

Sunrise PickleBall Club
Board of Directors and General Membership Meeting
Thursday, May 21, 2026
4:30 PM
Rusch Park – Bistro

The meeting was called to order by Membership Director Jerry Mountjoy at 4:34 PM.

Present: Marty Brown, Treasurer; Loida Bartolome, Secretary/Events Director; Rodney Coleman, Activities Director; David Dellinger, Special Projects Director; and Jerry Mountjoy, Membership Director

Guest: Gwen Warrener (substitute for Rose Dias, Communications Director)

Absent: Jason Pollock, President; Tom Bylsma, Vice President; and Rose Dias, Communications Director

Approval of April 16, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes: Marty, 1st motion; Rodney, 2nd motion

REPORTS

Marty, Financial

- Submitted a full report by email to the Board. About \$90K was spent last year on the courts, tubing, and the lighting system. We're also paying for Court Ambassador Michael Rifkin. Cash on hand is approximately \$290,629. We're not really pushing to spend the money right now – it's similar to an endowment that's generating about 5%, which some of it is in the stock market that we don't really need but to get a better gain on it. Our investment in the stock market is not doing very well right now, but our funds appear to be all safe.

Jerry, Membership

- We are at 652 members as of this morning. We were at 673 members the same time last year so we're starting to level out. We have more new members this year at this time than we had last year, with fewer renewing members, so we're balancing out. The increase in members may have been attributed to Michael's and Myung's work out there on the courts pushing for new memberships.
- Marty added that the daily guest fees have been about \$800 this year.

OLD BUSINESS

David

- CPR training classes were cancelled due to low interest. Vicki sent out messages/announcements in May and received only two signups—hard to understand why this is so because these classes are offered to members with a subsidy of \$25 per member. She would like to give this offer another try in the near future.
- Gwen suggested that it may be helpful for people to pay more attention to the announcements when the contents are shorter. For instance, state in the subject line clearly what the subject is (CPR Classes Offered) and the specifics in brief: day, date, time, location

ACTION: David will follow up talk/work with Vicki on the next steps.

- The "Pickles & Dogs" event will be held on Friday, July 3, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Still do not have a BBQ grill yet, but someone suggested that we buy one and store it in the bistro. Will start serving hot dogs at 11:00 AM. David shared some of the fun facts of the event, such as each participant will get a ticket at entrance—10 people could win a \$25 gift cash prize; there will be prizes for teams that get an 11-0 pickle and shout "pickle!" first. There will be choices to mirror making a Dodger dog or Chicago dog, recipes will be provided; more fun stuff will be held at the event.
- Because of this year's 250th celebration, David suggested strongly supporting a "red, white, and blue" themed-color event/attire.

ACTION: The Board approved purchase of a BBQ grill that will fit in the bistro for storage.

Marty

- In Marty's email sent to Michael, he suggested two options for Michael's payments through PayPal; Michael has not responded yet.

ACTION: Marty will follow up with Michael on the next steps.

Loida

- Introduced the “amazing” volunteers, acknowledged their roles, and thanked them for their voluntary work for the club:

Carlo Del Giudice offers challenge games for all levels on MWF mornings; **Myung** Reitenbach helps as a court ambassador in the morning hours; **Mark** Koenig is very instrumental in facilitating and setting up events and managing the Scoreholio system. Other voluntary supporters who are not present at this meeting are **Cassie** Cornish (women’s ladder), **Bruce** Long (K&Q), **Linda** Walrath (K&Q), **Michael** Rifkin (court ambassador), and **Dick** Selby for Dicky’s Dinks on MW mornings. It was mentioned that **John** Vick no longer offers the advanced play on Friday mornings.

- On Bruce’s behalf, Loida requested approval for changing the K&Q morning sessions start time to an earlier time, 8:30 AM, effective the week of June 1.

ACTION: The Board approved the new start time of 8:30 AM. Mark will update the PlayTime Scheduler postings; Gwen will send out an e-blast communication.

Jerry

- Our club needs to update our Facebook / social media presence and find someone who can manage it.

ACTION: The Board will bring this matter up to Rose’s attention.

Marty

- The Memorial Day (MD) event on Monday, May 25, will be held from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM. This will allow non-event participants to open play starting at 10:00 AM.
- Court reservations are not needed because this event will be held during club hours.
- Introduced **Jeff Coley**, a club new member, as his event partner at the MD event
 - o Jeff introduced a new, physical “rotation deck” card system that he created and will be used at the MD event: each player picks a card—each card tells the actual court number you’re on, the players you’re with, and your position as a server or receiver; puts card in a drop box outside of each court before each game
 - o two tables will be set up (based on skill level selections—below 3.5 or above 3.5)
 - o will monitor players who are sitting out so they can get on the next round(s) of play time; next set of players will sit out
- Paddles will be given out as prizes.
- Prize winners will be based on a “poppy flower” collection contest.

ACTION: Gwen will send out an e-blast announcement on Saturday about the Memorial Day event.

OTHER

- A member (Cathy) asked to clarify about the double-signing up/participating in two separate K&Q events. It was explained that although 16 players are required to hold each event, she was encouraged to continue to sign up for any two separate events anyway as there have been times when not enough players get in the end; use discretion if full.
- A member (Darien) expressed his interest in opening the Bistro to serve food and drinks.
- A member (Carlo) proposed putting benches/tables under the trees outside of the courts on the south side.

NEW BUSINESS

Loida – will defer the calendar of events for David’s discussion.

David

- The newly installed two benches did not get the back rests. Apparently, the back part was an add-on option, and we correctly did **not** order the benches with the back.

ACTION: The Board approved to keep the benches as they are, without the back rests.

- Discussed the potential options on pouring a concrete pad for a drilling wall.
 - o Will need to clarify and confirm what the Park District office requirements are for this work.
 - o The “net” will be painted on the wall, as well as the SPC sign.
- Proposed a calendar of events (monthly) for the year; nothing is set in stone, yet all proposed events sound good.

Mark asked when the last tournament was held at Rusch Park and reminded us about the use of Scoreholio for running our events. He proposed hosting a one-day tournament, open to all members and non-members. Loida invited Jeff to participate in this event planning and join the volunteer team as well. Jeff accepted this invitation.

ACTION: The Board agreed and tasked Loida to pick a date and coordinate this event planning with Mark.

CLOSED BOARD DISCUSSIONS

- Michael would like to offer open courts to non-members when possible, using good judgment when there is light use of the courts.

- Brian/Amber would like to teach PB 101 on alternate weeks (Saturday and/or Sunday) on courts 7 and 8, from 8:00-10:00 AM.

ACTION: Loida will discuss this possibility / check with the Park District office for court use approval during public play time (Saturday).

CLOSING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 18, 2026, 4:30 PM, in Rusch Park Room 1.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.