

Pickleball University  
Board Meeting

April 15, 2025 @ 5:00pm

Location: Antilles

1. Call to Order: 5:00pm  
Tom Frechette, President; Loretta Potts, Vice-President; Margaretta Andrews, Secretary; Henry Habgood, Treasurer; Mary Chappelle; Bob O'Leary; and Dave Caswell were in attendance.
2. A quorum was established
3. On a motion made by Loretta and seconded by Bob, the minutes of the February and March Board minutes and the special Members meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup> were unanimously accepted.
4. Monthly Financials:
  - Wells Fargo Checking \$177,470
  - Wells Fargo Business Market Savings \$7,205
  - Fidelity Account \$202,869

As it appears there will be no financial relief coming from the City, Bob offered to once again look into obtaining storm damage insurance for the club which was not available this fall.

5. Old Business:
  - The Podocarpus have been planted and should provide more protection from the East side of the courts.
  - The 2025 tournament was a success overall. Suggestions for improvement include better wifi at the courts, limiting the food trucks to one each day, obtaining sponsors for the event, and perhaps limiting the number of participants to 150 each day. We netted approximately \$10,000 this year and plan a 2-day event next year.
  - Tom reported the new website should be live by the end of the week. Along with monthly minutes and financials, it was suggested that we have a page dedicated to the history of PBU.
6. New Business:
  - The next meeting will be held on Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.
  - In reviewing the recent Members meeting, it was decided that there will be a Nominating Committee going forward to select new Board members. Dave Caswell will chair the committee, and Bob will serve as a committee member. There will be 3 other non-board members on the committee. A 411

communication will go out to the membership asking all who are interested in serving to send a letter of interest to [play@pickleu.com](mailto:play@pickleu.com) .

- The Northwest gate allowing easier access to the bathrooms is unlocked from 8am to 5pm and will be locked in the evening.
- Tom reported that he has asked for a quote to raise all East and West fencing to 8 feet as requested by many members, as well as the North to South fences by the social areas. Once the estimates are received there will be a presentation planned for the membership.
- There will be an effort to lower the shade structures by 2 feet.
- It was suggested that Chuck O'Hanlon be offered the position of Program Director, responsible for coordinating the coaches and round robins on Court Reserve. It was also suggested that photos of Chuck and Ken Roberts be included on the new PBU history page on the new website.
- The board wants to remind all members to be kind and respectful to our gatekeepers, and all gatekeepers be kind and respectful to our members. Please arrive with your wristband on & show it to the gate keeper with a smile.
- Bob reported that after reviewing recent court usage details, the courts are quite empty after noon with the exception of the round robins. Bob suggested we might consider some sort of Associate membership which would limit play to afternoons and evenings during the season, charging annual dues and no initiation fee.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:11pm.