

Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bellingham Pickleball Club

July 8, 2025 – Held via Zoom

The meeting commenced at 6:04 p.m.

In attendance: Cathie Badalamenti, John Bailey, Steve Gibbs, Molly Hammer, Jodi Mackay, and Bill Miller. A quorum was present.

Agenda Items

Board Resignations

A motion was made by Jodi and seconded by Molly to formally accept the resignations of Viviano Gutierrez, Shelley Booth, and Kary York. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Appointments

A motion was made by Cathie and seconded by Jodi to appoint Bill Miller as interim President to fill Viviano's term. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Candidate Nominations and Elections

Cathie confirmed Ron Bedell and Sean Cool as nominees. Bill stated he would reconfirm with Matias Li-Pino. Two additional individuals, Toni Brooks and Jacob Barrera, emailed the BPC expressing interest in joining the board.

A motion was made by Cathie and seconded by Jodi to accept the slate of Ron Bedell, Sean Cool, Matias Li-Pino, and Bill Miller as board candidates. The motion passed unanimously.

The board discussed appointing either Toni Brooks or Jacob Barrera to fill one of the vacated board positions. Bill and Cathie will reach out to both individuals and report back. If Matias declines his nomination, the board will revisit the nominations and vote to appoint either Toni or Jacob.

Bylaw Amendments

A motion was made by Jodi and seconded by Molly to amend Article IV, Section 1 from nine to seven. The motion passed unanimously.

The amended section shall read as follows:

ARTICLE IV – Board of Directors

(1) Number and Powers: The management of all the affairs, property, and interests of the BPC shall be vested in a Board of Directors consisting of seven (7) persons.

All other provisions of Article IV remain unchanged.

A motion was made by Molly and seconded by Cathie to amend Article III, Section 2. The motion passed unanimously.

The amended section shall read as follows:

ARTICLE III – Members and Meetings

(2) Quorum: Five percent (5%) of the Members, which must include a quorum of Board Members, present in person or by proxy at any duly called membership meeting shall constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not present, the meeting shall be adjourned and rescheduled.

Election Planning and Timeline

- Slate will be finalized by July 17 and shared with members via email and social media.
- Voting will open on August 1 and close on August 15.
- New board members will be announced shortly thereafter.
- Voting will be managed through ElectionBuddy, the same platform used last year. Cathie will ask a member of the Communications team to manage the ElectionBuddy process. If unavailable, Bill will assist or find additional support.

Board Transition and Planning

The board discussed Jodi's working with Ron Bedell to transition her role. Ron has expressed interest in serving as Treasurer in the next term. The board agreed Jodi should begin onboarding him.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on August 30, in conjunction with a social event organized by Debbie Gibbons. A budget of \$300 was approved. (The AGM was announced in the July 1 newsletter.) The board noted that 5% of the membership is required for quorum at this meeting.

Approval of Past Minutes

A motion was made by Cathie and seconded by John to approve the May and June 2025 board meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

TrackItHub Contract Approval

The board discussed the updated TrackItHub (TIH) contract, which includes a 10% fee on revenue processed through their system starting in August. Despite concerns about limited improvements in features and reporting, the board determined the current functionality and strong customer support made the contract acceptable.

A motion was made by Bill and seconded by John to accept the one-year TIH contract. Bill will sign the agreement.

Financial Reports

The board reviewed financial reports prepared by Steve, which clarified several budget items and expenditures. The board agreed that donations should not be processed through TrackItHub.

Tournament Coordinator Transition

Jodi reported that John Hatton and Erica Klum will step down from tournament coordination after four years. Bill will reach out to John for more information and help identify potential new coordinators for the September tournament. Jodi will send Bill a list of potential tournament volunteers.

The board agreed to acknowledge Viva Barnes and Debbie Gibbons for their contributions to Open Play and Event Management. Bill will take the lead in expressing appreciation.

Action Items

- Communications Team & Bill:
 - Set up election voting (Aug 1–15) via ElectionBuddy
 - Distribute board candidate slate by July 18
- Bill:
 - Confirm Matias Li-Pino's nomination
 - Thank Viva Barnes and Debbie Gibbons for their contributions
 - Contact John Hatton about tournament transition and recruit new coordinators
 - Sign the one-year TrackItHub contract
- Bill & Cathie:
 - Reach out to Toni Brooks and Jacob Barrera regarding potential board appointments
- Board:
 - Prepare for the August 30 Annual Meeting
 - Molly to confirm social details/budget with Debbie Gibbons
- Cathie:
 - Update bylaws to reflect board size change from nine to seven
- Jodi:
 - Work with Ron Bedell on Treasurer transition
 - Provide Bill with the list of tournament volunteer candidates

Meeting Adjournment

A motion was made by Jodi and seconded by John to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 5 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.