Pickleball Board Meeting Notes June 16, 2025

This meeting was an all-member meeting with election of new Board Members

ATTENDEES:

Rich Loose, Janice Vaplon, Jane Jakubec, Jim Cooney, Lisa Penton, Craig Campbell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the May 2025 Board meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Report was given by Jane Jakubec. We have \$24,032.99 in our account. We have 1 more payment to the city for \$5,000 for our share in the building costs of the courts. Jane explained to us that while it may seem we have a large amount in our account, we have payments thru out the year, such as insurance, tournaments, our website, Sign Up Genius, Maintenance with the City and Spearfish Rec Center. Gate sponsorships pay \$350/year.

MEMBERSHIP:

Report was given by Janice Vaplon. We have 186 current members.

ELECTIONS:

3 Board positions available. These are 3-year terms

Outgoing Board Members:

- Rich Loose- President
- Janice Vaplon- Vice President and Membership
- Lisa Penton- Secretary

Nominees for the vacating Board positions:

- Garland Erbele
- Bob Deis
- Lisa Penton

These Nominees were nominated and voted in for the Board positions.

FALL TOURNAMENT:

Clint and Rita Haxton were present at the meeting. Clint presented his trophies, which look great: 3 trophies for 3 groups 9 trophies in total.

If we need more, we can add more when we know more on the attendance of the Fall tournament.

We voted to give Clint a free membership to the Pickleball Club for providing us with trophies that show his handiwork.

QUESTIONS & FEEDBACK FROM MEMBERS FOR OUR CLUB:

- Fall tournament is first open to our club members, then will be open to the public.
 - o Who determines where players are placed and which level?
 - Board members get together and place the players
- Would we like a single entry or partner entry for the Fall tournament?
- What kind of Format does the club want?
 - o Round Robin, Win-Lose, Move up or down. Seemed most in attendance preferred the Round Robin.
- 64 max players for the Fall Tournament- may decrease number of players with a waiting list
- It was asked if we had someone to Rank players.
 - o We do not. Would always need someone available and be consistent
- Rec Center has increased the daily fee to \$6
- Could we have a youth league?
 - o There is one at the College
- A suggestion was made to have a youth level at our tournament.
- Also, there is a large 20 something playing group
- A recommendation was given to move the paddle holders to the outside of the courts. This would keep the crowd of players waiting to play out of the way of the two courts that are right by the current paddle holder locations.
- What about lights for the courts?
 - o This has already been investigated. Cost was in the range of \$300,000. Park closes at 10pm Opens at 7am.
- Is the cost of membership too low?
 - o Yes and No. We are a non-profit organization and do not need the extra money now.
- Can we get a Pro to come give lessons?
 - o This has been tried in the past with no interest.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND POSITIONS:

- President- Jim Cooney
- Vice President- Garland Erbele
- Treasurer- Jane Jakubec
- Secretary- Lisa Penton
- Membership: Phil Bellis
- Director of IT: Craig Campbell
- Director of Socials: Bob Deis