



RJPC Annual General Meeting – Minutes

Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 7:20 p.m. AST (immediately following Members' Meeting)

In attendance (in alphabetical order by last name):

Derek Andrews
Margaret Barry
Gerald Barry
Jan Carruthers
John Carruthers
Rhonda Calcott
Colleen Flemming
Catherine Fraser
Bev Hay
Larry Hay
Jan Langley
Don Johnston
Sheila Johnston
Bob Keen

Sherry Keen
Kelly Lynch
Kathy McInnis
John McKim
David Nicholson
Vicki Patton
Theresa Rath Spicer
Don Spicer
Wade Taylor
Darrell Toole
Maureen Topley
Karen Upshaw
Ted Upshaw
Anne Walker

Note: Mike Topley, President of the River John Legion was in attendance but isn't a voting member.

Agenda

1. Call meeting to order, confirm quorum

Meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. AST following the Members' Meeting, which the people listed above also attended, thus giving them voting rights at the AGM. Twenty-eight members in attendance; quorum confirmed.

2. Present and approve agenda

Motion to approve the agenda by Anne Walker, seconded by Vicki Patton. Motion carried.

3. Approve minutes from last AGM

Motion to approve the minutes from the 2024 AGM by Sheila Johnston, seconded by Jan Langley. Motion carried.

4. President's Report – Wade Taylor

RJPC Outdoor Facility Opens June 2, 2024 after 2.5 years and thousands of hours of volunteer time and effort. Three courts with professional nets and net posts, barrier fences between the courts, and concrete walkways.

In the summer of 2024, we also rebuilt the washrooms (with running water no less) and had a shade shelter built. Our objective with each of these projects to create aesthetically pleasing structures that would last for many decades.

We also purchased an AED machine and aluminum bleachers. And many of our Members donated benches and picnic tables for the RJ Pickleball Park.

Our total investment in the courts, physical facilities and equipment now totals \$216,000.

Funding for our project:

- Approximately 57% from Municipal, Provincial and Federal Government contributions
- Approximately 34% from fundraising (YMCA of Pictou County, Individuals, Corporations, Trusts and Associations)
- Approximately 9% from Member fees and Interest Income

Community Partnerships and Associations:

- Our primary and most important partnership is with the River John Legion. Mike Topley, President of the River John Legion has been a key driver in this partnership and Mike himself has invested hundreds of hours of his own time to make it all happen. Mike and the River John Legion have been and continue to be a great partner, and we thank them for their tremendous contribution to making the River John Pickleball Park a reality. At the same time, the River John Legion is seeing benefits to their organization with a number of pickleball players joining the Legion and increased social activity and related events at the Legion. RJPC has been able to make a small financial contribution to the River John Legion this year, and we have a grant application in with the New Horizons for Seniors (Federal Government program) for a commercial dishwasher for the River John Legion.
- We continue to enjoy the opportunity for winter pickleball play at the River John Fire Hall and through this our Members have contributed thousands of dollars to the River John Volunteer Fire Department. We're grateful to the fire department for winter access.
- The Y of Pictou County has made a significant financial contribution to our facility and plans to offer kids pickleball programs at our facility in the summer of 2025.

RJPC Membership:

- We had a total of 135 members in 2024, exceeding our first-year target of at least 100 members.
- We had both paid and free player development clinics for our Members in the summer of 2024.

- And we had our first competitive tournament in conjunction with River John Festival Days.
- Over the past year, our Members have also put on a number of Learn to Play sessions to introduce the great game of pickleball to many more people.
- Our Club was organized and the outdoor courts were built to serve the RJPC Membership. With 135 members, there were a wide range of wants, needs and desires and we attempted to accommodate them all in the most effective way.
- Our Club also has an objective of positively and significantly impacting the River John and surrounding communities. We have participated in community events (like River John Festival Days and the Christmas tree program at Bissell Park) and with community organizations, and perhaps even more importantly, we have created a sense of community via the RJPC. There is still much more potential in this area and we are confident that our positive impact on the River John and surrounding communities will continue to grow and develop.

