



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

**Date/Time:** July 10, 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 (absent) – Treasurer, Kathi Byington (absent) - Secretary
- **Members at large:** Jennifer Clark, Adam Gilbert, Andy Klein, Carole Linderman, Beckie Lubow, Doug Paterson, Valerie Radocay, Lori Vreeke

**Minutes approved from last meeting:** Approved

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

**Membership:** There was no membership count announced as Gari Ann and Kathi were both absent.

**Follow-Up from June Meeting:**

- Allan noted that there were 2-3 members who are certified in CPR training and the club will do its best to cover that space during the Summer Slam Tournament.
- Andy Klein announced he would go through the process with the intention of completing it in time for the Tournament.
  - Dave provided Andy with the necessary information.
  - Allan advised Andy that the club would reimburse him for the certification fee.

**Tournaments:**

- 2026 Summer Slam
  - Signups are slower and weaker than most tournaments run by VCPC. No one is certain why but some reasons presented were
    - Seasonality, where people are vacationing
    - Camarillo is holding a MXD tournament one day that weekend (outdoors at Agape)
    - Disinterest in playing indoors
  - Lori and Dave discussed how various brackets may be manipulated in order to maximize usage of the space at PAC while maintaining the high level of competition
    - Some brackets may switch days
    - Some brackets may add or delete age distinctions
  - Lori asked about volunteers noting her registration area was accounted for
    - Allan explained that volunteers will be asked to visit signup genius beginning Monday
      - Fewer volunteers are necessary due to the indoor nature of PAC
- 2027 Tournament Dates
  - Allan announced that CRPD prefers to lock in 2027 tournament dates early for various operational issues. They suggested 4 dates for VCPC's customary Winter Blast, Spring Fling, Conejo Classic and Monster Smash. After much discussion, it was determined that VCPC would

commit to THREE tournament dates in 2027 in order to (1) lighten the workload of the Swish coordinators and (2) reduce the number of times members are asked to volunteer.

- Dates to be requested from CRPD are
  - Winter Blast Feb 20-21
  - Spring Fling May 22-23
  - Monster Smash Oct 23-34
    - Allan suggested that the Spring Fling could be renamed and repurposed as a Memorial Day tournament in support of veterans and pickleball. The date can be locked in while the name and purpose can be determined later (but soon)

### Committees:

- Social
  - 2026 Holiday Party – Carole Linderman presented and much discussion took place
    - The VCPC Annual Party is also a combination of Annual Meeting (although no meeting is held) and Board of Director Elections for the next year. In the past it was a ‘mix and mingle’ affair with food and drink available for individual purchase. VCPC provided each member with a \$10 credit to be used toward any purchases.
    - A recent member survey noted that there was interest in improving the quality level of VCPC events. Specifically, “no more potlucks!” was how one member put it. In response, VCPC is considering a catered, buffet dinner with a modest cost of \$20 per person. Cost to the club will be determined by the drink ordering. Carole presented a suggested menu, picture of the buffet and cost breakdowns.
      - Sunland requires a \$450 bar minimum with VCPC responsible for the balance if unattained
    - 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, VCPC will be responsible for at least \$1000 (\$500 more than previously) or as much as \$1450 (if no one orders a drink).
    - The board decided to wait until the full board can meet before voting.
  - Beginner Pizza & Pickle
    - Idea was again reviewed noting that Colette Berney volunteered to provide teaching opportunities at the event.
    - Actual operational details remain to be defined. Discussion to continue.
- June 20 Clinic
  - Clinic committee member Jennifer Clark presented an overview of the results of the clinic led by Kelly Mada.
    - A club conducted survey noted that almost 100% of the participants were either Very Satisfied or Satisfied with the clinic; all but one respondent was interested in participating in another clinic; almost all considered Kelly’s coaching and communication to be Excellent and Picked up some new skills. This clinic is considered to be a huge success with much thanks for the hard work of the Committee led my Marilyn Passanante.
    - Another clinic will be considered.

- Merch
  - A program to make VCPC hats and shirts available for sale will be addressed after the Summer Slam.
- Charity
  - Allan noted that Colette Berney had previously created and managed a “Little Picklers” program where people donated paddles to schools for children. It was noted that USA Pickleball offers a more extensive program and there may be a way to combine the two. No action at this time.
- Sponsorships
  - Ken reported that he contacted all previous sponsors and was awaiting responses. Allan filled in a few blanks re: Gym Guyz and 805 Pickleball. Val announced that Jigsaw Health will again provide electrolytes.
- Other Items
  - Allan reported that renewal of the Tournament Contract between CRPD and VCPC is under consideration and that no amount of tournaments are required by VCPC.

**Next meeting: Friday, 8/7/2026, 1:30-3:30 at the Newbury Park Library Meeting Room.**

**Meeting adjourned at 3:13 PM**