

**Wickenburg Ranch Pickleball Club
First Annual Membership Meeting
April 20, 2024
Stadium Courts. 12 Noon**

After gathering for a light lunch, the meeting was started at 12:20p, by Tim McCann, President. Tim announced that this Club Membership meeting is #1 of 2 meetings required by the by-laws of the Club. Fall Club Membership meeting is scheduled for Saturday, December 8th, in the Event Hall with dinner and dancing.

Tim announced that the audience will hear from each Board Member on different topics; he thanked the Planning Committee for today's meeting led by Pat Ellison. Others from the Board and others also helped with the lunch set-up. Special thanks to Lisa Carlon and Gene for picking up and delivering the food.

Tim was then joined by Mike Gallenberger, Vice President, and together they reviewed Club demographics:

- 373 Paid Members of WRPBC
- 40% of the Club, consider themselves, "new" or "beginners"
- 46% of the Club consider themselves "intermediate" players

That totals 86% of the Club in the new/intermediate skill level (self-rated)

Recap of the 2024 Club Tournament:

Tim was the Tournament Director

182 Registrants, 167 Participants,

Weather was fantastic

Thank you to Lead Lynn Goulder and her team who organized and manned the Raffle Booth raised \$3600 for the Club;

Scott Wilson and Mike G worked on sponsorships, and income, cash, and in-kind donations totaled \$20,200!

Appreciation was shown to the 99 Volunteers with Tournament After Party at the Watering Hole on Tuesday April 16th. Thanks to Eric Bendfelt, who organized; it was a BIG success!

2025 Club Tournament:

Dates are set for next year's tournament; next time on a weekend, March 28,29,30. Board will be seeking a big corporate sponsor.

Club Financials:

Lisa Carlon (Club Treasurer) stated Club's income comes from membership dues and Tournaments; as of today, \$38K in income, \$17k in expenses, so net income about \$21K. Right now the Club has \$49K in the bank. Question from Audience about specific donations back to the Wickenburg Community.....has it been decided? Lisa stated the Board will be looking at that in the coming months; will keep Membership posted.

Facilities/Maintenance/Safety

Steve West, Director, talked about the court resurfacing and how nice it is.

Steve talked about clearing an area by Court #1 and putting in a new storage cabinet to store PB court equipment.

Also talked about the success of the first CPR/AED/First Aid Class held before the Tournament; 2nd class is full and will be held April 23rd; will continue to hold classes as long as there is interest. Thanks for the Battalion Chief, Tony C from the Wickenburg Fire Department for facilitating....

Steve called out special thanks for Jeff Willer for constructing the court separators on the lower courts; round of applause for Jeff.

If anyone has questions about or sees safety or maintenance issues, please contact Steve.

Wickenburg Ranch Pickleball Club Logo Design Challenge:

Laurie Hansen (Club Secretary) spoke about the upcoming WRPBC Logo “refresh”; it will be a contest over the summer; open to all WR residents and associated friends/family. Deadline for submissions will be Sept 1, and must be submitted in .Jpeg or .PNG format. There will be cash prizes! Details/guidelines about the contest will be posted in the next couple weeks on WRPBC.com, LivePickleball, WR Next Door App, and in the WR Weekly Roundup. Let’s see some creativity for our ever-expanding Club! 😊

Club Bylaws, Standard Operating Procedures, and Code of Conduct:

Pat Ellison, Director, said all of the above documents have been reviewed, updated and posted to WRPBC.com for review by Membership. Questions can be directed to Pat. Code of Conduct is posted in 2 places at the courts. Code of Conduct violations can be reported to any Board member.

Future Events:

Lesli Link, Director at Large, spoke about what’s ahead for the Club:

Inter-Club Round Robin with the pickleball group from Sunset Park (24 players vs 24 players)

Battle of the Ages Round Robin with kids in the Fall

Club Tournament for 2.0-2.5 members planned for the Fall; seasoned members could serve as referees

Big Club Championship (all other skills levels) planned for December 2024

Members encouraged to keep an eye on LivePickleball for Round Robin time changes, training/drills, notices about ball changes for cooler weather, and all other events, etc., Logo design details, etc.

Questions from General Membership:

Q: What is the status of the ERNE (ball machine)

A: Lesli stated that ball machine is due to be delivered mid-May; working on how training, and scheduling of machine will work; stay tuned for details.

Q: What can membership do to help BOD advocate for more pickleball courts?

A: Tim responded that the BOD has tried more than once, and Corby Foster WR General Manager states, that for the time being, the answer is “no”. Corporate at Troon are the final decision makers.

Q: When will lower courts be resurfaced?

A: Courts are to be resurfaced every 5 years, so should be coming up for resurfacing in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50p.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Hansen, WRPBC Secretary