



**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
6:30-8:30 pm, Wednesday, April 7, 2026**

1. Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm by Ed.
2. Minutes from March 11, 2026. Minutes are approved via email to share them with members in a timely fashion, in accordance with the Special Resolution passed at the 2025 AGM. As such the March 11 meeting minutes were approved by the Board via email.
3. Operations and Maintenance – John reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Approval of 2026 schedule: <u>Motion</u>: John moved that spring/summer 2026 schedule as circulated be approved. Seconded by Kelly. Motion approved. If a court is still open 24 hr. in advance, John will adjust schedule as interest is identified. Agreed to move Men’s night to 6 - 8 pm. May schedule will be posted in Playtime Scheduler by April 18th. May and June schedules will be emailed to all active members in the outdoor season welcome letter.● Ball machine - John is in communication with the company that makes the SP Pickleball Pro. Hoping for May 1st launch. Suggest 2-year extended warranty. <u>Motion</u>: John moved to purchase the SP Pickleball Pro battery version and extended warranty for 1750.00 all in. Barb seconded. Motion approved.● SP Pickleball Pro machine can accommodate 200 balls. We can purchase 100 Franklin X40 balls for \$225 plus tax and delivery with Pickleball Canada discount from Sidelines Sports. Device to pick up balls will be investigated by John. <u>Motion</u> to purchase 100 balls by John. Seconded by Kelly. Motion approved.● Solar lights are available and John will install on the shade structure.● Small load of topsoil will be purchased for lawn repairs.● Windscreen extension: Suggestion to do the entire fence on the Legion side. Proposal to be taken to membership that windscreen be put on courts

2 and 3 Legion side. Important to seek feedback again as less than 10% of the membership replied to the survey last year and these results were split. Rhonda and Jan to discuss how to get a survey out to membership and we will discuss it at our next meeting.

- Possibility of advertising RJPC sign at the ballpark - \$300 initial cost and \$150 annually after that. Further discussion is required on this item as well as exploring other PR/advertising opportunities. Before making a decision, a cost analysis will be undertaken to determine an advertising strategy to a broader audience.

4. Membership - Jan reported on the following:

- 88 registered members as of April 7th.
- Will send out Tully training invitation May 1st.
- Courts will open April 18th.
- Welcome letter April 15th to go out to active members with outdoor season information including an invite to Our Members Only RJPC Facebook, a review of the guest policy with a reminder to please use the new email address for e-transfers, the new code for the courts and washrooms and the May and June schedules.
- Volunteer day corresponds to our opening day, April 18th - 10 am start, which includes the turning water on, getting toilets operational, cleaning the washrooms, putting signage up, placement of benches, etc. A separate work bee for clearing the ditch along Roger Road will be organized later in the spring.
- Update from Eleanor and Roger - their player development sessions will be planned in July - August. Small group sessions are anticipated pending interest.
- Tournament will be named after the Thompson family - written approval has been received from the family. John Caruthers will provide a narrative outlining the background and reason for the name change that will be included in a Communique.

5. Finance - Kelly reported the following

- Nothing to report

6. Events - Sharon reported the following:

- Youth program to be explored and more info to follow. Sharon will work with Carlie. Potential to trial a youth program Fridays 4-6pm in June.
- Summer starter could be put in the May newsletter.
- Aug 6th Round Robin - potential pizza night.

7. Communications - Rhonda reported the following:

- Public Relations/Club Promotion ideas - Rhonda provided a list that outlines past PR activities and possible new ideas to pursue. Request for all to review to prepare for a discussion at next meeting.
- One item discussed was outreach ideas to promote RJPC Youth program before the end of the school year. Rhonda and Jan will contact Pictou Academy. Ed will reach out to Tatamagouche Pickleball President to discuss interest in collaborating (e.g., youth programming).
- Suggestion to seek out expertise/interest within the membership to assist with PR activities that would be appropriate for the younger generation (i.e., identifying different social media platforms, enhancing current use of Facebook and club website, etc.). Club member Kelly Shaw was identified as a possibility. Rhonda will contact her to have a discussion.
- Various approaches to increase awareness about RJPC to local RV and campgrounds will be explored.
- Theresa and Don used the ChatGPT application to develop posters to advertise club events last year via a free subscription. They have offered to assist with this task this year.

8. Partnership Liaison - Ed reported the following:

- First Aid training - Stephen Cochrane, a certified trainer, is keen to do training in River John. 12 persons/session. Ed is collaborating with the Legion President about organizing joint training sessions for interested members of the two organizations. Opening to the community may be possible.
- AED training session - can be organized at a future date. The Legion also may be interested.

9. Other Business -

- Portfolios: Ed circulated suggestions for change. There is no need for an Executive Committee or Construction portfolio. Operations and Maintenance will be combined moving forward. Ed will send out an updated version by tomorrow to the Board for review and then Rhonda will update portfolios on website.

10. Next meeting May 6th at 6:30 pm - Ed will host
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm