



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes June 5, 2022

- The Board of Directors met on June 5, 2022.
- The meeting was held in person at Meadow Park in Springfield, in conjunction with the Club's Annual Meeting.
- The meeting was called by the Board of Directors.
- The notice for the meeting was given more than seven days in advance in writing.
- The directors present for the meeting were Eric Wold (President), Roger Schaljo (Vice President), Kat Beal (Secretary), Bob Block, Whit Hemphill, Chris Payne, Maureen McCauley (elected as Treasurer at this meeting), and Ann Larivee.
- Jeff Seldon was not present.
- A Quorum was present because there are currently 9 directors on the Board and 8 of them were present at this meeting.

1. Welcome and Overview of the Annual Meeting

2. Icebreaker

3. Introduction of Club's Board Members

Eric introduced the nine current Board members (as of the election that was completed on June 4, 2022) and thanked outgoing directors Sally Ruxton and Bill Kunerth for their years of service to the board and club.

4. Election of Club's Officers

Election for Board member positions were held on-line via Election Buddy. The election was open for approximately 3 weeks and closed on June 4, 2022. This online election worked very well and resulted in many more votes than are typically cast for these positions, since in previous years members had to be present at the Annual Meeting to vote. Six of the nine positions were on the ballot this year, and the election resulted in two new members (Anne Larivee and Maureen McCauley) and re-election of four board members (Roger, Kat, Bob, and Jeff).

The Board then voted to elect its 3 open officer positions as a slate (please note that Eric Wold is in the middle of his term as President). The following motion was made by Eric and seconded by Bob, and unanimously passed (9-0). Please note that Jeff Seldon voted for the slate of candidates in absentia via an email on June 4.

RESOLVED that Roger Schaljo be re-elected as Vice President, Kat Beal be re-elected as Secretary, and Maureen McCauley be elected as Treasurer.

5. Reflecting on past year, excitement for new year

Eric reported that we are likely the second largest club in Oregon, behind Bend, and we now have close to 550 members, from our start as a small club in 2016 with 45 members.

We will be producing the ever-popular free beginner clinics for new players again this year in July and August, and our tournament in August is filling rapidly, with 3.5 mixed doubles already full.

The club's growth has resulted in challenges and opportunities - the Board has created 8 committees to work on the various aspects of club business with positive results.

The club's Board has responded to member's desires for more courts and better court maintenance by working toward the goals of 1) constructing new courts, 2) maintaining existing courts, and 3) finding new places to play.

As a result, we have established a fundraising entity (the Emerald Valley Pickleball Foundation) that will work toward creation of a regional pickleball facility that will have 24 courts, lots of parking, no nearby residents and eventually flush toilets (!). We are days away from finalizing an agreement with the landowner where this facility will be built.

The club is meeting consistently with local government personnel and elected officials to promote not only the development and funding of a regional pickleball facility, but also to establish routine maintenance and resurfacing of courts that are currently in use, and creating new courts or repurposing unused tennis courts at various locations throughout the area.

Club members have played an important role in communicating with city, county, and regional partners by coming out in force to provide comments and feedback to Willamalane and Lane County Parks during recent public meetings. These meetings were important and our strong presence at these meetings made an impact and appears likely to result in future funding for courts and/or resurfacing.

Specifically, if a Lane County Parks levy is put on the ballot this fall and passes, it may include funding for use in construction of a new regional pickleball facility.

6. Questions and Answers/Suggestions for the Club

Eric opened the meeting for questions and suggestions from club members.

Q. Has the Board coordinated with Travel Lane County?

A. Yes. They have even sponsored some activities.

Q. Will the club post rules and guidelines for court etiquette at Westmoreland and Meadow Courts ?

A. The club has established an etiquette committee to develop appropriate guidelines for play at these popular courts. We provided the City of Eugene language some time ago, they will hopefully post something soon. Westmoreland and Meadow Park courts don't belong to the club, and not all players at these courts are members. We rely on folks to collaborate to get everyone playing time, and think this works most of the time.

Q. What is the timeline for a regional facility?

A. The earliest construction could begin is two years, June 1, 2024. In the meantime, we will raise funds and work on planning and design.

Q. Would Willamalane accept private donations to support resurfacing of courts at Meadow Park?

A. We think Willamalane has the ability and the responsibility to maintain the courts and would suggest that private funds be directed at other fundraising efforts like construction of a regional facility.

Q. What about the potential of converting tennis courts at Springfield High?

A. High school courts can be problematic because many of our schools have tennis teams and the courts have to be in shape and meet certain criteria for competitions.

Q. Would Willamalane accept private donations for construction of benches on the north side of the courts at Meadow Park?

A. Yes, we believe they have a program that could be used for this.

Q. Could there ever be lighting at Meadow Park courts to facilitate night play?

A. We don't think so. The park is a neighborhood park and lighting isn't promoted at parks like this.

Q. What's up with the proposed courts at Striker Field (in northeast Eugene)?

A. Two pickleball courts are in the Master Plan for the park. However, due to the high construction costs this summer, City parks staff had previously communicated to the public and Club that the courts would not be included in the Phase 1 construction, which just started. However, the City more recently changed direction and found the additional funding to construct the pickleball courts in Phase 1. The courts should be ready by the end of the summer.

Suggestion. Cameras that could accessed remotely would allow people to see how many people were playing would be a nice addition to the courts.

Q. How about using tape and portable nets to create temporary courts?

A. The club's Board is working with the city to create courts at Sladden Park and Washington Park in Eugene. The Board has created a page on the club's website to report the status of these and other efforts and to solicit input and ideas from members. If you have a suggestion for a new place to play, please let us know through this page.

Q. Will we be able to host large tournaments at the new facility?

A. Yes! We envision hosting regional tournaments at the new facility. In order to do this, we will need to begin training referees, an important component for hosting. The Club will begin an effort to train club members as referees.

Q. Will the club develop a communication package for potential funders of the new proposed facility?

A. Yes and we need everyone to help get the word out and to support the Lane County Parks levy if it appears on the ballot.

Q. Will there be T-Shirts this year?

A. Yes. We had hoped to have them for the annual meeting but supply chain issues are slowing things down. We will have them soon and will get the word out when they become available.

Next Meeting: TBD

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Signature of Secretary: *Kat Beal*

Date: June 14, 2022