Finally, I would like to thank the many volunteers that have put in more than 6,000 person hours planning, fundraising, developing and operating our pickleball facility. We have built what many say is one of the nicest pickleball facilities in Nova Scotia and it should benefit the community for many decades. Thank you, everyone!

5. Financial Report – John Carruthers

As part of info package, members received financial statements up to the end of December 2024. Financials presented as per the statements.

Question posed about the payment to RJFD: The \$600 cheque to RJFD was made as a damage deposit and it's refundable to us. There's no expectation to pay it again.

Comment by Wade Taylor: We made a \$1,000 donation to the Legion. The agreement we have with the Legion is a lease agreement for a \$1/year. The hope is that we can make a donation to them every year given our strong partnership.

Motion to accept the financials as presented by Vicki Patton, seconded by Don Johnston.
Motion carried.

6. Vote on Special Resolution for 2025 Bylaw Amendments:

- a. Inspection of Books & Records,

The minutes of board of directors' meetings, including updated financial information, will be disseminated to members within 4 weeks of meetings being held.

The members may also inspect the Board-approved annual financial statements and minutes of members' and directors' meetings at the registered office of the Society with 10 days' notice.

All other books and records of the Society may be inspected by any member at a reasonable time within 10 days prior to the annual general meeting at the registered office of the Society.

b. Inclusive Language

Replace all references to he, him or his and she, her or hers to they, them, theirs. This includes updating such language in Sections 3.1, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, 5.1, 6.2 (twice) and Part 7.

c. Language Clarity

Add an 'and' between section d) and e in Section 2.3 Terms of admission of members as follows:

The following shall be eligible for membership:

- a) the minimum of 5 subscribers to the Memorandum of Association,
- b) those who support the objects of the Society,
- c) those who are admitted to membership,
- d) those whose name and address is written in the Register of Members by the Secretary, and
- e) those who pay an annual fee in an amount to be determined by the board.

Motion to accept the amendments by Larry Hay, seconded by Don Spicer. As required by our By-laws, we had more than $\frac{3}{4}$ of those in attendance vote in support of the Special Resolution. Motion carried.

7. Acclamation of Candidates to the RJPC Board of Directors

We received only three applications to the Board of Directors, so the three members – Ed Kennedy, Jan Langley and John McKim – were acclaimed. They join John Carruthers, Theresa Rath Spicer & Don Spicer on the Board, the latter of whom are in the second year of their 2-year term.

Thank you to outgoing Board members – Cindy Lou Morrison and Jeanette Douglas who left in the Fall, and Margaret Barry, Sheila Johnston, Vicki Patton, Wade Taylor and Karen Upshaw whose term is up effective this evening.

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. AST by John Carruthers, seconded by Derek Andrews. Motion carried.

Prepared by Theresa Rath Spicer, Secretary

Administrative Note: The minutes were approved as final on January 19, 2026 at the 2026 AGM.

RJPC Financials to December 31, 2024

River John Pickleball Club Statement of Financial Position



	Dec 31/24	Dec 31/23
Assets		
Current		
Cash	\$ 17,513	\$ 11,871
Bank of NS GICs	-	78,866
	<hr/> 17,513	<hr/> 90,737
Membership fees receivable - Pickleball Canada	3,709	5,312
Donations receivable - Municipality of Pictou County	200	-
HST recoverable	16,624	12,802
Prepaid insurance	1,934	
Deposit - RJVFD	600	
	<hr/> 40,580	<hr/> 108,851
Capital assets		
Pickleball facility and equipment, at cost	216,888	94,940
	<hr/> \$ 257,468	<hr/> \$ 203,791
Liabilities		
Current		
MOPC GoPlay Fund - in trust	\$ 1,400	
Deferred revenue - 2025 membership fees	5,325	
	<hr/> 6,725	
Net assets		
Unrestricted surplus	10,649	11,789
Internally restricted funds	23,206	97,062
Investment in capital assets	216,888	94,940
	<hr/> 250,743	<hr/> 203,791
	<hr/> \$ 257,468	<hr/> \$ 203,791

River John Pickleball Club
Statement of Operations
For the year ended December 31



