

Keowee Key Pickleball Club Board Minutes

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Lakeview Room

Present: Tony Bonitati, Charlie Beagan, Chuck Howard (guest-future Competition Director), Lynn Chiappane, Scott Lincoln, Jim JJ Jacobs, Kim Kraft, Jaye Melanson, Susan Brennan, Tom Donegan, Larry VanderRoest, John Walker, Leslie Walker.

Guest: Bryan Coker

Not attending: Cindy Fisher, Tom Beck, Jim Weinstein,

The meeting was called to order at 4:30.

Scott Lincoln volunteered to be the timekeeper

August 2025 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Pro

August Orientation was held at 7 pm with 13-14 attendees. The next Orientations are September 24 and October 22 both from 6 – 8 pm.

Tuesday Challenge Court trial continues to be evaluated

B. Competition

We have had 7 Prep Meetings and have over 50 volunteers and Facilitators scheduled for the Classic. Chuck Howard has been working with JJ & Scott & Jaye and will be in charge of the Classic next year.

Two Player Placement meetings have occurred, with one more to follow. Donations continue to look positive for the Michael J. Fox Foundation. Play will be stopped on Saturday, October 4, at approximately 3 pm for the Check presentation.

Thanks to Vangeli's for their Sponsorship. October 1 reservations are still available.

The Love to Dink/APB Tournament is scheduled for February 21, 2026.

C. Finance

Tom Beck sent the current Financial report via email.

The Budget was reviewed and the Social balance was clarified.

The Fiscal Year and Membership Year remain July 1 – June 30.

There will not be income from the Classic this year, as all proceeds are going to the Michael J. Fox Foundation.

D. Social

National Pickleball Day, August 8, was a huge success, well attended, and was covered in the September Scuttlebutt.

Lynn and Kim will meet with the Club Event Representative this week to discuss Menus and Catering for future events.

Chuck Howard is organizing two Men's Socials and will work with JJ to establish a Men's SPOND group.

Ladies Social - September 10

Men's Social – September 21 & October 12

Dink for Pink – October 23, 3 – 5 pm

Halloween Party - October 31

End of year Holiday Party – December 7

E. Communications

The Scuttlebutt article deadline is September 12. Tom D. welcomes any news or info for the article. Planned topics include the Classic, Recent Tournament Winners and Interclub news. Susan Brennan will send info on Pink Week to Tom D. Tom will contact a KK PB Committee Representative to avoid duplication in Scuttlebutt articles.

F. KK PB Committee Liaison Report

No Liaison Report.

G. Club Membership - The Board discussed changing the Membership Term to a calendar year. Before any change is made, further discussion by the Club Board is required to understand the full ramifications of such a change. The membership term will remain July 1 – June 30. The current Paid Membership Roster is 383.

Camera and Website passwords will be changed immediately by Tom Beck and Susan Brennan. Tom Donegan will then notify the Paid Membership of the new passwords.

John will continue to maintain the Roster.

H. Website - No report

I. InterClub

Scheduling has been completed. Women's Interclub games begin September 8 & 9 on Upper Courts from 3 – 6 pm.

J. New/old business:

Open Play continues to be a work in progress. Bryan Coker received energetic input from numerous members, who identified several new and different options for consideration.

It was noted that since the Winter hours typically go into effect on October 1, that could be a goal for new Open Play hours to begin. Bryan, Kim Kraft, and Larry will discuss further opportunities to present to the PB Subcommittee.

The PB Club Board feels strongly that the Courts are a Community Asset and, as such, deserve first priority for Community Open Play.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm

NOTE CHANGE: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 6, at 4:30 pm.

Action items are highlighted in yellow.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leslie Walker, Secretary