

WRPBC First Annual General Meeting Minutes
Friday, April 21, 2023
12:00pm – Stadium Courts

Call To Order: Greg Marugg, President

Approval of Minutes – Meeting Agenda's and minutes will be approved by the board members, prior to release.

1. Opening Statement – Greg Marugg, President

Welcome to all of our PB Member's. We are proud to say that our club has grown from 241 to 300 as of recently, welcome to all new members. **Activities**; we are growing so fast, one morning we had 140 players show up to play on (6) courts. That is hard to fit in, our goal is to have more activities in the afternoon, structured play, encouraging groups to set up their own play, and I know that they have been doing this, which has been less crowded in the mornings, and very helpful. Our most popular event last year was the structured events, that Dean and Kelly arranged, now we have (5) structured events, and are currently filling up (8) courts. These (8) courts that we are filling up in the morning and moving them to afternoon, structured play.

Next big struggle is now we are in the **summer**, on Tuesdays, Thursday's, Saturday's and Sunday's, we really need to utilize all (12) courts, this is what we are trying to do, so that we can get everyone playing. I want to thank, Pickle Dudes, and Pickle Doll's, Sandy and Jimmy, great job! Our inter-club play, was a huge success, set up by Tim, we had about (60) player's and everyone loved it! We will try and arrange for inter-club play in the future. We really enjoyed our Professional's that Becky Wheeler into the Ranch. The Newman's came, December 15th. This was a great clinic. Then Mike McMann set up for the "Badger" to come to the Ranch, and give a clinic, another great success and good turnout. Diane, has said that she will be bringing in her super high level kids again, which was a wonderful experience. Great, kids! Julie and I will be leaving soon to go to our home in Wyoming. When we return in the fall, I would really like to get the "Hall of Fame", Steve Wong clinic to the Ranch. Battle of the Ages will be coming back again. Tim has mentioned that we have another inter-club play coming in March of 2024.

It is difficult to get another club to come up and play, as the clubs are asking; "How many 4.0's and 3.5's do you have? These club's want it to be at the same competitive level. I also want to thank Nancy Miller, who has volunteered her services to complete our taxes every year, which will save the PB Club a lot of money, Thank you, Nancy! I would now like to share with you what we currently have in our **bank account**; is \$50,000.00, and we need to spend some of it, which is great. We did spend \$435.00 on new paddle rack's, that Mike Gallenburger built, and came up with the idea and concept. Per Tim, if we were to buy them on the market, these would have cost \$1,700.00.

We spoke to Steve West, and he does have the ball machine up and running, but we could buy another one, as we would put up for a member vote. I would really want to get rebounder's, we can attach to the courts, and work on fast hands, I think the rebounders are around \$500.00, which are the good ones. Member brought up a concern on the maintenance, and storage of both the ball machine and the rebounder. Per Greg, ideally, we should be able to attach the rebounders to the Stadium Court walls as this will be permanent. Any equipment, etc., that the Member's feel that they want, or we need for the club, we can entertain those suggestions.

Thank you to Brian and Diane Ward, for putting up the windsock, which is a great addition to our courts. Jeff and Dory had purchased a new American Flag, big thank to your both! I want to thank everyone, as I had asked for donations to the Christian Academy, this was a great success. We will also invite the kids from the Christian Academy to play at the Ranch. Scott Wilson is working on our website, one of the goals that I set in January, is to get rid of all social media, I just don't care for it. Everything is posted on our website. Julie has updated the website and made it easier to join. Member had asked a question, of what Greg's thought process was in getting rid of social media, and Greg answered, "I just don't like it; and it is easier to maintain". Julie had to maintain, face book, next door, etc., and it was too much. Everything as a club is on the website. If someone wins a medal, they can post it to social media on their own.

Court conversion: We are right back where we were, Tim and I will be meeting with Corby next week, and we are going to try and get it done again. Corby stated that he couldn't get the contractor to come up here, and we are just going to maintain the way it is currently. Now, we do have a few options that will be discussed later, and I will present them to the members once it has been discussed. We are in a better spot

than we were, I do have a few things that I am thinking about. A Member has asked if Corby is still opposed to giving us this Stadium Court permanently?

Greg replied, yes, he is, Tim and I have spoken to Corby about that, and the outcome was that we have (12) courts on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday; but the truth is, we have (12) courts if the Tennis club is not using them, Tennis bumps PB on those days. This topic will be discussed further.

The question was directed at the members if they liked the Newsletter, it is a lot of work for Julie, and if we are not really reading and/or enjoying it, we will discontinue.

