



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time: August 7, 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 Ferrell – Second VP, Gari Ann Douglass – Treasurer, Kathi Byington - Secretary
- **Members at large:** Jennifer Clark, Dawn Foley, Sheri Leiken, Kathrin Nolan, Marilyn Passanante, Lou Patalano, and Cindy Wolfe

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 361 members.

Review of Summer Slam:

- The Pickleball Athletic Club (PAC) as a venue proved to:
 - Have an easier set-up and day-of-registration management.
 - Fewer volunteers were needed.
 - Sponsors were happy with the publicity they received and were not as focused on selling merchandise (though any sales made were appreciated).
 - Note: PAC will let 805 Pickleball Shop sell shoes next time as a vendor.
 - Patron's (street taco vendor) left before the last bracket on Sunday finished. The Patron's owner apologized and wanted to gift the cost of the entire food purchased on Sunday. VCPC decided to still pay Patron's for the food purchased but did refund all participants (players and volunteers) \$12 since they were not able to use their food coupon.
- Summer Slam Survey Reviewed
 - A majority of participants who responded to the Summer Slam Survey were satisfied with the event held at the PAC venue.
 - Only 43% of the participants used their food coupon, but this could be due to the error on Patron's part for the Sunday afternoon bracket or the time frame of the brackets being from 12 PM-9 PM on Saturday and 12 PM-6PM on Sunday, rather than the 8 AM-6 PM time frame of the tournaments held at Rancho Conejo.
 - Suggestions included:
 - Invest in a VCPC backdrop for the medals podium.
 - Add a t-shirt as part of the registration.
 - It was noted that this would raise the cost of registration which was already at \$75 per person.
 - Keep a live performer for the singing of the National Anthem.

- Add a playoff approach to the tournament.
- PAC as a Future Tournament Venue
 - PAC is a viable option as very cooperative with VCPC's needs during the planning and management of the tournament.
 - Will work to get VCPC videos on screens.
 - Will come up with a plan for non-players to purchase meals from vendor.
- Other Tournament Comments:
 - Valerie is in the process of collecting all the photos taken at the tournament and will be uploading them onto the website soon.
 - Maybe rethink the bracket ratings divisions, such as 3.0-3.29, 3.3-3.49, 3.5-3.74, or 3.75-3.99, etc., to get a more people to sign up for different brackets.
 - Many variables for a summer tournament, such as people on vacation, etc. affects the number of participants; however, the Summer Slam was a great success being that it was VCPC's first attempt at this timing of a tournament.
 - Kathrin Nolan gave a brief history of tournaments and CRPD and shared the amount of determination it took to get CRPD to let VCPC to manage tournaments to benefit our community.

Committees:

- Social
 - 2026 Holiday Party – Allan Linderman shared information from Carole Linderman
 - The Holiday Party will take place on Saturday, November 15, 2026, 6:00 PM-8:30 PM.
 - 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 with VCPC's subsidizing \$10, VCPC will be responsible for at least \$1000 (\$500 more than previously) or as much as \$1450 (if no one orders a drink).
 - Sheri Leiken suggested to use the maximum number of servers Sunland Winery offers.
 - Sunland Winery's video monitors can be used,
 - Connor Logan has volunteered to get content into video form for this.
 - When members RSVP to reserve their spot, they will pay for their meal. Gari Ann will check with Valerie and Sheri to see how to take payments through the website.
- June 20 Clinic – Marilyn Passanante
 - 51% of the responses to the Kelly Mada clinic survey were extremely positive.
 - Marilyn suggested that we switch to another coach to expose our members to a different style of skill, drill, and play.
 - Roger utilizes "Live Ball" on 1 court involving fast reaction, cardio, and footwork all within the simulation of a real game.
 - Tom Costa – Very flexible in the drills he can run on 2 courts.

- Since Roger already has a lesson plan in place, it was decided to use Roger for the next free clinic for members tentatively on Saturday, October 10th, and Sunday, October 11th.
- Roger will work with 11 members on 1 court for 2 sessions. This would equal 22 members on each day, totaling 44 members serviced.
 - Roger will charge \$25 per player equaling \$550 each day (\$1,100 total) which VCPC will subsidize for its members.
- Based on who signed up for the clinics last time, it was determined that levels 3.0 and 3.5 were the ones that were most popular. Roger's clinic will focus on these levels.
- Members who sign up who were put on the waitlist for Kelly Mada's clinic will get priority. Those members who already had a clinic experience will fill empty spots or be put on the waitlist for the next round of clinics.
- Fall Ladder League
 - Sheri asked that Kathi send out the Fall Ladder League registration email to members on Monday, October 5, 2026, with the league beginning on Monday October 12, 2026.
 - She also shared that Kathy Scott's Wednesday Fall Ladder League will start the same week on Wednesday, October 14, 2026.
 - Kathi will create an email and have it approved by Sheri and Kathy before scheduling is delivery to members.
- Merchandise
 - Dawn Foley and Cindy Wolfe volunteered to spearhead this committee. Allan will share details of the vendor, etc., with them to help them get started on this.
- Grants
 - Kathi shared that the City of Thousand Oaks Community Sports Grant opens on August 31, 2026, and close on Thursday, October 1, 2026.
 - A project and/or sports group needs to be identified so that VCPC can apply for this grant.
 - Gari Ann will contact Kyle and his brother at WHS to see where they are at with their Club Pickleball needs as they garner interest in this sport to hopefully result in a CIF bid in the future.
 - USA Pickleball has not set a date for their "Grow the Game" grant yet.

CRPD Tournament Contract:

- Allan gave an update of his interactions with CRPD to gain insight into the changes which have occurred in the new contract CRPD wants VCPC to agree to and sign. Due to the significant changes CRPD is requesting, the board is anticipating additional conversations with CRPD as well as internally before moving ahead with any agreement with CRPD.
- As of right now, VCPC is contemplating 3 main tournaments, possibly 4:
 - October 24-25, 2026 – Monster Smash
 - January/February – Winter Blast

- May – Use tournament as a fundraiser to help active military as well as veterans (Memorial Day). Allan is getting information from Port Hueneme base which may need help refurbishing/building their pickleball courts.
- Another Summer Slam, possibly at the PAC again?

Other Items:

- Kathi suggested that VCPC's first aid kit be reviewed to ensure that all essential components needed are in the kit before the next tournament in October.

Next meeting: Friday, 9/18/2026, 1:30-3:30 at the Newbury Park Library Meeting Room.

Meeting adjourned at 3:43 PM