

Pickleball University
Board Meeting

June 2, 2026 @ 5:00pm

Location: Elks Club Vero Beach

1. Call to Order: 5:10pm
Mari Colacino, President, Dave Caswell, Vice-President, Henry Habgood, Treasurer, Margaretta Andrews, Secretary (by phone), Bill Creadon, Chuck O'Hanlon (by phone), Ralph Carley, Dale Samson and Doug Vitunac were in attendance.
2. A quorum was established.
3. The minutes of the May board meeting had been previously approved via email.
4. Monthly Financials:
 - Wells Fargo Checking \$34,286
 - Wells Fargo Business Market Savings \$7,205
 - Fidelity Account \$359,254
5. Old Business:
 - Social Committee – The Memorial Day cookout was a great success – many thanks to Dave Caswell and Gary Carmichael for their grilling prowess. A July 4th breakfast is scheduled for July 3rd at 9am featuring an egg burrito station and lots of sides. Sign up is required on Court Reserve so we know how many eggs we will need.
 - Operations – Bill presented his monthly operations report which is attached to these minutes.
 - The board participated in a brief team building exercise initiated by Dale.
6. New Business:
 - Mari reported that Bread and Butter, a PBU sponsor and local pickleball company recently acquired by Selkirk, will bring their sales reps from around the country to the courts on Thursday June 4th from 4-9pm. The courts will be closed during this time. The reps will demo their paddles which will be for sale, and Bread and Butter is paying PBU \$500 to use the courts.
 - The plans for the Paradise Pagoda shade structure are on the agenda for the city of Vero's June 9th meeting. Once approved the project can move forward.
 - On a motion made by Dave and seconded by Bill, an amendment to our current By-laws regarding creating an Emeritus position for the Board (attached to these minutes) was unanimously approved.
 - A lengthy discussion followed regarding our status as a 501c3, obtained in 2023. On a motion made by Mari and seconded by Dave, it was unanimously approved to investigate the process to convert back to our previous 501c7 designation.

- Pickle with Heart was discussed next, a nonprofit group working with at risk youth in Indian River County. Their Feed the Lambs program will begin bringing kids to the courts next week on Monday and Tuesday from 12-4. The Gifford Youth program will bring their students on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1-4 as well, and more volunteers are needed for both groups starting the week of June 15th. Please reach out to play@pickleu.com if you are interested in helping out.
- Providing funding to resurface and fence two pickleball courts in Gifford was discussed. Mari has been in touch with Park N' Rec and is waiting for their cost estimates for the proposed project. Doug agreed to reach out to his county contact to discuss what is needed.
- Mari reported that we have hired one new Court Attendant, Liam Greenway, a high school student who will work 3-4 days through the summer. Please welcome Liam when you are at the courts! More attendants are needed and while there are a few other applicants, the board discussed tapping into local High School programs whose students have a volunteering requirement for graduation. Dave will look into subscribing to Indeed, a job posting service, to find more applicants.
- On a motion made by Dale and seconded by Doug, it was unanimously voted to purchase and distribute small gift cards to PBU Court Attendants who go above and beyond for the club.
- The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday July 7th at 5pm.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.