

PICKLEBALL CLUB AT KEOWEE KEY – MEETING MINUTES

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

Lakeview Room at KK North Marina

Present: Charlie Beagan, Tom Donegan, Deb Higdon, Vicki Enos, Chuck Howard, Susan Brennan, Dave Higdon, Larry VanderRoest, Tony Bonitati, Daniel Shidler and Tom Beck

Attending via Phone: Leslie Walker & Jim Weinstein

Not attending: Jon Goyert, Karen Daniels, Leslie Walker, John Walker, Kim Shoulars, Samatha Holt, Jaye Melanson

Minutes for April 6th 2026 Club Board meeting were approved.

Social: Board Discussion

Lake Clean up Event:

- Charlie described a proposal from Joyce to host a post-event gathering at a beach pavilion, potentially funded in part by the pickleball and tennis clubs.
- Board majority opinion: While the idea is positive, it does not align with the club's role.
- Conclusion: the PB club will not fund or sponsor the event.

Membership Drive & Club Championship Updates:

- Scheduled for June 6th.
- Food to be organized by Samantha with assistance from Karen.
- Volunteer list in progress.
- Beverage options debated (keg vs. cans). Proceed with keg to enhance social atmosphere.
- Maintain budget awareness (~\$2,000–\$2,400 range).
- Currently 9 teams registered for the tournament (mostly advanced level).
- Need to increase participation, especially intermediate players.
- Marketing efforts ongoing (QR codes, direct outreach).

Event Promotion & Communications - Discussion: Current messaging regarding upcoming membership drive can sometimes be overlooked.

- Action Items:
 - o Create E-vite for June event - Tom
 - o Coordinate with Cindy for FRC communications.
 - o Separate communications for:
 - Membership & Party promotion
 - Tournament participation
 - o Include event details in broader community communications (FRC blast).

Club Membership dues payment methods – discussion:

- o PayPal (utilize QQR code), Check, Avoid cash where possible (or exact change only)

Competition: Keowee Key Fall Classic update – Chuck

- Registration increased from ~40 to 80 participants.
- KKPOA Club declined to provide food → opens opportunity for alternatives.
 - Proceed with food trucks (e.g., 313 or California Mexican).
- New sponsor secured (Upstate Insurance) for awards.
- Financial Overview
 - Funds available; ongoing inflows from tournament registrations.
 - Plan to transfer excess funds into savings periodically.
 - Fall Classic tournament finances remain separate from PB club budget.
 - Future discussion needed on transparency and budgeting approach.
 - Revisit financial issues post-event season.

FRC Coordination:

KKPOA website converting to NorthStar system effective June 1st. New system replaces current platform.

- To improve court utilization during peak usage morning hours court reservations standardized to 90-minute increments for the summer
 - 8:00–9:30
 - 9:30–11:00
 - 11:00–12:30
- Unified communication (tennis + pickleball) to be issued (~May 11).
- Board members to support messaging and encourage compliance.

Open Play Adjustments – Court reservation changes:

- Reduced to most active time slots:
 - Monday AM, Wednesday PM, Friday AM and Saturday AM
- Low participation in other time slots.
- Open play remains a priority long-term.

Action Item:

- Update FRC communications to reflect new schedule - Daniel

Courts 5 - 8 resurfacing scheduled: May 18th – May 29th. New portable PB nets are being introduced at the multipurpose courts.

Interclub Play Status:

- Multiple informal leagues currently active but ending soon.
- No formal interclub programming during summer.
- Fall plan: develop single, transparent interclub structure.

Key Principle: Equal opportunity and clarity for all members.

Equipment Update

- Transitioned to Franklin balls for general use.
- Using Selkirk balls for ball machine (durability/cost).
- Equipment in good condition overall.

Action Items:

- Purchase one additional ball picker - Jim
- Evaluate use of older ball inventory – John & Jim

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting: June 1st, 2026, 4:30pm, Lakeview Room

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