

SCHH Pickleball Club board meeting minutes – April 23, 2025

Rick Wright called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm

In attendance – Rick Wright – President, Sandy Donaldson – Vice president, Doug Findlay – Treasurer, Andy Robinson – Secretary and members at large – Stan Burzacki, Kathi Fleming and Bob Grueser.

Approval of March meeting minutes – Bob moved to accept and Doug seconded. Passed on unanimous voice vote.

Financial report – Doug reported that as of March 31 the club has \$108,630 in main account which includes \$105,000 in CD's. In addition, we have \$45,169 in our tournament account for a total of \$153,799. This is a decrease of \$6,483 from prior month end primarily due to PB club share of new water fountain on north courts which was \$5,686. Andy moved and Stan seconded that \$95 received from Got Sneakers be given to the Boys and Girls Club of Bluffton which passed on unanimous voice vote. Kathi moved and Doug seconded to approve financial report for March and passed on unanimous voice vote.

Membership report – Rick provided info from Brian that stated there are currently 1,587 PB members, 110 combined PB pickle tennis members and 14 pickletennis only members for total membership of 1,711 as of April 20, 2025.

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Projects – Shed – Stan visited shed company to investigate a 10x12 utility shed for the north side. It would be located near dumpsters and may not require a slab because of shed construction. Would need to add electricity and shed alone would be around \$4100 delivered.

Shade for courts 3 and 4 – Visit from shade company still pending. New umbrellas have been installed and will be last placed by CA. Rick to send club email to make sure they are lowered after use not necessarily at end of day.

South side lights – in conjunction with softball field lighting if that is approved but may not be cost effective for limited additional playing time – 1-2 hours per day for a couple of months of the year.

North side bulletin boards – Stan to investigate bigger and better bulletin boards which club could split with tennis.

Court painting – Stan and Rick working on letter to send to Brad and board to get them repainted. Tournament feedback was negative comments on court conditions – slippery and ball skips on surface. Letter will ask them to move forward despite not having set aside sufficient funds to do the required work.

Training – Sandy reported that actual march training was 55 in 201, 45 in 301 and 77 in 3 and me training for a total of 177 in March. 12-15 beginners trained in March and all levels of training are expected to maintain those levels for the next several months.

Social/Activities – Bob reported the 17 attended the first Pickle Talk, 44 participated in recent Dink Tournament and 54 are signed up for the May 4 cruise. Next Pickle Talk is scheduled for May 13.

Volunteer coordinator – Bob will send out notices to club as needs arise.

Court Utilization grid – Rick and Sandy met with Kayla after first grid went out and generated much dismay among club members. They explained to Kayla how the first grid was compiled from survey results and it may have missed the opportunity to do it correctly so re-do to calm the noise. New grid moves some club rated play to allow for more Chelsea reservations during prime morning hours. Andy stated that new grid has no effect on the most prime time of 8 10 during summer hours and that open play bears no burden for club not having enough courts when they now have 6 courts 7 days a week in prime time and on best courts. New grid increases Chelsea to 46% from 26% which is 35% versus 26% during prime-time hours. The board will use this grid as a trial to get comments and view usage and potentially make changes in the fall. Doug stated that he would to defer to Rick and support his recommendation. Sandy moved to accept the grid, Bob seconded and passed on a 5-1 vote.

Lottery results – Kathi reported that she learned a lot from first lottery draw and she would like to look at changes to make process simpler and more efficient. She and Rick will work on that before the fall lottery session.

Logo design – Sandy reported that on line companies can give us 3-5 logos for one price. There is also a possibility of member interest in helping design a new logo which could then be copyrighted. Plan is to gather designs that board would vet and final 3 designs sent to member ship to vote on and decide.

Social media – Although club does not want to enter into a social media platform Sandy responds to other platforms to keep comments from boiling over. Agreed that club can't ignore social media and club needs to work with Bert to not change content or comment on re-posts of club info. Sandy will continue to monitor and work with Bert.

Strategic review – Rick is addressing the SC requirement to provide a club strategic review. Most of club priorities are around our on-going projects and the need for more courts – now and in the future.

Memorial Day Tournament – Steve and Jackie are going to run a tournament on Monday May 26 and will need all 12 north courts that day.

Competitive play committee – Sandy would head up a committee to work with the rated play groups, tournaments and in house league. Players could use Dupr recreational play to create ratings. Steve was asked to be on committee and be the Low Country director again next year.

Rick adjourned meeting at 4:10 pm