PICKLEBALL CLUB AT KEOWEE KEY – MEETING MINUTES <u>> FINAL <</u>

4:30pm – 5:50pm, Monday, October 5th 2026

Lakeview Room at KK North Marina

Present: Tony Bonitati, Tom Donegan, Deb Higdon, Chuck Howard, Dave Higdon, John Walker, Leslie Walker, Kim Shoulars, Susan Brennan, Tom Beck, Samantha Holt, Charlie Beagan, Daniel Shidler, Larry VanderRoest

Attending via Phone: Jim Weinstein

Not in attendance: Jon Goyert, Karen Daniels, Vicki Enos, Jaye Melanson,

Tony called the Meeting to Order. The previous meeting minutes were approved.

VP update: Tony shared enthusiasm about pickleball training and professional-player drilling practices. Board members discussed importance of drilling and player development.

Keowee Key Classic – Chuck reported:

- Approximately 230 players registered.
- Thursday will be set up day; Friday has 4 playing sessions. Saturday has 3 playing sessions.
- Player gift bags are assembled and alphabetized for efficient check-in.
- ~12 table needed for various purposes.
- Coolers and 2-way radios purchased for the tournament to be donated to the PB club.
- Parking to be primarily managed by FRC personnel.
- Tournament results will be uploaded to DUPR.
- Volunteer appreciation gathering will follow the tournament.

Social Events:

- Samatha reported Pink Week event planned for October 15th 3–5pm; Tribute flags and Raffle planned. Proceeds benefit the local breast cancer center.
- October 31st Breakfast/social event. Charlie & Samatha discussed: College-themed attire, Breakfast food, coffee, OJ & Mimosa's planned. Random player partner assignments planned. Evite and Spond invitations will be distributed.
- December 6th Holiday Party: Food stations/heavy hors d'oeuvres are being considered to encourage socializing; Samatha & Susan will follow up with the Club.

- Cindy Doherty submitted a written update regarding Love To Dink Adaptive pickleball tournament. It has been scheduled for Feb 20th, noon – 4pm. She is requesting volunteers to help with the event.

Racquet Committee Update:

- Court time schedule to shift from summer to winter hours beginning with the end of daylight savings time this November 1st.
- The schedule for Interclub team matches to be published on PB Club web site. Daniel to share info with Susan for posting on club web site.

Equipment:

- Jim reported replacement of the rolling ball cart on court 3 and balls as needed.
- Daniel will follow up on blower battery replacement as needed this week.
- Chuck reported that ~200 balls will be donated to the PB club after the tournament.

Financials:

- Tom submitted monthly Summary Sheet and Financial Status prior to the board meeting; the Club remains in good financial condition.
- Deb & Chuck reported many transactions related to the Keowee Classic tournament have been recorded.

Communications/Webpage:

- Tom's communications will include Fall Classic tournament results and photos provided by Chuck.
- Tony reported that several club members had great results in a recent NC tournament and they qualified for a National tournament in Dallas this November.
- Susan reported that a website calendar issue has been resolved.

Player Development:

- Jim reported that he, Ann & Tom B will run player development on October 21st

Membership:

- John W reported a few membership additions; the current total is 338.

New Business:

- Board member updates for next year:
    - Leslie Walker will not be remaining on the board next year.
    - Kim Shoulars will not be remaining on the board next year; she will remain as a member of the Competition committee next year.

- Robert Picard to assume VP position next year and transition to President position the following year.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: November 2nd, 2026, 4:30pm, Lower Level Conference Room at the Club

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Higdon, Secretary