

**General Membership Meeting Minutes
Westbrook Village Pickleball Club
December 15, 2020**

Present: Steve Merkovich (President)
Bill Barbuto (Vice President)
Jerry Davis (Treasurer)

Absent: Joan Bodiya (Secretary)

Pickleball Members: 19 Members present

Meeting Call to Order / Quorum Validation

Steve Merkovich, President, called the meeting to order at 1302

Club Meetings and Board Members

- The Board will continue having meetings at the pickleball courts where social distancing can be maintained until further notice.
- Due to no volunteers for the position of President, Bill Barbuto, Vice President, will read a message from member Liz Lage who was unable to attend today.
 - The membership of the Pickleball Club has been notified that the positions of President and Secretary were open to accept volunteers for the next term. We have a volunteer for the Secretary position but no one has volunteered for the position of President and the Vice president has declined the offer to move up, therefore, I, Liz Lage, would like to nominate Steve Merkovich to serve a second term as President of the WBV Pickleball Club. Steve, will you accept the nomination to have your name placed on the ballot?
 - Mike Bennet seconded
 - Steve Merkovich accepted the position of President for the 2021-2022 term.
- Rhonda Whitaker has volunteered to fill the position of Secretary for the 2021-2022 term.

Treasurer Report

- Club account balance - \$16,874.07
- A proposed budget is being reviewed by the board for 2021.

Unfinished Business

- Center Courts – As discussed in October, the proposed renovations for center courts are still working its way through the HOA committee approval process. There is an operating budget item of \$100,000 in the HOA 2021 proposed budget.

New business

- Donations -
 - The Ken Macumber memorial bench, donated by Maria Macumber, has been installed at the west courts.

- Paddles were donated from the Tim Bommer Estate. They will be used as loaners and can be borrowed from both the Vista's front reception desk and the east courts storage box.
- Board members have new Franklin pickleballs to give club members upon request.
- Member dues – Members have asked why should dues be paid for 2021 when there are no activities being held. The club still has expenses (ie pickleballs, disinfectant, masks, windsocks, etc.) The \$25.00 Membership Dues must be paid with a personal check and made out to WBV Pickleball Club. Currently 100 members have paid their 2021 membership dues.
- Club Waiver - Club members will also need to sign a waiver again this year. The waiver can be printed off the club website or can be signed at the Vistas Rec Center front desk.
- Shirt sales - Marcia Dalton reported that she has sold 750 shirts in 4 years. The sale of each shirt brings a small profit. approximately \$2 per shirt, to the club.
- Steve Merkovich announced he will be running for a position on the Westbrook Village HOA Board. He asks for support from club members.
- Masks at the courts - Steve Merkovich noted that the Westbrook Village HOA has made wearing a mask while in the gym mandatory. He would like he to remind members that masks are provided at the courts along with other Covid precautionary measures such as:
 - Chairs placed 6' apart
 - Providing sanitizer for pickleballs, chairs and gates (Mary Kinson confirmed that the sanitizer being provided kills Covid-19. You do not need to wipe down, just spray and let dry.)
 - Designated exits at west courts when a group enters on ramp gates.
 - Providing masks and asking that they be worn when not playing.

The Board is not mandating wearing masks when not playing but strongly recommends it. We have players that have asked for special times be posted when mask only players are allowed to play as unmasked players make them feel compromised. Steve noted that he has spoken with one other club where one member played while infectious and 29 people were then infected. Should a club member contract Covid they should contact Steve Merkovich before returning to the courts.

Committee Reports

Community Affairs - Lois reported that over \$7,000 was collected for the Westbrook Village HOA Turkey Drive. An amazing \$4,185 of that was collected by the Westbrook Village pickleball Club. Currently the Social Committee is not meeting but the group has virtually discussed possible ideas for the spring such as a kids drive.

Social – No report

Tournament - No report

Publicity - Chuck Morse continues to maintain both the Ken Macumber bulletin board and articles for Living Magazine. Chuck is asking for volunteers to help with the bulletin board.

Training - There are currently no plans for training at this time due to Covid. Will discuss again in the spring.

From Club Members

Bob Schulz - The beginners group would like to expand their times on the east courts Monday through Friday 8:30 to 10:30 am. Steve Merkovich will have this added to the current calendar. Also, he would like to see the donated paddles and balls used to grow the pickleball club. Steve Mercovich asked Bill Barbuto to work with Chuck Morse on an article for the WBV Magazine.

Chuck Quigg - Has there been discussion as to when members who are outside residents can come back to play? The last conversation Steve Merkoviich is aware of with Mike Green and Jerry Johnson, HOA board members, outside residence can return in Phase 4. We are currently in Phase 2 and there has even been discussion of returning to Phase 1 because of the increasing Covid cases in the state. Steve will put together however a proposal to the Westbrook Village HOA Board.

Mike Bennett - After six and a half years as a volunteer on the Rec Committee and is retiring. If interested, you can choose to represent all sports in Westbrook Village. Basically, you are the liaison between club members and the committee which holds their meetings on the second Tuesday at 8:30 am.

Lois Kumerow - Requests board consider making club members honorary members when they reach the age of 90 and the club fund their annual dues. This was something that was done for Ernie Haynes by a group of club members who are also planning to do it for Liz Lage who turned 90 today. Per Steve Mercovich this will be added to the next board meeting agenda.

Next General Membership meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 1300.

Meeting concluded at 1342.

Minutes submitted by Rhonda Whitaker, 12/23/2020

Approved at General Membership Meeting 1/14/2021 - RSW