parking - The club continues to monitor parking at the Lakes on the golf side during the Sunday Market Place. Lois has some slots still available for people to volunteer. par4thecourse1@yahoo.com
- Christmas Caroling - Plans are in the works to go caroling again this year. Last year the carolers were met with wonderful praise and love, and in some cases, cookies and more! Let Lois know if you know of someone who would appreciate a visit from the carolers. More info to come about this great activity.

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

See JDee's comments above under Unfinished Business

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

Per Steve Merkovich we continue to gain new members.

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

No report

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

The Club needs a volunteer to take over for the Publicity Committee Team Leader for Chuck Morse. Contact Chuck at patandchas58@cox.net or Steve Merkovich. Chuck has done a wonderful job with publicity for the club among many other things he has done over the years. Watch for the December article in the WBV Magazine about the Breast Cancer Social held last month.

Social – A volunteer Team Leader is needed - Contact Steve Merkovich, President at president@wbvpickleballclub.org Committee Members Ann Eisentraut and Judy Allen are currently helping with the Saturday night socials.

From Jeannine DuBois - Annual Dinner Party - formerly known as our Holiday / Christmas Party.
SAVE THE DATE!

- January 15, 2022, Saturday
- Lakes Ballroom
- Dinner & Dancing
- Cocktail Hour at 5 pm - Bill Barbuto will entertain us with his voice & guitar
- Dinner at 6 pm - Catering by Classic Catering Peoria Co.
- Band 7 - 10 pm - 3rd and Long will entertain us
- Cost \$30 per person and you can bring your beverage of choice

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

Welcome Back Jamboree Social with a Rock & Roll theme is rescheduled for Saturday, 12/11/21. Dianne will send a reminder email.

- 8:30am checkin - 9:30 start
- Registration November 29 - December 9th
- No entry fee
- Round Robin Format
- Games to 11 or to a 12 minutes
- You can bring a partner to split the games
- Pre-wrapped snacks will be provided

Training - A volunteer Training Team Leader is needed - Contact Steve Merkovich, President at president@wbvpickleballclub.org See information above under Unfinished Business about Gigi LeMaster's training.

For the Good of the Order

Jerry Davis - If you know a vet, they have until 4:00pm to get to Bubba's to get a meal coupon.

Alisha Burke - Asked that a paddle system be set up to be used at the courts when people are waiting. Several systems were discussed. JDee and Alisha volunteered to work on setting up a system and get club members to volunteer as monitors. Steve Merkovich asked that they report back to the board before the December meeting.

Marc Parenteau - Golden Geezers in November - Enough money was made to continue the ROSE Program and other activities we participate in! Thank you to all that donated their items and time for this to take place. Unsold items were donated to St. Vincent DePaul through Anthony [Tony] Morelli.

Steve Merkovich -

- WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE - Our membership is growing! And when you introduce yourself to someone you don't know, it's nice for them to see your name on your badge. Did you notice I said "WHEN"!! As Jdee said several times at the board meeting (and I've heard her say it many times!!), "Our club is full of caring people full of HEART!!!" And it is so nice for someone new to see and feel how caring and full of Heart we are by introducing ourselves to them!!
- The club no longer fills the tubes at the courts with pickleballs. You can ask any one of the club board members, Marcia Dalton, or Lois Kumerow for pickleballs. Dianne will send out an email so club members know who carries pickleballs with them.

Next General Membership meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 1300 at the FALC Building.

Meeting concluded at 1430 hrs.

Minutes submitted by Rhonda Whitaker, 11/17/21

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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