

MEETING MINUTES OF
WESTFIELD PICKLEBALL, INC.
ON AUGUST 11, 2022 AT 6:30 P.M.
AT TAVERN RESTAURANT AND
VIA ZOOM

“PICKLEBALL FOR ALL”

Meeting held at Tavern Restaurant and by zoom and began at 6:35 p.m.

In attendance: Scott LaBombard, Dena Polverari, Marisa Castro, Chris Dorr, Joe Zazzaro, Melissa Moriarty, Betsy Graham and Lynn Barszcz. Not in attendance: Shannon Small, Dave Flaherty.

1. **Minutes** of July 11, 2022 **approved**.
2. **Treasury** report of July 14, 2022 as amended **approved**. Report of August 11, 2022 **approved**.
3. **Open Play**. Scott reported received comment/concern that no courts are open on league nights. He responded permits were received for those nights and that court 7 and temporary courts are always an option. Melissa expressed concern for new players being discouraged from joining in on Open Play. Melissa will make suggestions/recommendations on options to welcome newcomers.

League. Ladder league will run through 8/31/2022. Survey results, though not numerous, indicated preference for team league. League will begin on 9/5/2022, with Monday for women, Wednesday for men, and Friday for mixed. Subcommittee will work on preparing notice for league sign ups to go out next week. Women’s Monday night league did not have great interest. If low interest for this fall, perhaps changing the format to ladder league could be pursued. League fee will be \$15.00 per person/\$30.00 per team. Details for fall league will be forthcoming.

Discussion ensued regarding 2nd session of ladder league. As limited interest in 2nd session, tabled until next year.

4. **Equipment**.

- A. Bleacher. Tabled until September meeting.
- B. Shade tent. Tabled until September meeting.
- C. Information cards have been printed and in shed.
- D. AED. Melissa will propose ways to educate members. Suggested at league meeting that players be instructed on use.

5. **Annual Meeting on 10/3/2022.**

A. **Venue.** Shaker Farms Pavillion available and fee will be \$250.00. **Voted** to approve to reserve. Betsy will look into ordering pizza for event. B. C. & D Lynn and Chris will prepare Notice of Annual Meeting (to be posted by 9/1/22); Form to submit interest in board seats (to be submitted by 9/15/22); and Proxy form. E. Five board seats (two year term) will be open. Betsy Graham and Chris Dorr expressed an interest in continuing to serve. F. Voting will be available by Proxy or in person per Bylaws (confirmed by **Vote** of Board).

6. **Winter Venue.** Joe spoke with A.J. at Boys and Girls Club who expressed enthusiasm about winter program. Suggested meeting in September to discuss.

7. **Clinic.** Discussion regarding Yvonne's interest in running a clinic on 9/22/ 2022 (with a rain date of 9/23/2022). Betsy submitted Permit request to Park & Rec and will attend Monday, August 15, 2022 meeting for approval. Discussion involved logistics of payment and responsibility regarding clinic. Betsy and Scott will discuss details with Yvonne. Joe stated he is pursuing options for clinics in 2023.

8. **T Shirts.** Approx 8 shirts available and Marisa will make available for sale in the near future.

9. **Website.** Information on website will be reviewed and updated by deleting old information. Discussed adding board email address for use by members and adding link to join WPI. Joe will review and edit/confer with Dave.

10. **Pickleball Den.** Scott and Marisa will meet to reconcile member list of WPI/Den/USA Pickleball — to ensure communications going to all members of WPI.

Scott will inquire of Den regarding renewals of Den subscription. Concern that WPI membership be paid prior to automatic renewal of Den subscription.

11. **Suggestion box.** Suggestions will be reviewed at next meeting as box was not accessed prior to this meeting.

12. **Newsletter.** Third edition recently published. Great job done by Dena and acknowledged by all.

13. **Old Courts.** No updates. Decision on repairs/renovations in City's hands. Suggested to remove line item from future Agendas.

14. **Other business.** 10/10/2022 World Pickleball Day. Dena will work on setting up a Round Robin to acknowledge date.
Next monthly meeting on Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.