

Keowee Key Pickleball Club Board Minutes

Monday, August 4, 2025

Lakeview Room

Present: Tony Bonitati, Tom Donegan, Scott Lincoln, Jaye Melanson, Jim JJ Jacobs, Kim Kraft, Charlie Beagan, Jim Weinstein, Tom Beck, Leslie Walker, John Walker, Larry VanderRoest.
Not attending: Cindy Fisher, Lynn Chiappane, Susan Brennan,

The meeting was called to order at 4:30.

July 2025 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Pro

July's orientation attendance was light due to extreme heat.

August Orientation is 8/27 from 7– 9 pm. This is a new time and may change in September.

Challenge Court trial begins Tuesday 8/5, 7 – 9 pm. Larry sent out SPOND invites to High Intermediate/Advanced players. This will continue to be evaluated.

Larry asked for feedback regarding Coaching opportunities. He will explore group drills strategy play and video analysis as potentials. It was noted that the FRC Camera can be used to watch specific play.

It was clarified that Larry should utilize the FRC (Cindy McKean) to communicate to all KK residents and utilize Tom Donegan to send E-Blasts to PB Club members. Larry will continue advertising monthly orientations in the Friday Flyer.

Larry clarified that Orientations are offered at no charge. Likewise, no charge for spontaneous drop in play. Private lessons and small group instruction is \$50 per hour and \$70 for a 90 minute session. Drilling sessions are \$30 per hour of specific drilling. Women's Interclub training cost is based on the number of attendees.

Larry received a Thank You Letter from the organizers of Honoring Their Service which Tom Donegan will scan for publication.

B. Competition

We still need more volunteers and Facilitators. John Walker is collaborating with Chuck Howard/Volunteer Committee and will send out reminders as needed.

Volunteers received their shirt order form this week.

The November Scuttlebutt will introduce Chuck Howard as the new head of Competition.

C. Social

National Pickleball Day, August 8, 6 – 8 pm. This has been advertised and is open to ALL Keowee Key Residents. Pizza, Cake, and Prizes will be available. It was noted that we should consider making this an annual summer event.

Ladies Social - September 10

Men's Social – September 21, 1 – 3 pm

Men's Social – October 12, 1 – 3 pm

Dink for Pink – October 23, 3 – 5 pm

Halloween Party - October 31

End of year Holiday Party – December 7

D. Communications

The Scuttlebutt article deadline is August 13. Tom D. welcomes any news or info for the article.

Tom suggested that Larry is welcome to submit a Column for the monthly Newsletters.

E. Finance

Tom Beck sent the current Budget report via email.

Tom Beck identified an issue with Spotify double payment. Tom B will clarify with JJ.

Tony, Cindy, Tom B, and Charlie will meet to go over the budget in detail. Targeted meeting dates are mid-October and mid-November.

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

F. KK PB Committee Liaison Report

Report was sent via email. In Cindy's absence from the next two PB Committee Meetings, Tony will attend and address questions from the PB Committee regarding goals, membership and Orientation follow-up.

G. Club Membership - 474

H. Website - No report

I. InterClub

Charlie will continue as the point person for the next five months. All issues should be sent to Charlie immediately. Issues that cannot be resolved by Charlie will be brought to the Club Board.

Charlie provided Larry with dates for Court reservations needed for InterClub matches. **Larry will present at next PB Committee meeting.**

Four Women's Teams of 2 Advanced and 2 Intermediate have been formed with two Co-Captains for each team. **John will confirm that all are current Club members.**

MJ Raymond was chosen by the Intermediate teams to be their representative to the Golden Corner PB Board.

Because there were 2 Advanced team candidates, the issue was brought to the PB Club Board for resolution. By a vote of 11 – 3, Nancy Lenkowski was selected to be the Advanced Teams representative to the Golden Corner PB Board.

J. New/old business:

Jaye will have a continuous Slide Show at the Pickleball table for the August 23 Activity Fair.

After two productive subcommittee meetings, Open Play hours were revised and distributed by the FRC and by Tom Donegan to all Club members.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm

NOTE CHANGE: Next meeting scheduled on **Tuesday, September 2** at 4:30 pm.

Action items are highlighted in yellow.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leslie Walker, Secretary