PICKLEBALL CLUB AT KEOWEE KEY – MEETING MINUTES > Final <

4:30pm – 5:50pm, Monday, November 2nd 2026

Lakeview Room at KK North Marina

Present: Tom Donegan, Deb Higdon, Dave Higdon, Leslie Walker, Kim Shoulars, Susan Brennan, Tom Beck, Samantha Holt, Charlie Beagan, Daniel Shidler, Larry VanderRoest, Tony Bonitati, Jon Goyert, Karen Daniels, Jaye Melanson

Guest: John Keller, Lynn Daniels

Attending via Phone: Jim Weinstein

Not in attendance: Vicki Enos, Chuck Howard, John Walker

Events and Activities

- Tailgate Event Review
  - Overall feedback was positive
  - Breakfast format was popular and will be considered for future events
  - Random player-pairing process needs improvement for future events
- Christmas Party – Samantha reported
  - December 6th 5–9 pm; Club reservations established – estimating 130-150 attendance
  - DJ - Terry Tougaw ($350)
  - Meal service estimated at $32++ per person - Service and seating designed to encourage people to mingle
  - DIY photo frames and photo sharing planned
    - A real time photo sharing process (OQ code, etc.) to be investigated - Samatha
  - The club will manage reservations
  - Samatha to investigate adding a beef or carving station.
- Christmas Cookie Contest
  - December 4th 4–6 pm. Open play format, 8 courts
  - Members may bring cookies for judging / voting for best decorated and best tasting
  - Hot chocolate (with boozy spikes) and prizes.
    - Jaye to procure Christmas balls for prizes
  - Promote event with Christmas party; club members only

2027 Event Calendar (tentative dates)

Plans to be finalized after gathering feedback from January membership survey

- Love to Dink - February 20th
- March Madness Tournament - March 20th
- Pickle Ball – Tennis Collaborative event - April TBD
- Membership Drive - June 5th
- Fall Classic Tournament - Date TBD (pending Clemson FB schedule)

- Breakfast Tailgate Tournament - Date TBD (pending Clemson FB schedule)
- Christmas Party & Cookie Contest - December 3rd & 5th

Fall Classic Tournament

- Net proceeds from the Fall Classic reported to be approximately $6,000.
- Possible charity donation discussed. No charity contribution or other expenditure approve at this time
- Funds should benefit the entire PB community
- Potential allocation of approximately $2,000 for reserve funds
- Potential uses for net proceeds include professional instruction for player development (see below), court cameras, other ideas TBD
- Voting to occur at the next board meeting

Player Development – Jon & Karen reported

There has been low participation (a total of 39 student participants) in monthly player development events this year – this is a low level of engagement relative to the effort required to provide the training events. To increase participation, a proposal was made to offer professional training for these events next year. The board will vote on the proposal at the next meeting.

Courts and Facilities – Daniel reported

- Met with maintenance contractor regarding court cracks; repair plans TBD
- Defer 7–8 am court play due to leaves
- Remind drivers to back into upper parking spaces to avoid headlights facing the courts – Tom D to address in future communications

Membership, Finances and Communications

- Membership approximately 341. Two additional people committed to join the PB club at the Breakfast event
- Continue PowerPoint format for the newsletter; include event announcements, photos, results, and parking reminders

Action Items

- Finalize Christmas party and cookie contest arrangements
- Survey members and confirm the 2027 calendar
- Present specific recommendations for use of Fall Classic proceeds

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: December 7th, 2026, 4:30pm, Lakeview Room

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Higdon, Secretary