

Pickleball University
Board Meeting

April 14, 2026 @ 5:00pm

Location: Pointe West Country Club

1. Call to Order: 5:06pm
Mari Colacino, President, Dave Caswell, Vice-President, Henry Habgood, Treasurer, Margaretta Andrews, Secretary, Bill Creadon, Chuck O'Hanlon (by phone) and new board members Ralph Carley, Dale Samson and Doug Vitunac were in attendance.
2. A quorum was established.
3. The minutes of the March board meeting had been previously approved via email.
4. Monthly Financials:
 - Wells Fargo Checking \$50,051
 - Wells Fargo Business Market Savings \$7,205
 - Fidelity Account \$361,436
5. Old Business:
 - Bill submitted a lengthy reported on court attendance and gatekeepers which is attached to the minutes of this meeting. There was a suggestion that all PBU board members go through court attendant training so they could step in if needed.
 - Social Committee – The end of March event to bid farewell to our seasonal members was a great success. An April happy hour event is planned for April 30th from 4-6 at Azul Mexican Restaurant. Attendance is limited to 40 members for a cost of \$10 per person plus a cash bar.
 - Tournaments – there is a Mixed May Madness tournament scheduled for May 16th. There are still slots open for all levels of play.
6. New Business:
 - On a motion made by Dave and seconded by Bill, it was unanimously voted to approve Dale Samson as a new PBU board member. His term will begin on this date and run through January 2027, at which point he will be eligible to serve two consecutive two-year terms.
 - On a motion made by Bill and seconded by Dave, it was unanimously voted to approve Ralph Carley as a new PBU board member. His term will begin on this date and run through January 2027, at which point he will be eligible to serve two consecutive two-year terms.
 - On a motion made by Margaretta and seconded by Dave, it was unanimously voted to approve Doug Vitunac as a new PBU board member. His term will begin on this date and run through January 2027, at which point he will be eligible to serve two consecutive two-year terms.

- On a motion made by Bill and seconded by Chuck, it was unanimously voted to close the pickleball courts on Saturdays at 5pm from May 1st through November 30th. There was a brief discussion regarding changing summer hours, especially for the scheduled mid-day round robins. Any decisions will be held until the May board meeting.
- Mari reported that the Town of Vero has requested a rendering of our plans for shade structures proposed by Paradise Pagoda. The contractor can provide this in 10-14 days for a cost of \$800. Mari added that the Town has also indicated they would like to amend the current license with PBU. Doug has been in contact with the Town and Mari is waiting to hear from them.
- Hurricane preparedness was discussed at some length by the group. It was decided to make a checklist of what needs to be done in the event of an impending hurricane and then gauge volunteer interest in helping prepare the club for high winds. There is also an option of hiring Small Movers who could remove all the furniture, place it into trucks and move it off-site for a fee of \$6000 per occurrence. That decision could be made within 48 hours of a significant storm. Creating a Lightning policy was also discussed. The decision was made to empower the court attendants to advise players about the National Weather Services' recommendations on thunder and lightning instead of establishing an official PBU policy.
- A discussion regarding creating an Emeritus Board Member position was tabled until Mari can get clarity on whether this would require a by-law amendment.
- Mari requested that members of the board share in the disciplinary process when code violations arise. All present agreed to participate by reviewing complaints, investigating details and advising Mari as to next steps in each situation. Dave, Dale and Ralph will provide this assistance from May 1 through October, and Margareta, Bill and Chuck will take over November 1 through April.
- A new allegation of a member violation of the PBU code of conduct was reviewed. On a motion made by Doug and seconded by Dave, it was unanimously voted to send a letter of warning to the member indicating that any further violations will result in suspension of membership.
- A petition signed by over 100 PBU members requesting the board reverse its decision to remove a member from the board and suspend that member for 90 days was presented to the board and discussed at length. While the board appreciates the engagement of our membership and applauds their level of interest and concern within the PBU community, the consensus of the board was to uphold the decisions made at the March board meeting. Those decisions were made as a result of several infractions, reflecting a pattern of behavior detrimental to the club, including a previous suspension of that member in October 2025.

- Mari suggested that we hold a board team building and negotiations exercise in the near future. Dale has significant experience in this and offered to spearhead the effort. A date will be chosen in the next few weeks.
- The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday May 12th at 5pm.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02pm.