	Jan 1 to Dec 31/24	Jan 1 to Dec 31/23	Feb 1 to Dec 31/22
Revenues			
Government grants			
Government of Canada			
New Horizons for Seniors Program	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	
Province of Nova Scotia			
Strategic Fund Grant		60,000	
Sport Nova Scotia		200	\$ 800
Municipal government			
County of Pictou - Community Connectivity Fund		37,992	
	25,000	123,192	800
Fundraising			
Pictou County YMCA	-	4,500	15,000
Community Links Nova Scotia		2,000	
Donations from individuals, corporations, Service Clubs and Associations	19,092	29,625	17,885
	19,092	36,125	32,885
Other income			
Club membership fees	4,721	4,570	100
Drop in fees	1,151		
Pickleball Nova Scotia rebates	775		
Other income (RJ Days, Tournament, and miscellaneous)	1,126	4,992	1,792
Interest income	1,524	2,407	
	9,298	11,969	1,892
	53,390	171,286	35,577
Expenses			
Bank charges	176	44	236
Donations	1,150		
Dues and fees	231	31	44
Insurance	1,897		
Office and court expenses	1,895	245	1,147
Professional fees			173
Rafflebox prizes and commissions			1,153
Repairs and maintenance	780		
Training fees	309		
Transfers to restricted reserve funds			
Insurance deductible fund	1,000		
Court replacement fund	2,000		
Wind screen replacement fund	1,000		
	10,438	320	2,752
Excess of revenues over expenses	\$ 42,952	\$ 170,966	\$ 32,825
Net assets, beginning of year	\$ 203,791	\$ 32,825	\$ Nil
Excess of revenues over expenses	42,952	170,966	32,825
Transfers from operations to restricted funds	4,000		
Net assets, end of year	\$ 250,743	\$ 203,791	\$ 32,825

River John Pickleball Club
Note to the Financial Statements
For the year ended December 31



1. Nature of Operations

The River John Pickleball Club was incorporated as a non-profit Society under the Registry of Joint Stocks of Nova Scotia on February 1, 2022. The objective of the Society is to promote the growth of pickleball as a sport for all ages and abilities in River John and surrounding areas.

The Club operates a three court pickleball facility in Partnership with the River John Legion on land leased from Legion. Funding was provided by governments and donations from the community.

2. Capital assets, at cost

	2024	2023
Pickleball facility including site preparation, paving, court coatings, nets, fence, light post supports, and concrete pad	\$ 169,721	\$ 93,940
Bathroom renovations	23,908	
Shade shelter	12,404	
Electrical costs	2,718	
Seating - benches, bleachers and picnic tables	4,324	
Signage	1,925	1,000
HeartSine Samaritan AED	1,889	
	\$ 216,888	\$ 94,940

River John Pickleball Club
Statement of Changes in Net Assets
For the year ended December 31



Net Assets	Unrestricted Surplus	Internally Restricted Funds	Investment in Capital Assets	Jan 1 to Dec 31/24	Jan 1 to Dec 31/23
Net assets, beginning of year	\$ 11,789	\$ 97,062	\$ 94,940	\$ 203,791	\$ 32,825
Add:					
Revenue	9,298			9,298	12,169
Fundraising		44,092		44,092	159,117
Transfers to restricted funds		4,000		4,000	
	21,087	145,154	94,940	261,181	204,111
Deduct:					
Expenses	(10,438)			(10,438)	(320)
Capital expenditures		(121,948)	121,948	-	
Net assets, end of year	\$ 10,649	\$ 23,206	\$ 216,888	\$ 250,743	\$ 203,791
Internally Restricted Funds					
	Capital Expenditures	Court Replacement	Wind Screens	Insurance Deductible	Total
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 97,062	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 97,062
Add:					
Fundraising	44,092				44,092
Transfer from unrestricted funds	-	2,000	1,000	1,000	4,000
	141,154	2,000	1,000	1,000	\$ 145,154
Deduct:					
Capital expenditures	(121,948)				(121,948)
Balance, end of year	\$ 19,206	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 23,206