

SPA Executive Meeting Minutes Nov 3rd, 2025

Present: Brad Lindner, Mike Brodhagen, Nikki Whiteman, Steve Lund, Pat Wouters, Barb Myers and Cindy Mcnall

Regrets: Joanne Cortes and Michael Hauck

Minutes Taker: Nikki Whiteman

Meeting called to order at 5:23pm by Brad

Review of Correspondence - Brad and Nikki had some correspondence forwarded to them regarding open play, tournaments, and organized play. Brad and Nikki have followed up on these.

Approval of Agenda & Review of Minutes

- Minutes from October approved - no changes
- Agenda item additions - Senior Games (Mike), and League Play (Steve)
- Steve motioned to approve the last meeting minutes and the agenda with the additions. Cindy seconded - all approved.

Treasurer Update

- Brad updated the group that Michael has requested to pass along his duties as treasurer.
- Mike nominated Steve as the new treasurer for the 2026 year since Michael will be stepping down. Steve agreed to the nomination. Nikki seconded. Motion carried by all.
- Discussion occurred around a potential budget for 2026
 - **Steve** to create the proposed budget and bring to the next meeting for board approval
 - **Brad, Steve, and Michael** to meet regarding adding Steve to the bank account and taking Michael off
 - **Brad** will provide Steve admin access to the pickleball canada website so Steve can see the financials

Subcommittee Reports

PFTA Oct 18th Tournament

- First time using rally scoring - positive feedback was received from participants regarding rally scoring vs. timed matches
- Games finished within the scheduled time
- Dana was happy with how the tournament was run
- Tournament Committee will meet with Dana to discuss tournaments for 2026

Fun Night Oct 24th

- 25 attended with many dressed up
- Lower turn out than other fun nights - potentially due to good weather

Dec 5th Fun Night

- Red/Green/Ugly Christmas Sweater themed
- Pizza and Pop will be provided by the club
- Nikki made a motion to for SPA to make a \$250 donation to a charity and hold a month long food drive. Charity will be determined later. Pat seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- **Mike** to update Dana of food drive

Paddleboard Upkeep/Posters

- Joanne continues to update the paddle board
- Joanne and Nikki made why join SPA posters one for the paddle board and one for the front lobby when you walk into PFTA.
- Why Join SPA poster was up for 3 weeks roughly - Joanne has updated the paddle with the updated posters (tournament, event schedule etc.)
- Joanne and Nikki will work on sending out an as needed newsletter with short blurbs about previous events, upcoming events, and new members. Copies will be on the paddle as well as emailed out

Old Business

SPA Appreciation Tournament Nov 1

- Everyone enjoyed the event, great feedback received
- 48 participants
- Members have shared they feel more confident in sharing what SPA is and why others should join SPA now
- Suggestions from participants - use larger fonts for the schedules, have seating for Court 3 and 6 like court 5 and 8 do
- It was agreed that this will be an annual event moving forward

Website/Email Transitions

- Brad and Nikki met virtually with Doug and have converted the GoDaddy website to Nikki
- Go Daddy website will end Aug 26,2026 - **Exec** to determine at a later date if the website and/or the domain will lapse or will be renewed
- SPA GMAIL (stratfordpickleballassociation@gmail.com) - is the only email the club has
 - Doug created and has managed this email since 2019
 - Doug is hesitant to relinquish this email to the executive
 - Nikki made a motion for Doug to relinquish the email to the SPA executive for ethical reasons since he is no longer an executive board member. Cindy seconded the motion. Unanimously carried.

T-Shirts

- Brad received from Doug roughly 30 t SHirts with the SPA logo on the front and volunteer on the back- some have been worn others haven't. It was determined that they would be donated.

Membership Drive Fall 2025

- Currently 119 paid members - October had 61 people join SPA (36 renewed their membership and 25 were new SPA members).
- SPA Fee (\$10) has been increased as of Nov 1st
- **Nikki** to create a how to opt into SPA emails sheet and post in team reach. **Barb** to post on Facebook

New Business

Survey Results to date

- Brad reviewed the survey results thus far (41 surveys turned in)
- Highlights include - members wants open social play, round robin play, and tournament play
- Members are predominantly wanting mixed play and skill level is 3.0-3.75
- The surveys will remain available for members to complete until the next meeting so the results can be prepared for the AGM

Nov 22nd SPA Tournament

- \$20/nonmember will be paid to PFTA due to SPA Contract with PFTA
- Executive members to get the word out about the tournament and encourage sign ups
- Mike to ask Dana to post on their website as it will support PFTA as well
- 5 team cap per division as there are both skill level and age restrictions for divisions
- Nikki made a motion that \$500 be spent on the key chain trophies and an additional \$500 be spent on draw prizes for participants (kitchen blockers, free tournament entry for a future tournament, balls, etc). Mike seconded. Motion carried by all.
- Barb to speak with MadMash regarding if its worth them attending the Nov 22nd tournament and if so Mike will speak with Dana

Other Business

League Play

- Dana has mentioned to Mike about SPA organizing a league at PFTA on the off nights (Mon, Wed, Fri)
- Steve would like to see a mixed league of 3.0-3.5 players
- It was determined that a meeting with Dana is needed to determine if court times will be blocked off for all 8 courts or just some courts etc
 - Steve, Mike, Brad, and Nikki agreed to meet with Dana this week

SLAA Tournament

- Ken Robertson approached Mike and Joanne regarding SPA supporting SLAA with organizing a tournament
- Mike to reach out to Ken and request a 1 page proposal of what SLAA is expecting of SPA for SPA Exec to review prior to Dec 1st meeting
- Mike to invite Ken to the first 10mins of Dec 1st meeting for SPA exec to ask any questions prior to a decision being made

Next Meeting - Dec 1st @ 530pm Pinnacle Meeting Room

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.