BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time: September 18, 2026 from 1:30-3:30 PM at the Newbury Park Library Meeting Room

Call to Order: Allan Linderman

Roll Call:

- 2026 Board Members: Allan Linderman – President, Dave Dolnick – First VP, Ken Ferell – Second VP, Gari Ann Douglass – Treasurer, Kathi Byington - Secretary
- Members at large: Jennifer Clark, Wendy James, Terry Koplan, Carole Linderman, Marilyn Passanante, Mark Radocay, Valerie Radocay, and Cindy Wolfe (by phone)

Minutes approved from last meeting: Approved

Finances: This financial report was made during the executive board session with no issues shared.

Membership: VCPC currently has 390 members.

Clinics:

- Marilyn shared the signups so far for the upcoming Roger Lim Live Ball Free Clinic on October 3rd and 4th:
    - Saturday, October 3rd:
        - 2.75 – 8 sign ups
        - 3.0 – 12 sign ups
    - Sunday, October 4th:
        - 2.75 – 5 sign ups
        - 3.0 – 18 sign ups
- Marilyn made some suggestions regarding future clinic sign-ups:
    - Since the majority of VCPC's membership tends to self-rate between 3.0-3.5, she suggested that the next clinic offer more spots for 3.0-3.5 players to sign up; for example, offer only one clinic for 2.75-3.0 players and three clinics for 3.0-3.5 players.
    - If there are multiple, consecutive days for clinics, find a way to allow only one sign up per player.
    - Find a way to make the sign-up process and waiver signing more streamline. As it is now, there are 4 sites that Marilyn has to check to make sure that the person is a member (to take advantage of the free clinic) before she can actually do the lottery for the clinic.
        - The cumbersome process can stand in the way of getting more people to volunteer.
        - Gari Ann will check in with her daughter-in-law who is the Department Head of Business at Moorpark College to see if there is a student who has comprehensive knowledge of the IS system and/or support to help us streamline our system.
- Allan has the clinic survey ready so that it can be sent to the participants immediately after the clinic with Roger is complete.

Ladders:

- Terry Koplan will be our new Wednesday Ladder League facilitator. He is working with Sheri and Dave to learn about the spreadsheet set-up as well as the logistics behind organizing the ladder league.
- Allan and Dave will be present at the first Wednesday Ladder League day on October 14th to support Terry in any way needed.
- DUPR ratings and tying in Swish to communicate with DUPR ratings was discussed with it being decided not to include DUPR ratings being tied to the Ladder League game results.

Monster Smash Tournament:

- The Monster Smash will be on October 24th and 25th.
- Adam Gilbert will be our tournament director again with Wendy James joining the Swish Team.
- Swish is all ready for member sign-ups beginning on Monday, September 21st and for non-members on Friday, September 25th.
- The 2.5 Scramble plus youth division, Mixed Doubles, and Men's Singles will be on Saturday with the Men's and Women's Doubles on Sunday.
- No discount will be given to PAC members.
- Designated photographers to specifically take group photos and podium shots are needed.
    - Valerie suggested that a sign for each division accompany the podium photos so that it is easier to caption the photos on the website after the tournament.
- Valerie will need medal counts to order them by October 10th.
- We may sell previous Monster Smash merchandise at the event.

Committees:

- Social - 2026 Holiday Party
    - Carole confirmed that the Holiday Party will take place on Sunday, November 15, 2026, 6:00 PM-8:30 PM with the Mediterranean-based meal catered by Chef Dave
    - The buffet will cost $30 per person with VCPC subsidizing for the approximately 50 people.
        - Since approximately 50 people have attended the Holiday Party each year (we hope there will be much more in 2026) historically, the cost to the club has been $500. By offering dinner costing members $20 (plus the processing fee) with VCPC's subsidizing the balance, VCPC will be responsible for at least $1000 ($500 more than previously) or as much as $1450 (if no one orders a drink).
    - Drinks cost will be extra.
    - There will be no gift exchange.
    - Carole will check into getting a sheet cake with the VCPC logo on it for dessert.
    - Sunland Vintage Winery can give us access to play background music during our event.
- Nominating Committee
    - Allan asked for volunteers to create a nominating committee for the 2026-2027 Board Elections.
- Merchandise
    - Cindy shared by phone her ideas for VCPC merchandise.

- Since she did not have good success contacting our previous supplier, she has reached out to get estimates from 2-3 other companies.
- Some ideas for what to sell:
  - A sport tek shirt
  - Women's high neck and a razor back shirt
  - Men's long sleeved shirt
  - Cooling towel
  - Drying towel
  - First aid pouch with our logo

- Grants
  - Kathi shared that the City of Thousand Oaks Community Sports Grant opened on August 31, 2026, and will close on Thursday, October 1, 2026.
    - Minimum grant request is a $2000 matching grant (the City of Thousand Oaks provides $2000, and we match with $2000).
  - Allan shared the idea of purchasing a ball machine plus accessories (like ball hoppers, outdoor pickleballs, portable targets, cones, and court markers, ball machine/ball storage and transport cart, etc.).
    - Once purchased, training sessions would be scheduled for members to learn how to use the ball machine.
      - VCPC would offer these trainings multiple times and would at a later date consider whether trained members could check out the ball machine for use.
  - Kathi will begin research for the grant and submit a rough draft to the board for review before submitting the grant application to the city by October 1st.

CRPD Tournament Contract:

- VCPC is still waiting for a response from CRPD about the changes we would like seen in our contract with them.
- As of right now, VCPC will be asking for a maximum of 4 tournaments and 4 clinics to be held on the Rancho Conejo Courts.

Other Items:

- Port Hueneme – Allan and Dave visited to see how we could possibly help the military base with the repair/upgrade of their pickleball courts. This will be an ongoing conversation with the possibility of our May 2027 Spring Fling Tournament being a fundraiser for this project.
- Allan shared that Gus Gougas, one of the District 2 City Council candidates, asked for VCPC's support of him in the upcoming election.
  - Allan let him know that VCPC cannot support one candidate but could hold a forum to hear from all candidates running.
  - However, due to the short notice (with the election only 6 weeks away), the board decided that this was not something we could organize in a timely and successful manner.

Next meeting: Friday, 10/9/2026, 1:30-3:30 at the Newbury Park Library Meeting Room.
Meeting adjourned at 3:31 PM