

SPA Executive Meeting Minutes Dec 1, 2025

Present: Mike Brodhagen, Nikki Whiteman, Steve Lund, Pat Wouters, Barb Myers, Cindy McNall, Joanne Cortes, and Michael Hauck

Regrets: Brad Lindner

Minutes Taker: Nikki Whiteman

Meeting called to order at 5:34pm by Mike

Review of Correspondence - Barb has received a few emails regarding lessons. She provided the individuals with a list of coaches and contact information to allow them to pick who they would want lessons from.

Approval of Agenda & Review of Minutes

- Minutes from November approved - no changes
 - Minutes quick update - Mike spoke with Ken Robinson regarding the Senior Games being hosted by SLAA and updated him that for the 2026 bid SPA is unable to support. Mike indicated that with some notice SPA would consider support for the 2027 bid.
- Agenda item additions - Club Championship (Mike) and Feb Tournament (Mike)

Motion to approve minutes and agenda additions by Pat, Cindy seconded, and all approved.

Treasurer Update

- Current balance: \$4649.83
- \$2588.32 was deposited from Nov 22nd tournament (201.68 in processing fees for Pickleball Canada)
- Mike just handed Michael \$220 in cash payments from the tournament
- Outstanding receipts
 - \$604.5 to Mike for the installation materials of the fans and extension cords
 - Joanne just provided receipts for ink, paper, and paper plates

Motion to approve treasurer update by Barb, Nikki seconded, and all approved

2026 Budget

- Steve completed a draft of the budget for 2026
- Charitable donations increased to \$1000
- Website Honorarium line added \$1000
- Capital funds increased to \$2000
 - \$750 for netting by courts 5 and 8
 - \$200 for blackout netting by court 5
 - \$100 for a large clock timer for league and groups to use
- Steve to make updates for next meeting and the final approval will be made then
- 2027 PFTA/SPA sponsorship contract will be up for renewal

Motion to approve the above changes made by Mike, Nikki seconded, all approved.

Subcommittee Reports

SPA Nov 22nd Tournament

- 30/32 teams registered in the morning, 18/32 teams for the afternoon = 75% full registration wise
- PFTA was given \$20 for participants who aren't PFTA/SPA members \$640 total
- \$432 for medals, \$253.56 in additional prizes
- Total expenses \$1325.56
- 2 kitchen blockers and 2 tournament entries leftover for next tournament since registration wasn't full
- \$3128.32 brought in from registration fees - \$1325.56 = \$1802.76 was total revenue for SPA

Dec 5th Fun Night

- 42 signed up so far for the fun night - highest registration so far
- Michael provided a float for nonmembers and guests to pay
- Nikki will email out to remind folks of the food drive
- Cindy is getting more pop and will order pizza thursday, Joanne got plates

Paddleboard Upkeep/Posters

- Joanne continues to update the paddle board and keep it current
- She provided Michael with receipts for supplies

Old Business

Website

- Nikki has been updating the websites as needed, Nov 22nd tournament results will be posted soon

Email Transitions

- Barb has full access now to the email and has changed the password
- Barb responds to emails timely as they come through

League

- 29 teams signed up so far
- Dana updated in the meeting that a group of folks are upset about the monday night time slot. Mike and Dana will chat with them as Monday night court bookings were sparse when league was proposed
- Mike, Brad, Steve and Nikki are meeting with Dana, Matt and Cohen to finalize league details
- Matt is new to PFTA and is very knowledgeable in running leagues at the tennis club. He has come with some neat ideas and will be an asset to pickleball programming at PFTA.
- Looking to run the league for 8 weeks with the first two weeks being a trial to confirm division placement for teams
- 15mins which would be 7 games a week
- League will end with a tournament and meal
- Hope to use this a trial league and then take March off and run a longer one in April/May before a large amount of people play outside
- Matt suggested a team of 4 (1 week of gendered play and the next week mixed play - everyone plays each week teams of two change within your larger team) - may look at for April league
- Mike has a list of subs started already

PFTA Meeting Update

- Steve, Brad, Mike, and Nikki met with Dana, Matt and Cohen in November regarding league (see above), capital upgrades (see above), the food drive, and coaching clinics
- Food Drive - PFTA is matching our donation of \$250
- Coaching clinics
 - SPA suggested one off coaching clinics hosted by local coaches
 - PFTA is looking at adding that along with the Taylor Coaching Clinics
- Dana was very impressed with the survey

Food Drive

- Dana has chatted with Mike regarding the \$250 being donated by SPA and PFTA and indicated getting gift cards for grocery stores isn't a good idea as folks would be able to purchase alcohol with them.
- Pat made a motion to use the \$250 to go shopping and get groceries, Mike second, all approved. - Pat will complete the shopping
- Mike to confirm with Dana if he would like Pat to purchase food with PFTA's \$250 donation as well

New Business

Expiring Members

- Brad to send one last email out to SPA members whose membership is expiring Dec 31st 2025
- Steve and Nikki to withdraw all membership fees collected from the Pickleball Canada account on Dec 31st
- Barb emails all new members a welcoming email discussing open play, team reach code and SPA events

Coaching Clinics

- Kevin O'Reilly from Grandbend has offered to provide coaching clinics should SPA want to offer these for members
- Kevin is a level 2 coach and willing to have 8 people at a time, Steve is willing to help Kevin if needed
- Ron Osbourne, Craig Lanning, and Doug Diplock are also coaches
- SPA will need to discuss further with Dana if we want to offer clinics to members
- Currently SPA is just providing folks who inquire with a list of coaches and allowing them to decide
- Coaching clinics will be discussed further in the new year as to whether this is something SPA wants to provide - Brad to add to next agenda

New Board Members for 2026

- 2 or 3 board members are needed for 2026 - Dave Price and Doug Diplock have resigned
- Michael Hauck is resigning from treasurer position however, will remain on the board for one more year
- Barb suggested Melanie Higgins - volunteers and organizes other sports activities
- Mike suggested Craig Lanning - coaches, splits time in Port Elgin and Stratford
- Nikki suggested Chris Adair - runs the morning group and can bring their perspective
- Cindy/Joanne suggested Dan Ferguson as he has a younger member and St.Mary's perspective
- It was determined all suggested folks will be invited to the AGM and asked if they would like to sit on the board

- Mike indicated a constitution review needs to occur at the next meeting
 - Brad to email out the constitution prior to next meeting for members to read and prepare for a discussion

AGM Prep

- Jan 10th at 1030am - Mike to confirm with Dana if we can use the turf by court 5 for the meeting
- Nikki to create a sign up on PC website to gauge interest and purchase coffee and donuts accordingly
- Nikki to create a Poster for the AGM
- Barb to post on AGM poster on social media and email out to members

Other Business

Survey Results

- Brad to create a 1 page synopsis of the survey results to post and email out to SPA members

Club Championship

- Mike would like to have a club championship tournament where SPA/PFTA members compete and then teams who won would go on to compete against other clubs (Kitchener, Woodstock, etc)
- Mike has suggested this to Dana and Matt and they are also on board - further planning to come

February Winter Classic Tournament

- Feb 14 and 15th - Dana on board with a 2 day tournament
- Nikki to create the flyer
- Mike will confirm with Dana if registration will occur on PC website

Pickleball for Parkinson's

- Non SPA event Barb is running on Jan 24th - more details to come

Next Meeting - Dec 29th @ 530pm Pinnacle Meeting Room

Joanne made a motion to end the meeting, Steve seconded, All approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.