

PICKLEBALL CLUB AT KEOWEE KEY – MEETING MINUTES

4:30pm – 5:50pm, Monday, April 6th, 2026

Lakeview Room at KK North Marina

Present: Charlie Beagan, Tom Donegan, Deb Higdon, Chuck Howard, Dave Higdon, Leslie Walker, John Walker, Kim Shoulars, Tom Beck, Samantha Holt, Jaye Melanson, Karen Daniels, Larry VanderRoest, Tony Bonitati and Daniel Shidler.

Not attending: Jim Weinstein, Vicki Enos, Susan Brennan, Jon Goyert

Minutes for March 2nd 2026 Club Board meeting were approved.

Social events:

- The March Madness event was widely viewed as a success - thanks to everyone who contributed to the planning and execution. Special recognition to Samantha.
- The welcome event for Daniel was held since the last meeting, also viewed as a successful event.

Next event: Membership Drive/Club Championship tournament – event date set to June 6th due to May 18-29th resurfacing of lower courts. Rain date June 7th

- Tournament participants will be grouped by skill level; Round robin format, men first, then women, followed by lunch, party and final competition matches.
- Chuck to start sending out event Registration communications within the next week.
- Samantha will create a list of event tasks for volunteers.
- Charlie will try setting up a Spond invitation to allow club members to sign up for the tasks.
- Chuck will confirm with Daniel that court reservations are set for the tournament.
- Samantha will organize food & drinks for Lunch.
- Cash or checks for membership fees submitted at the event are acceptable.
- If a 50/50m raffle occurs it should be separate from membership fees.

Fall Classic Tournament:

- Chuck will send “save the date” emails to past participants. Club members will have a two-week priority to register before outside participants.
- A potential sponsor for the tournament has been identified - thanks John!

Financials:

- Discussion occurred regarding time frame for annual membership vs fiscal year for budgeting. Membership dues collected from January to December of any calendar year will be recorded for budget purposes as income in the fiscal year that starts July 1st of that same year.
- New Financial Report format (sent out by Tom) was discussed - feedback on report format was good. Tom, will update the report to reflect membership dues income as indicated above.
- Deb will investigate Venmo (or other options) as a possible replacement for PayPal.

Communications:

- Content for next Scuttlebutt article: March Madness recap (including event photos), Membership drive announcement and Fall Classic promotion

Training:

- Karen reported – training set for the 3rd Wednesday of each month, same format for sign up and participation for each monthly event. Eleven participants at the last training event; viewed as a successful event. Next event is set for April 15th from 10am - noon.

Equipment: Jim – no report

New/Old Business:

- Charlie demonstrated Google Drive capabilities and explained how it will be used for the Pickleball Club Board.
- Topics to be revisited at future board meetings:
 - o Open Play:
 - Participation has been low – discussed ideas to increase participation: adding more open play court reservation at evenings and weekends, increasing communications to raise awareness.
 - o Potential increase in club membership fees:
 - Fee increases should be in concert with increasing membership benefits; we need to identify the increased benefits such as training clinics and ball machine access.
- Larry asked for ideas regarding future events that will include Daniel - clinic format, training, etc.
- Samantha proposed a women's social event. June date TBD – working with Daniel to firm up schedule

Next meeting: May 4th, 2026, 4:30pm, Lakeview Room