

Pickleball Board Meeting Notes August 10 , 2026

ATTENDEES:

Garland Erbele, Jane Jakubec, Craig Campbell, Laura Glueckert, Phil Bellis, John Soriano, Lisa Penton

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the July 13th meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Report given by Jane Jakubec. We currently have \$25,272.38 in our account. We had 6 new sign-ups. Laura Glueckert and Jim Cooney were reimbursed, Laura for the candy used at the 4th of July parade and \$40.50 to Jim to repair the nets.

MEMBERSHIP:

We currently have 215 members. 40 previous members have not rejoined.

Some ask, "Why join the Pickleball Club?" To play, access to SUG, socials, comradery

Discussion was had regarding having a weekly or monthly get together. We could all meet somewhere and socialize.

TOURNAMENT PLANNING:

The Fall tournament "Spearfish Open", will be held Sept 19-20. Rain date Oct 3-4. Format Doubles- Men, Women and Mixed Doubles. Round Robin-singles. 8am start. Spearfish Pickleball courts. 8AM start

Registration opens August 15th, closes September 10th. Early bird registration is by September 1st. You will be entered into a drawing. Registration will be on SUG

Garland will buy new Lifetime balls for the tournament.

We have 3 dozen balls leftover from last years tournament. They are Franklin balls. They will be sold 4 for \$10. They will be available for purchase that the tournament or ask Garland.

Discussion was had regarding having a DUPR or no DUPR tournament. Consensus was that it might be too much to arrange in the short period of time that we have. Next year might work better. It was decided to have a regular tournament this year, making it a Doubles tournament.

Divisions will be men's, women's and mixed doubles. Find your partner now. We will have a Round Robin category for those who want to play in the tournament and do not have a partner.

Levels:

3.0 and below

3.5

4.0 and above

Price:

\$20 for member

\$30 for non-member

You may play in more than one division. Add \$10 to the cost for each additional division.

Flyers will be made and put up at the outdoor courts and various locations in Spearfish and Rapid City. Facebook can be used to advertise the tournament to others. Lisa will get the flyers

Banner- Jane will get a banner to hang outside the courts on tournament day. Spearfish Pickleball logo and Spearfish Open on the banner.

Podium- Laura will ask Frank if we may borrow his podium

White Boards- Garland has these

Medallions- Laura will speak with Doug, Liz's husband to determine if he is willing to make medallions for place winners. We will need 57. Megan will call Van Way trophy in Rapid City to see what their cost for medallions is.

Bob will contact Clint and Rita Haxton that we will not need his trophies this year since we are trying the medallions.

Jane called some food trucks, but they did not respond.

Release forms: Craig and Lisa have copies. Craig will attach the release form to the sign up if he can, otherwise, they will be available in the morning of the tournament to sign.

SPONSORS:

\$100 fee. Free entrant plus able to hang a banner

Garland called some of our previous sponsors. Here are the results:

Jon and Abby Crum- water – free entrant

Spencer Rossi- gift certificates -free entrant

Frank and Kit- Ice-free entrant

Payton-yes-free entrant

Chris Mitchell-Edward Jones-free entrant

Six Goats Tavern- Chris Pania- Food truck with rice bowls, tacos and Jersey Mike subs. Also giving out gift cards. They will need to park in the city park parking lot. Free entrant for them

Laura is in charge of getting a box of coffee from City Brew in the morning of the tournament. She has also asked Phil and Chris Summers to have a table of information available of the new facility they want to build.

Craig will put the Release Form on the SUG

Phil will bring the swag. A table is needed and cash for the swag table. Hats-38, visors-12 and stocking hats-12 have been ordered. Will be available for purchase the day of the tournament.

Patches are \$3 each.

Phil will speak with Scheels to see if they are interested in donating a paddle or gift card for a drawing for any player the day of the tournament.

We will decide at the next meeting how to disperse items we may receive from people.

ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

Due to the heat, the courts are overcrowded early in the mornings during the week. Many would like to play before the heat but are unable. Discussion was had at how to better share the courts on these early mornings so that more can play. A recommendation was given to use the paddle system per court, allowing more people to play. First and foremost, a conversation needs to be had to better share the courts.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, September 15th at 5:30 tentative location is Six Goats Tavern. Garland will let us know.

