BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time: June 5, 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 (Absent),* Kathi Byington - Secretary
- Members at large: Jennifer Clark, Sheri Leiken, Terry Koplan, Carole Linderman, Torrie Marsh, Marilyn Passanante, and Mark Radocay.

Minutes approved from last meeting: Approved

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

Membership: There are currently 351 members.

Follow-Up from May Meeting:

- Dave reviewed the three local options for CPR/AED trainings.
    - American Red Cross: Offers various classes daily and weekends at different price points ($67-$129) in Camarillo. Classes can be online, classroom only, or blended.
        - The Red Cross certification is digital
    - American Heart Association: Offers training in Simi Valley through a private company, Safety Unlimited. The Heartsaver CPR class is blended instruction, beginning with the self-guided portion of the course with an in-person CPR component following.
        - CPR/AED class costs $85, and the First Aid/CPR/AED class costs $100.
        - Each participant would get a 2-year American Heart Association card as well as a 2-year access to the online training to go back and review as needed.
    - CRPD Adult and Pediatric CPR/First Aid: This American Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED has a blended program. The online modules take about 2 hours to complete, and the cost is $100 (with a $15 cancellation fee.)
        - This certification is valid for 2 years from the date of the course completion.
    - It was decided that VCPC will pay the cost of 15 members to complete the First Aid/CPR/AED training in return for those trained to be available for 3 hours during at least 2 of the 4 tournaments VCPC hosts over the next 2 years.
        - If a member is already certified, then VCPC will determine how to compensate that member for his/her First Aid/CPR/AED services such as possibly a free one-year club membership, free registration at a tournament, and/or a free lunch/dinner at a tournament, etc.
    - The board will create the specific information to send out to the membership advertising this training.

Tournaments:

- Summer Slam: VCPC is sponsoring a Summer Slam at the Pickleball Athletic Club (PAC) on July 25th-26th from 12:00-9:00 PM. Dave Dolnick and Lori Vreeke are the Swish co-coordinators, and Adam Gilbert has agreed to be the tournament director.
    - There will be a discount code for the PAC members who register for our tournament.
    - VCPC waiver will be included in the registration. PAC also has a waiver that participants will need to complete.
    - A hospitality table with fruit and snacks will be provided by VCPC. PAC will provide the water (no VCPC jugs will be needed.)
    - The announcements over the PAC intercom/amplifier needs to be checked to make sure that they can be heard in the lobby area as well as on the courts.
    - The medal stand and VCPC signage will be needed.
    - Twisted Meats will be able to set-up inside the PAC.
    - Santa Barbara Pickleball Store has worked with PAC in the past to sell their merchandise; hopefully, this will be coordinated again as they help sponsor our tournaments by providing 100 new pickleballs for use at the tournament.

Committees:

- Social – Carol Linderman
    - Possibly August 16th – A Beginners' Pickleball and Pizza Party at Rancho Conejo on the tennis courts.
        - Asked Mark and Allan to begin to compile a list of players to invite (both members and non-members)
        - This will support the 2.5 players' desire to continue to learn and play outside of any classes they take.
    - Possibly November 15th or 20th- November Party/Annual Election of 2027 VCPC Board
        - Carol and Cindy are exploring places to hold this 50+ person party
            - Sunland Winery
                - Looking into a catering option with David Alfalo/Chef David here.
            - Tipsy Goat
        - Members may pay a portion of the meal cost with VCPC taking care of the rest. The specific amounts will be decided later.
- Clinic with Kelly Mada – Marilyn
    - Registration lottery for the clinic will be on Monday, June 8th, from 8:00 AM-8:00 PM. Participants chosen will be notified on Friday, June 12th.
    - The clinic itself will be on June 20th with each of the 3 sessions being 90 minutes long with 10-minute breaks between each session. There will be 2.5, 3.0, and 3.5 sessions offered.
    - Kelly will bring her own equipment.
    - Marilyn will have several people helping with collecting balls, etc. to keep the clinic moving along smoothly for Kelly and the participants.
    - A sign advertising VCPC's sponsorship of this clinic will be hung on Court 1.

- Merchandise – VCPC is looking for someone to lead this effort.
- Charities – Torrie Marsh/Gari Ann
    - Torrie shared information about the tournaments/events she's observed Kyle Verdi, a Westlake High School senior, and his co-partner, Gavin, which encourage the youth to engage in the sport of pickleball.
        - Torrie mentioned that expanding the coaching aspect of pickleball with the youth would be a good place to focus on.
        - Kyle's brother, who will still be in high school next year as Kyle has graduated and will in college next year, will be taking over his brother's pickleball "mission."
    - Marilyn suggested that VCPC possibly collect "used but functional" paddles at our next event/ tournament to gift to a local school or to newer members who are looking for a more advanced paddle to improve their game.
        - Tracy McCann, a PE teacher from Los Angeles Unified School District, is another option for utilizing used paddles.
- Sponsorships – Ken: There is no report at this time.
- Grants – Kathi
    - Kathi updated her progress on the remaining grants VCPC can be help sponsor this year:
        - CRPD Capital Improvement Fund Grant – On hold for next year or whenever CRPD decides that the Del Prado courts will be resurfaced so that the nets and poles can be adjusted to USA Pickleball standards.
        - The City of Thousand Oaks 2026-2027 Community Sports Grant – The application period is from 8/31/26-10/1/2026. The grant (with a minimum of $2,000 and a maximum of $10,000) would be awarded in mid-December 2026 with the grant funds being used between 1/1/27 through 12/31/27.
            - This may be a good grant to use to work with the high school students or may be something VCPC could use during a beginner clinic where the equipment (free paddles and balls) can be given to participants.
            - This application will not be available until September 2026.
        - USA Pickleball Grow the Game Grant – This grant provides nets, paddles, and balls to help expand pickleball access throughout the United States.
            - This grant could also benefit our partnership with the WHS students or other schools/students in the local area.
            - This application is not available yet as the last application period was November-December 2025.

Conejo Creek West: Allan and Dave will be meeting with Andrew Mooney, two members of the equestrian group, and two members of the garden group on Monday, June 8th, to discuss aspects of the Master Plan.

- Being that pickleball is included in this conversation is positive.
- Thank you to Allan and Dave for representing the pickleball community at this meeting.

Other Information: Mark shared some dates to remember that are pickleball related:

- April – National Pickleball Month

- June 10th – Rancho Conejo Courts Ground-Breaking Day
- August 8th – National Pickleball Day

Next meeting: Friday, 7/10/2026, 1:30-3:30 at the Newbury Park Library Meeting Room.
Meeting adjourned at 3:04 PM.