

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Westbrook Village Pickleball Club

January 9, 2025

CALL TO ORDER/QUORUM VALIDATION

Lynette called the meeting to order at 1pm with a quorum

Present: Lynette Jones (President)
Nancy Millard (Vice President)
Anne Davis (Treasurer)

Not present Karin Millner (Secretary)
Dianne Doerschel (Communications Director)

INTRO OF NEW OFFICERS

New officers were introduced by Nancy Millard current Vice President

ONBOARDING OF NEW OFFICERS

Lynette explained that Skip Desaulniers (former Treasurer) was still the only person with access to the WBVPC account at PNC bank. Lynette, Anne Davis and Skip all need to be present in order for the new officers names to be put on the account. Two attempts to make the transfer had failed due to a bank personnel problem. The transfer is expected to be completed during the week of January 20th.

IT & COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTORS AND CO WEBMASTERS

Lynette praised the long hours of IT work that Dianne Doerschel and Carl Ulbrich provide for WBVPC. Carl has been given the new titles of IT Director and Co Webmaster. Dianne has been given the new titles of Communications Director and Co Webmaster.

Carl will be taking over the club's T-shirt sales operation. Sales will be done online with Carl executing the processing and handling and possibly the delivery of the T-shirts.

Lynette also explained that the board would be building on the IT offerings that Skip and Vince set up by adding a file sharing system and looking for ways to build an interface between Constant Contact (our membership application) and our financial application.

SAFETY

Nancy Millard announced that WBV is offering a CPR/AED class on 2/22/25 at 10AM in the Lakes ballroom. It is being taught by the Peoria Fire Dept.

CHANGES TO THE CLUB WEBSITE

Lynette explained that the new board is making changes to the WBVPC website, particularly to the training page. Mike Pesile and Sara Ash will be added to Wayne Baxter's name. Contact info as well as a short description of the skill level focus group will be provided.

AMBASSADORS

Nancy Bagger announced that Jerry Davis will be helping her with the novice group including their transition from novice to intermediate play.

The new board intends to keep the ambassador program in place and build on it.

First meeting for 2025 will be Feb. 6th at 1pm in the FALC building.

PADDLE STACKING

Nancy explained that WBVPC is likely going to start using paddle stacking on all courts sometime this season. Laura Blauvelt stated that we need to remind club members that the stadium courts are reserved for open play of WV residents and non club members during the morning hours.

TEAM PICKLEBALL

Nancy reported that the Team PB program has had a successful start for its second season and that 2.5 and 4.0 groups have been added. She reminded the group that if a sub is needed for a team, the team captain should contact her and use one of the subs on her list. She also stated that volunteer scorekeepers are needed.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Laura Blauvelt will be stepping down as head of the Social committee. Michelle McGee will take her place. There will be 3 Social events this season:
Valentines Day Party at TOP on 2/16/25
Pickleball Palooza on 3/7/25
Jamboree in April.
Kelly Lodato and the Jamboree committee will be running the Valentine's Day party.
Volunteers are needed for the Social committee.

GEN 3 PICKLEBALL PADDLES

Phil Ash gave a talk about the difference between early generation pb paddles and the new GEN 3 paddles. He will be the point person for keeping us informed about paddle usage and any policies nationally about their use.

FENCE AROUND PICKLEBALL COURTS

Westbrook Village HOA Board of Directors announced that the construction of a fence around the PB courts could start as early as summer of 2025. Our club needs volunteers to be part of a user group that puts together a list of requirements or specifications and if possible, diagrams, to advise the board on issues like emergency gates, movement of players between and across courts, location of gates, traffic within the courts, parking issues, etc. Laura Blauvelt will head that group.

Marcy Reneau from the HOA Board explained that the next step in this process is for the project to go through the Landscape committee. She encouraged PB club members and players to attend the landscape committee and provide input. Bruce Garrison from the HOA Board will keep WBVPC informed on the project.

Minutes submitted by Karin Millner