

Meeting Minutes of
Westfield Pickleball, Inc.
On January 24, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., via Zoom

"PICKLEBALL FOR ALL"

Meeting held by Zoom and began at 6:30 p.m.

In attendance: Scott LaBombard, Dave Flaherty, Dena Polverari, Bernie Puza, Kate Davidson, Melissa Moriarty, Betsy Graham, and Lynn Barszcz.

Not in attendance: Shannon Small, Marisa Castro, and Joe Zazzaro

1. **Minutes** of October 14, 2021 **approved**.
2. **Treasury.** Treasury's report submitted as of 1/24/2022 reflecting a balance of \$2,868.94. Funds from PayPal account not reflected in balance. Betsy Graham has not yet received reimbursement for items authorized for her to purchase. Treasury report **approved**.
4. **Record keeping** for Westfield Pickleball Inc. Confirmation as follows:
 - A. Marisa Castro and Melissa Moriarty are signatories on account.
 - B. Lynn Barszcz and Shannon Small have password and contact information for USA Pickleball.
 - C. Shannon Small and Bernie Puza have access to Facebook.
 - D. Dave Flaherty, Shannon Small and Joe Zazzaro are WPI website administrators.
 - E. Reconciliation of league members as WPI members to be completed.
 - F. Shannon Small and Scott LaBombard have access for email contacts on accounts for:
westfieldpickleball@gmail.com
 - G. Dave Flaherty and Marisa Castro have access to Paypal account.
5. **Secretary of State filings.** Dave Flaherty will share on line account access with Lynn Barszcz. Annual Report will be filed on or before due date of 3/15/2022.
6. **IRS filing.** Filing to be completed on or before due date of 3/15/2022 by either Marisa Castro or Shannon Small.
7. **Winter venue:** Joe Zazzaro submitted written report that daily play and Sunday play are going well. Joe Zazzaro purchased new indoor balls and Board **authorized** reimbursement. Asked that consideration be given to replacing one of the nets being used at the Boys & Girls Club either for remainder of this season or for beginning on next season.

Bernie Puza volunteered to assist in monitoring the number of players attending Sunday play for the remainder of the current six week session. Noted: One slot remains open. Subcommittee established: Joe Zazzaro, Bernie Puza, and Lynn Barszcz.
8. **Open Play.** Dave Flaherty will present our request for open play/league time to Park & Rec February 2022 meeting. Our request for days/times will be as previously requested.

Subcommittee established: Melissa Moriarty, Bernie Puza, Kate Davidson, Betsy Graham and Dena Polverari. This subcommittee will address Open Play as well as Challenge Court and possible clinics.

9. **League:** Subcommittee established: Dena Polverari, Bernie Puza, and Scott LaBombard.

10. **Software.** Scott LaBombard, Bernie Puza and Joe Zazzaro reviewed various pickleball software products for possible purchase and future use. Joe Zazzaro also updated Westfield Pickleball website with current information and payment/sign up for Boys & Girls Club.

11. **T-Shirts.** Marisa Castro recently posted on Team Reach the number and sizes of t-shirts available. Marisa Castro and Shannon Small will be asked to be the committee for t-shirts for 2022.

12. **Bylaws.** Bernie Puza has done research on Bylaws for pickleball organizations and will email to Board bylaws for review and consideration.

13. **Suggestion Box.** Joe Zazzaro relayed two suggestions made: 1. Have play switch sides after 6 points. Suggest that players decide before start of their game that they wish to make the switch after 6 points and 2. Reminder to return brooms, squeegees etc to shed. Dena Polverari will acknowledge suggestions made on either Team Reach or by email to all.

14. **Team Reach.** Discussion ensued about how Team Reach is used. New software could help with messaging, postings, etc. Also, using **Members2021@westfieldpickleball.org** would be the preferred way to send out messages to the pickleball community. Authorized senders are: Scott LaBombard, Dave Flaherty, Shannon Small, and Lynn Barszcz.

15. **Old Courts.** Discussion ensued about available of State funds for recreational/park funds. It is suggested that the Mayor of Westfield has final approval for how funds are used. Board discussed approaching Mayor about refurbishing Municipal Park to improve basketball courts, tennis courts, and multi use pickleball courts. Also, suggestion that lighting for tennis courts would allow evening play. Contact with Mayor Michael McCabe is recommended.

16. **Christmas Party.** Report by Scott LaBombard and Dena Polverari that party was a success. About 34 in attendance at East Mountain Country Club.

17. **Other business:** Confidentially discussed as it pertains to Board matters. Discussion regarding sensitivity in acknowledging life events of Westfield Pickleball members/posting on Team Reach.

18. **Next meeting.** Scott will circulate calendar for available dates for next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.