**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

**Date/Time:** October 9, 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: Collette Berney, Adam Gilbert, Wendy James, Linda Johnson, Christine Kaplan, Sheri Leiken, Evette McAllister, Dale Menagh, Sheila Mooney, Kathrin Nolan, Marilyn Passanante, Mark Radocay, Valerie Radocay, Mary Soria, and Lori Vreeke.

**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 387 members.

**CRPD Board of Directors Meeting – Court Expansion at Conejo Creek West**

- Allan shared that VCPC should encourage all members, as well as the entire pickleball community, to attend the Thursday, October 15th, CRPD Board of Directors meeting as they will be voting on the approval of the Conejo Creek West Master Plan which includes 12 new, lighted pickleball courts.
    - Although the 12 new, lighted pickleball courts are included in the master plan, the entire plan must be approved by the Board of Directors, so that Andrew Mooney, Director of parks and Planning can get his budget for environmental, engineering, and other studies needed.
- Allan also shared that he and Dave attended two "stakeholders'" meetings with Andrew Mooney which included representatives from the equestrian and garden communities. Here, it was framed that the 12 pickleball courts are in the plan and that this newly revised plan included what the equestrian and garden groups had previously asked for to ensure that this community park represents the interests of everyone in the community; hence, the courts are in the plan.
- Dale suggested that members need to be present at the meeting in large numbers so that the Board of Directors knows and sees that there is a large section of our community who support pickleball and the court expansion that is in the master plan.
- Kathi shared that the first email blast went out to VCPC's entire email list inviting everyone to attend the October 15th meeting, including the emails of all the Board of Directors to send emails of court expansion support if someone cannot attend the meeting.
    - Kathrin suggested that we set a number of people we would like to have attend this meeting (such as 100 attendees). She also mentioned that some kind of sign-up be created for attendance as she believes that people tend to feel more committed to attending when they "sign something."

        - Kathi will create a Google Form for this sign-up and send out the link with the second email blast going out to VCPC's email list on Saturday morning. It will also go out with the last email blast going out on Wednesday morning, the day before the meeting.
- Allan stressed that at the meeting, the pickleball community should show up, be present, be positive, and just be there to let the Board of Directors know we still strongly support the inclusion of court expansion in the Conejo Creek West Master Plan. There should be no negativity towards the equestrians.
    - Kathi will print, laminate, and post the info flyers at Rancho, Del Prado, and Deer Hill.

**Clinics:**

- Marilyn shared that the clinics with Roger Lim received high marks and many positive comments.
    - The very hot weather proved to be a factor for some participants. Mark reminded everyone that there is a mister in the storage shed. This should be used next time VCPC holds an event outside in hot weather.
- Marilyn made some suggestions regarding future clinics and 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.
        - Linda suggested that another type of event be organized for the under 3.0 players.
        - A pizza party/round robin play time was suggested which would allow opportunities for a social time as well as having other players who are 3.0+ meet and help newer players/ members with the rules of the game, how to paddle up, etc.
    - Since both Kelly Mada and Roger Lim proved to be effective coaches, Marilyn and her committee are in the process of looking for a third coach for the next clinic.
    - A question was asked whether more clinics could be offered if members were willing to pay a small fee.
        - Allan reminded everyone that CRPD has been very reluctant to give out more court permits, so getting clinic court reservations are never guaranteed.
        - Kathrin recommended that even if we don't use the 4 tournament weekend court reservations we already have (i.e., we only used 3) that we should not give up the 4th tournament weekend and use this for clinic times instead.
            - Allan said that he will continue to try to use this time imbalance to negotiate clinic time reservations as needed.
            - During this discussion, Lori suggested that we use the 4th tournament weekend for a Fun Day team event. The event would use the 4 courts on the tennis courts and could include up to 64 participants.

**Ladders:**

- Sheri shared that she has 45 participants signed up for Monday Ladders with 6 substitutes. Terry has 25 signed up for Wednesday Ladders.

- Wednesday participation is slightly down from the last session, but this can change before the start of ladders next week.

**Monster Smash Tournament:**

- Lori shared that as of today, there are 79 teams, 158 players, and 7 singles in the Scramble. Registration will close on Sunday, October 18th, and there are still brackets which need to be filled.
- Men's singles may need to be cancelled as there is only 1 player signed up.
  - Tournament Director, Adam Gilbert, is going to try to get some of his high school pickleball players to sign up for the tournament to fill this division.
- Kathrin is going to try to round up more players for the Youth Scramble bracket.
- 2.5 Scramble has now been filled (thanks to members present at the meeting who will sign up to fill this division)!
- Ken was able to make a connection at Newbury Park High School to have photographers take photos during both days of the tournament.
- Ken mentioned that sponsorship has been challenging to obtain for this tournament as many of our previous vendors have previous engagements or have not returned Ken's inquiries.
  - Twisted Meats will still be our food caterer.
    - A coupon will be given to players in the 3:00-6:00 PM time frame just in case they do not get to eat after their play. They will be able to visit Twisted Meats to obtain their free meal if they missed eating at the tournament.
  - 805 Pickleball will donate 100 pickleballs as usual.

**Committees:**

- Board of Directors Election
  - Allan shared that only 4 of the 5 present board members will be returning for the 2026-2027 year. He also said that the by-laws allow up to 12 board members and that it would be beneficial to encourage more people to become involved in the board.
  - Kathrin, Sheri, and Mary volunteered to be on the nominating committee.
    - Dale and Evette have sent in written confirmation of their interest in being a board member.
    - Linda and Sheila also expressed interest in being board members.
  - Lori suggested that VCPC may be able to recruit more volunteers if they know that they are responsible for one event as opposed to a yearlong "job."
- Social - 2026 Holiday Party
  - Allan (standing in for Carole) confirmed that the Holiday Party will take place on Sunday, November 15, 2026, 6:00 PM-8:30 PM at Sunland Vintage Winery with the Mediterranean-based meal catered by Chef Dave.
  - Carole is checking into getting a sheet cake with the VCPC logo on it for dessert.
  - Kathi will double-check email invitation dates with Carole.

- Grants
    - Kathi shared that she completed the City of Thousand Oaks Community Sports Grant for VCPC entitled “VCPC Community Pickleball Equipment and Access Program” and submitted it.
        - The matching grant asked the City of Thousand Oaks to contribute $2165 (which VCPC would match) to purchase:
            - The Titan One Ball machine
            - 500 Franklin Sports X-40 USAPA approved pickleballs
            - Four 3-in-1 ball hoppers and 8 pick-up tubes
            - 6 sets of Pro-Spin Carbon pickleball paddles
            - 2 sets of Eco Walker Court Line Markers
            - 4 sets of Gamma Flexible disc cones
            - 2 sets of Gamma Rainbow spots
            - 5 sets of Blind in the Mind, The Braille Superstore Bell pickleball
        - This equipment will have trainings available to members before they can borrow the equipment for use.
    - Notification of grant approval should occur in early December.

**<u>CRPD Tournament Contract:</u>**

- VCPC is still negotiating the contract with CRPD.

**Next meeting: Board Elections and Holiday Party on 11/15/2026 at Sunland Winery**
**Following meeting: Friday, 12/4/2026, 1:30-3:30 at the Newbury Park Library Meeting Room.**
**Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM**