

SCHH Pickleball Board Meeting Minutes – 2-18-26

Attendance – Rick Wright – president, Sandy Donaldson – vice president, Mike Bunamo – treasurer, Andy Robinson – secretary and members at large – Kathi Fleming, Bob Grueser and Stan Burzacki.

Rick called the meeting to order at 1:57

January Meeting minutes – Kathi moved and Mike seconded to approve January minutes. Motion passed on unanimous voice vote

Financial Report – Mike reported that on January 31, 2026, the pickleball club had cash and investments totaling \$171,378.76. That includes \$105,000 in CD's after purchase of a six-month CD paying 3.67% during the month. There is \$8,452.42 in the Low Country tournament account, up \$1,742.89 from end of December. Sponsorship revenues increased \$2,450 while expenses for supplies were up \$707. There is \$57,926.34 in the main checking account, down \$50,471.52 from December mainly due to new \$50,000 CD purchase. During January revenue from dues was \$620 while spending for court supplies, events and admin expenses totaled \$592. In addition, the Club made a \$500 donation to Jasper Animal Rescue funded by revenues from the waterfall tournament. In addition, a \$55,000 CD matures on March 2. Bob moved and Stan seconded Mike's recommendation to purchase another six-month CD upon expiration. Motion passed on unanimous voice vote.

Membership Report – Rick report that currently the club has 1,452 members, 90 pickle tennis and pickleball members and 6 just pickle tennis. Rick also reported that Brian has resigned as membership chair effective July 2026 so potential candidates are needed to replace him.

OLD BUSINESS

Projects – Stan reported that there are now 3 new court dryers in place – two on the north and one on the south. They have hangers and signs with QR code for instructions. The west courts are Stan's current priority so he is trying to get permission to see the courts so he can get a better idea of what to plan for. There will be needs for brooms, rollers and dryers plus potential for fence modifications, seating, shade, water and possibly other things the club will need to supply. All is unknown currently until Stan gets to see for himself. Stan had been pursuing cameras with the IT director and was told that the SC Board denied the request, but Tab replied that there would be a review with insurance and attorneys. Softball has them and tennis was also turned down with

pickleball.

Court Reserve – Rick reported that there has been a glitch with some emails that are used for multiple users. Each email must be unique to one player, so he has worked with the individuals to correct. The requirement to enter your age on your profile page should be removed and Sandy removed it. Still on track for March 15 change over and welcome letter to go out from Sandy and help desk to start.

Board Liaison – Competitive Play Committee

Sandy requested the Board consider assigning a new liaison. She provided the following description/responsibilities: The board member in charge is responsible for communicating with the committee, monitoring club rated play sessions and making suggestions on how to best optimize court time for all our different groups. Any changes needed to the court allocations are then reported to the board prior to making any changes. Bob is considering the role and will meet with Sandy to review responsibilities.

Integral to this discussion were two topics:

Concerns regarding player behavior during Open Play and Club Rated Play, including players telling others they do not belong or questioning ratings. Kathi agreed to draft a bullying prevention policy and resolution process.

Discussion focused on improving understanding of attendance and court usage across Club Rated Play groups. Mike suggested Board members take turns observing assigned sessions to assess utilization, uncancelled courts, and player engagement.

West Courts/Court matrix discussion – there is a need to offer more rated play courts other than to 3.5+ to make a fairer distribution for all groups. A new matrix will be prepared to coincide with west court openings. Sandy to send out SC Texas grid since they are similar member size, three court locations and similar number of total courts. Agenda item for next meeting to further spread rated play and court times.

Ball Machine – Andy stated that the ball machine is receiving heavy use and is now stored in the north court shed. Our Slinger ball machine request is still on backorder so with Sandy's help we will look for a different ball machine that is available and fits club needs. Andy motioned to spend \$2000 on a new machine, Bob seconded and passed on unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Lottery Courts – Bob and Kathi met with Kayla in an effort to add 6-8 pm back to lottery offering. She asked that the request be put to a vote of the club membership. Sandy pointed out that these are mainly neighborhood groups that play evenings so that could

be put out to them and courts could be reserved for them on an ongoing basis. Kathi felt that there was not enough time to poll the membership before the next lottery drawing so lottery will stick with previous courts.

Insurance waiver – Bob also asked Kayla about the volunteer waiver form, and she said that at this time it is going back to legal and insurance and she is waiting on their response. Other SC clubs are also protesting this change so there is a lot of pushback from clubs at this time.

Board Contact Forms - Sandy wrote up criteria and responsibilities for the contact forms that come to the board through the website. Sandy asked that the response to the contact be shared throughout the board and not always fall to her. It was agreed that board members will be responsible for the contact forms during their time as first notifier and Mike agreed to go first, Bob next, then Kathi and Andy. The criteria is as follows: The board member in charge of this is responsible for making sure that these forms are answered within 24 hours of receipt. As such, you are required to either respond to the form or send it on to the appropriate person to handle. And then follow up to confirm that it was addressed. Board members need to be made aware of ongoing issues, or questions that cannot be addressed.

Court Ball Holders – Member Shane Smith has asked for permission to provide 3D printed ball holders for the club. There was no indication that he was asking for the board to pay for them, so board agreed to proceed with his request to make them for the courts.

Low Country League Charity Event – The competition committee asked the board to approve court usage this fall for a two-day tournament run by Brian Fenlon and the Low Country League as a fundraiser for Second Helpings. Stan brought up the fact that before we go any further, the board needs to know if CA will even allow such a thing. Rick is to discuss it with Kayla and if permissible board will address again at a later meeting.

Bob moved to adjourn, Stan seconded and unanimous voice approval at 4:32