Member's posting to website if there is anything of importance, and/or post it quarterly to the website. I will now introduce Tim, but before that, I really do not want to get into court management at this time.

Survey Results from 2023 Member Survey: Tim McCann/Vice President

Introduce the Board that is currently present, and is volunteering their time, thank you.

We will possibly increase the board members to 7 instead of 5. We will continue to discuss the results, and we will have questions and answers, I may also ask the members to come up with a resolution to any concerns that they have.

Sent out a Survey, here are the questions, as well as the results:

1. Should we continue to use dry erase boards for any special events?

89 Yes

29 No

What about the Sandwich boards that we currently have? Member response, we like the way in which it is being used now. Showing all current event's, messages and keeping the Member's updated. If you have a special event, please feel free to use the dry erase boards attached to each court, name the event and your reserved time.

2. Do we need explanations of UTPR, WPR, DUPR, etc, to fully understand the pickleball rating system?

86 Yes

36 No

I am not very well versed on these ratings, and I would like to ask at this time, Member from New York, the DUPR ratings are very popular, they hosted special games to get everyone rated, and you can play with your same competitive rating and ability. You do not have to be a 4.0 to be rated,

anyone can be rated regardless of your competitive standing.

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Tim had asked Becky Wheeler for some insight on the rating system and how it works. Becky replied, "I will break this down into UTPR and WPR and then I will go into DUPR". If you play in Tournaments, whether they are Sanctioned or Non-Sanctioned, the difference is Sanctioned has referees and non-Sanctioned do not have referees. This weekend, as an example, members are playing in the Wickenburg Pig Chase Tournament, at Sunset Park, which is non-Sanctioned, and does not have referees, also have lower costs. Non-Sanctioned Tournaments can help you WPR-World Pickleball Rating. When you ask yourself, what rating am I, a 2.5, a 3.0 etc, how do I know that? Tournaments are the biggest way to find out when we talk about UTPR and WPR. You can play any rating you want to, upward, but you can't play a rating down. So, if I'm rated 3.5 in my UTPR, I can play 3.5 and higher, but I cannot play 3.0. If I partnered with a person that was 64, and I was 50 years old, the 64-year-old would have to play in the 50-year-old age bracket, I cannot play in the 64-year-old age bracket, you play up in rating and down in age. If you win in a Tournament your rating will go up, and if you lose your rating will go down. If you become a Pickleball Tournament member, you can log in and see these numbers. DUPR, (Dynamic Universal Pickleball Rating), it has been out for approximately (1) year. The DUPR has your doubles rating and your singles rating. If someone is playing a 4.5 mixed doubles team, and 3.5 as a women's doubles team that is a possibility when in Tournaments. The mixed rating can be higher than their doubles rating. DUPR is one number. Any Tournament that you play in DUPR being sanctioned or non-sanctioned you can create a DUPR score. What is good about these scores is you play with similar skillsets. DUPR is updated every Tuesday.

3. Which type of club activity do you use the most?

- 66 Morning Member play
- 36 Round Robin
- 20 Other
- 2 Clinics

4. What should be done with the current schedule of Round Robin Play?

80 Keep frequency

20 Increase frequency

18 Decrease frequency

Thank you to Jim and Steve for keeping these programs running.

5. Are you in favor of the club providing winter balls (OSO the Fury) to reduce ball breakage and keep costs within budget?

87 Yes

32 No

We are currently researching other Pickleballs for our court play.

6. In 2022, membership voted to have 3 separate paddle racks for Advanced, Intermediate and Beginners. Are you in favor of changing to one single paddle rack for all courts 1-6 during Morning member play?

87 No

35 Yes

We will maintain our paddle racks 1-6. Please do not move the paddle racks. Member suggested that we build another paddle rack. Tim asks for questions and/or concerns we will ask Mike to build another rack to accommodate 3 and 4. Enjoy ourselves, have fun!!

Other Business: Per Tim, there was a comment sent to him, pertaining to the Round Robins. I think there are great Round Robins for most people, some for Beginners, and many for Intermediate, and none for the Advanced. Need more events for Advanced players. Greg also replies, he has created an event for the 3.5+ actual Tournament rated players. Mike McMann did a great job running advanced events. This is where the ratings are important.

Tim – speaking about the Stadium Courts, Tim and Greg are diligently working on proving to Corby that we do utilize these courts. Also, we have to please put these nets away on the Stadium Courts after use, and make sure and use the pads or we will be damaging our Stadium Courts.

Tournament incident, we are working with Steve West, and receiving approval for us to be trained by Wickenburg Paramedics and Fire Department, training on basic CPR, and how to use the AED. This is in the works, and we will notify you when this training begins.

Adjournment.

