

ALL MEMBER Pickleball Board Meeting Notes JUNE 15, 2026

Jim Cooney opened the meeting, introduced our first speaker.

Phil Summers and his daughter Lexi presented information on the new Sports Academy they are wanting to open just west of the Sports Complex Exit 17 and the affordable housing. This is the development that Lori Riley is developing.

Lexi- 30 years have owned Spearfish Sports Academy. They currently have gymnastics, ninja warrior, preschool and daycare. They would like to open a new building that would be larger and contain 14 pickleball courts, 8 of which are courts all the time. The other 6 will be covered with a turf surface that is removable to become pickleball courts. They want to be able to offer lessons, tournaments, open play. Membership is being discussed as having discounts, pay as you play or a punch pass. Drop-in times and private court reservations. Hours are uncertain yet. They need investors. They would like suggestions. A questionnaire went out awhile ago via email, please fill out if you have not yet.

Jim Cooney reported back on what information he obtained from Rex McDonald with the City Parks. He is new to the job, Tyler left. The city has no plans for building more pickleball courts. They have a 10-year plan, and we are not in it. City is busy doing other projects.

Garland asked Rich Loose if BH had any plans of building courts and that was a no. They have no space. They have a PB club and hoping this catches on.

Jim introduced the current board:

Jim Cooney-outgoing President- has been here since the start. Very instrumental in getting things repaired and maintained. Leaving the board in June.

Jane Jakubec- Treasurer- has been treasurer the last 6 years. Leaving board in June. Has decided to stay on board one more year.

Craig Campbell- IT

Garland Erberle- Vice President

Lisa Penton- Secretary

Phil Bellis- Bling

Bob Deis- Socials

Jim introduced our previous President of two terms Rich Loose

Our formal meeting started

ATTENDEES:

Jim Cooney, Jane Jakubec, Garland Erbele, Craig Campbell, Bob Deis, Phil Bellis, Lisa Penton

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the May 18th Board meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A financial report given by Jane Jakubec. At the end of 2025, we had \$19,185.71 in our account. Our income comes from dues, court sponsors and tournaments. Our debits are from club insurance, Website license, SUG and other items like equipment, nets, balls, timing clock, new banner for the Christmas parade and candy. We currently have \$25,545.90 in our account now. We have fulfilled our agreement with the city and have paid off our bill for the courts. We still maintain a MOU with the city for the outdoor courts.

SUG:

Craig Campbell addressed this topic. We have had a lot of issues with SUG lately. Craig has been dealing with this. Most of the problems stem from the organization itself as they are trying to do updates. They have been working with us to get our SUG working. We don't want to change to another due to the ability to control the number who sign up, also can use for our membership and tournaments.

MEETING OPENED TO ATTENDING MEMBERS:

Court Reserve was recommended for us to use instead of SUG. Works well and does all that we need it to do. Craig will research this app. As well as Playtime Scheduler.

It was suggested we look around for lower priced insurance.

We were asked if we were going to invest in the Sports Academy. No- we are going to wait to see how things work out.

The club was offered some land out in this new development area. It was in a flood plain. We would have to build and maintain these courts. We declined this offer.

We were given several proposals:

- 1-That we have 3 levels of groups of play
 - Competitive/Open Play
 - Intermediate Play
 - Social Play
- 2-To have a formal rating process.
 - Provide 2 or 3 dates for testing
 - Members pay for rates or pay part
- 3-To have SUG sign up times match what is stated on the blue signs at the outdoor courts
- 4-Maintenance of the pickleball courts. Grass/leaves on the courts in the mornings. (There is a leaf blower in the shed at the outdoor courts for this purpose)

Jim discussed that we as a club like to play outside. We need more outdoor courts. Winter play is different. Only 4 courts available at the Rec Center. There will be no new courts at the Rec Center. The weight room is a priority, also outdoor water park. We share courts with skating, birthday parties, and other events. The ball machine is currently located at the Rec Center and locked up. This machine is available to all members. It needs to be cleaned after each use. Jim is happy to show a member how to use it. The balls in the shed at the outdoor courts are the balls for the ball machine when used outdoors. They are green balls.

There is a new maintenance person at the Rec Center. They are working on bigger wattage bulbs in our play area but hasn't finished this yet.

Outdoor courts are closed at 10PM

Interest in lights on the courts. This has been investigated and quite expensive. Plus, courts close at 10Pm

There are 2 tennis courts at the middle school that are unused. Maybe it would be worthwhile to look in doing something there.

Frank Pavich discussed the need for more courts due to the growing interest in pickleball. Not only by the retired community but with the younger generation. He feels we need to come up with a plan to present to the city for new courts. He is willing to form a taskforce to network and to find money for new courts. We need a plan of action for new courts and go to the city with our proposal. Spearfish needs more courts due to the growing interest of Pickleball, not only in the retired community but with the young as well. We need to make a legacy for our kids.

ELECTIONS:

Jim opened the elections stating the board had openings for 2 new members. This is a 3-year commitment.

Jane Jakubec, our current treasurer, volunteered to be on the board 1 more year. Thank you, Jane.

Laura Glueckert volunteered to be on the board. Thank you, Laura.

Meeting was adjourned.

Pickleball Board met to vote on new member positions within the board.

Garland Erbele was nominated and voted for President.

Bob Deis was nominated and voted for Vice President.

Jane Jakubec was nominated and voted as Treasurer.

Lisa Penton was nominated and voted for Secretary.

Craig Campbell was nominated and voted for IT Director

Phil Bellis and Laura Glueckert were both nominated and voted for Social Committee.

Our next meeting will be July 13th, 5:30pm at the Wine Bar. We will discuss our Fall Tournament and address the scheduled times not meshing.

NEW 2026 Board Members:

Garland Erbele- President

Bob Deis- Vice President

Jane Jakubec-Treasurer

Craig Campbell- Director of IT, Membership

Lisa Penton- Secretary

Phil Bellis-Socials

Laura Glueckert- Socials