

PICKLEBALL CLUB AT KEOWEE KEY – MEETING MINUTES > Final <

4:30pm – 5:50pm, Monday, July 7th 2026

Lakeview Room at KK North Marina

Present: Charlie Beagan, Tom Donegan, Deb Higdon, Chuck Howard, Dave Higdon, Larry VanderRoest, Vicki Enos, John Walker, Leslie Walker, Jon Goyert, Karen Daniels, Kim Shoulars, Samantha Holt, Jaye Melanson, Jim Weinstein, Tony Bonitati, Daniel Shidler

Attending via Phone: none

Not in attendance: Susan Brennan, Tom Beck

Guest attendance: John Keller – his 2nd guest appearance - > future board member 😊

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order and the previous meeting minutes were approved.

Membership

- John reported that membership stands at 313 paid with 116 yet to renew.
- John estimated an additional 15–20 renewals and indicated that the renewal pattern was consistent with prior years.
- The July 1 renewal deadline remains in effect. Members may still join later but will not receive immediate access to member-only resources until dues are paid.
- The board approved updating the club website password, camera system password, member email list and Spond club roster. Password changes will be coordinated to minimize disruption.

Financial

- Membership revenue is tracking close to budget. Recent PayPal payments had not yet been reflected in the financial report.
- Tom reported that his recently communicated spreadsheet covered all FY 25/26 data. We are now in a new fiscal year.

Social Committee

- The Membership Party was well attended and received very positive feedback. Great work by Samantha, Kim and several others.
- Ladies social Pink Week event set for October 15th.
- The committee discussed holding a fall social. A breakfast event on October 31st received the most support - **Daniel will reserve 8 courts.**
- A National Pickleball Day event will not be planned this year.

- A proposed joint tennis/pickleball social event was postponed to avoid conflicting with the annual Christmas Party.
- Samantha reported that the recent ladies' social event was very successful – a carload of donations was taken to Lakeview Assisted Living in Walhalla.

Equipment

- Equipment updates included delivery of windsocks and ongoing installation of new divider nets.
- The upper pavilion whiteboard needs replacement. Daniel reported that 2 new white boards have been ordered.
- Jaye will donate a portable whiteboard for the lower pavilion.
- Volunteers (Chuck, Samantha, Jaye & others) will organize and clean the storage room – July 15th.
- The board decided to donate surplus televisions rather than install them.
- Jim will contact Tom to come up to speed on the camera system password management.

Keowee Key Classic Tournament

Chuck reported that tournament planning is progressing well.

- Great news - Food truck and sponsors have been secured!
- Sponsor tents and promotional displays are being coordinated.
- Promotional materials have been ordered.
- Approximately 168 players have registered, with about 140 paid.
- Registration remains open through September 1.
- Tournament committee continues regular planning meetings.

Player Development

- Next training event set for July 15th
- Daniel reported that weekly skill based Spond events have begun and have been successful.

Communications

- Change to PB Scuttlebutt articles format: Tony will shift focus from forward looking events to past events and human-interest stories. Draft versions of the article will be reviewed by Charlie & Daniel, any revisions by them will be submitted within allotted timeline.

Open Play

- Daniel will check with Northstar administration to see if it is possible to make the pre-reservations for open play courts alternate from lower to upper courts on a weekly basis (year-round). If possible, the change will be put in to affect this August.
- Tom D will communicate changes & Susan will update the club calendar website accordingly .

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting: August 3rd, 2026, 4:30pm, Lakeview Room

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Higdon, Secretary