

Sun City Center Pickleball Club - Board of Directors' Meeting
February 26, 2026

Minutes			
Type: Regularly Scheduled Board	Attendees: John Orton (President), Don Chiapetta (Vice-President), Julie Ware (Treasurer) Marcia McMullen (Secretary), Steve Butz (Director-Facilities), Rich Quintanilla (Director-Socials), Eve Blazsur (Director-Communications) Attendees on speaker phone: None Apologies (Absent): None Guest(s): None		
Date: 02/26/2026	Time: 2:00 p.m.	Called by: President	Location: Palm Room

2:01 pm – meeting called to order by President John Orton.

John Orton-President

- John called for the Secretary Marcia McMullen to read the minutes from the meeting of January 9, 2026. The minutes were read.
- John called for a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was made, seconded, and approved by the Board.
- John requested an update on the number of paid members for 2026. Marcia reported 389 members are paid for 2026.
- John called on Treasurer Julie Ware for a financial report.
- Discussion was had regarding a particular club member who has been confronting people at the courts about whether or not they were a member. A motion was made that a letter needed to be sent to the member via U.S. mail instructing them to discontinue this activity. The motion was seconded and approved.
- The Board received a resignation email from the instructors of the beginner lessons effective April 1, 2026. Further discussion and acknowledgment of the instructors for their contribution over the past years to take place at the General Meeting.

Don Chiapetta-Vice President

- Don reported the petition to Ron Clark of the CA for a walkway to the restrooms was rejected; terrain/drainage cited as the reason. However, lights will be installed to the tennis courts bathroom facility.
- Discussion over court use occurred when a men's group occupied courts during non-club time; board policy states no assigned courts.
- Board established a court-use committee chaired by Don to draft court-use rules; volunteers to be solicited via TeamReach. Proposed court-priority rules: inter-club play priority (four courts, two days/week); training and lessons prioritized; suggested limits of maximum two courts and two days per group; consideration of an annual lottery for allocations.

Sun City Center Pickleball Club - Board of Directors' Meeting
February 26, 2026

Julie Ware-Treasurer

- Reported account balances: \$38,000 in checking. A CD in the amount of \$10,000 matured Monday at an interest rate of 0.5%. Recommended minimum checking balance range from \$10,000 to \$20,000 for routine event costs: pizza -\$200, barbecue -\$200; tournaments are self-funded but require upfront capital.
- Motion made and seconded to place \$25,000 into one or more CDs for 7 months at 3.5%.
- Board-approved placement of funds into CDs.
- Julie and Rich will work on updating the TeamReach membership roster.
- The club now has a debit card to use for purchases.
- Julie alerted Board members to email scams.

Steve Butz-Court Facilities

- Discussion of the fans' locations being a hazard. There have been a couple of incidences where people have walked into them and gotten injured. John mentioned sending a letter to the CA board to have the fans moved. Also discussed providing incident forms on the bulletin board for reporting any issues.
- Discussion regarding ball replacements.
- Members have complained that post-grad (PG) Pickler Players dominate sessions and give unsolicited instruction to lower-skill players.
- Discussion of net maintenance. Net ties are designed to break; ties frequently failed in storms but repairs were completed promptly.

Rich Quintanilla-Director-Socials

- St. Patrick's plans: Mar 14—15 tournament canceled; Mar 17th - Thirsty Tuesday; Mar 21 lunch social proposed; club to fund ingredients for a corned-beef dinner or sandwiches; volunteers needed and previous attendance was about 40 people; crock pots and chafing dishes available.
- Rich informed the Board he will be out of town from March 13th through April.
- Rich is going to get with Mike (Webmaster) about whether or not emails can be cc'ed to all Board members.

Meeting adjourned: 3:01pm	Next meeting scheduled for: General Meeting 6:00 p.m. March 27, 2026 in the Caper Room. Minutes recorded by: Pickleball Club Secretary, Marcia McMullen
-------------------------------------	--