

MEETING MINUTES OF
WESTFIELD PICKLEBALL, INC.
ON JUNE 9, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. via zoom

“PICKLEBALL FOR ALL”

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

In attendance: Dena Polverari, Dave Flaherty, Joe Zazzaro, Shannon Small, Marisa Castro, Melissa Moriarty, Betsy Graham and Lynn Barszcz. Betsy Graham had technical difficulties and connection was lost. Melissa Moriarty left meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Not in attendance: Scott LaBombard.

1. Minutes of May 12, 2022 **approved**.
2. Treasury. Treasurer report submitted and **approved**. Lynn Barszcz requested that all expenses incurred prior to June 30th be paid no later than June 30 2022, the end of WPI fiscal year. Treasurer submitted a Profit and Loss Statement for review by Board.
3. Board.
 - A. Chris Dorr submitted interest in serving the remainder of one of the vacant seats (one year term). Board **voted** to welcome Chris to the Board.
 - B. Shannon Small nominated Dena Polverari as Vice President. Board unanimously **Voted** to accept Dena as Vice President.
4. Open play/league/clinics. Dave offered to print business cards with information for Team Reach, WPI software, etc., to distribute to interested people in pickleball. Lynn offered to put information together for Dave.
 - A. Open Play. Appears to be running well.
 - B. League. Appears to run well. Subcommittee, Dena, Scott, and Marisa will contact the league players who are not signed up as WPI members. Subcommittee is working on options for the summer, i.e, possibility of round robins/ladder leagues. Subcommittee will proffer ideas with expectation of starting on or about July 11, 2022. With respect to fall league, discussion ensued regarding structure of matches being played on night assigned, substitutions, etc. Subcommittee will offer suggestions prior to beginning of fall league sign ups.
 - C. Clinics. Dave suggested we talk with Lucas Castro about meeting with the people in his clinics the last week or two of his clinic to introduce them to WPI open play.
5. Software. Discussion ensued about need for software and present issues involving signing up and processing payment. Dave Flaherty stated all WPI members would be included as a Pickleball Den member and would not result in an increase of WPI yearly dues which is

presently \$10.00 (plus a pay pal fee of .61 cents). Dena stated she and Scott would volunteer to be the administrators of Pickleball Den. Shannon offered her assistance as well.

Dave made **Motion** to accept Pickleball Den as WPI software and **Voted**, by majority, with the following caveats:

- A. WPI membership would not increase as a result of cost of software, and
 - B. Software approved for one (1) year only;
 - C. Software expected to be available for use by July 1, 2022;
 - D. Any 2023 membership paid on WPI website will be transferred to Pickleball Den software.
6. Equipment.
- A. Dena made a Motion to approve purchase of medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each division. **Vote** to approve purchase, not to exceed \$100.00. Fees paid for league will cover this expense.
 - B. Bleachers. Dena is researching possible replacement for bleachers which are in poor condition.
 - C. AED machine. Melissa pursuing ways to educate players on use of AED machine. Suggestions made by several board members that perhaps a Saturday morning, prior to open play, would be a good time to hold a session(s).
7. Dues. Dave offered to send out communication regarding dues renewals as of July 1, 2022 via email, WPI website, Team Reach. Also, Newsletter will also include reminder and suggested Newsletter comment "watch for new software" coming for WPI.
8. T-Shirts. Subcommittee has form ready and will preview t-shirt soon. Subcommittee will make recommendations on ordering/payment for t-shirts.
9. Bylaws. With regard to Vote taken at 4/14/2022 that monthly meeting be held on 2nd Thursday of each month and concern that vote needed to be confirmed by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of Board, it was recommended that this item be tabled until July 14, 2022 meeting.
10. Suggestion Box. No suggestions in box.
11. Newsletter. Dena prepared the 2nd edition and asked Board to proof read prior to release.
12. Old Courts. No updates known.
13. Clinic held in Pittsfield. Joe reported his opinion is it was huge success and thought Westfield hosting a clinic would be worthwhile. Recommendation that scheduling one in the Fall would be beneficial as indoors might be available in case of poor weather.
14. Other business. No other new business.
15. Next meeting. Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 6:30 pm. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 at p.m.

