

Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bellingham Pickleball Club

August 13, 2025

Via Zoom

- **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Cathie Badalamenti, John Bailey, Jodi Mackay, and Bill Miller were in attendance, and a quorum was present.
- **Board Meeting Minutes:** The July board minutes were approved electronically.
- **BOD Voting Update:** Voting closed on August 10, 2025. Ron Bedell, Toni Brooks, Sean Cool, and Bill Miller were elected to the 2025–27 board.
- **Board Resignation**
 - Motion: A motion was made by Jodi and seconded by John to accept the resignation of 2024–26 board member Molly Hammar. The motion was unanimously approved.
 - Discussion: Bill suggested the new treasurer (Ron) should handle insurance matters previously handled by Molly.
- **Board Appointments:**
 - Motion: A motion was made by Bill and seconded by Jodi to appoint Matthias Lo-Pino to fill a one-year term vacancy on the 2024–26 board. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Motion: A motion was made by John and seconded by Jodi to appoint Viva Barnes to fill a one-year term vacancy on the 2024–26 board. The motion was unanimously approved.
- **Bylaw Change**
 - A motion was made by Cathie and seconded by Jodi to change Bylaw Article 3 (4) *Special Meeting* to read as follows:

A special meeting of the Members may be called by a quorum of the Board of Directors or by written request of five percent (5%) of the Members and shall be held upon at least seven (7) days' email or written notice to all Members at such address of each Member as set forth in the records of the BPC. The cost of any physical mailing shall be paid by the party requesting said meeting.
- **WECU Account Authorization**
 - A motion was made by Cathie and seconded by John to add Bill Miller and Ron Bedell to the WECU account and remove Jodi from the account. The motion was unanimously approved.

- **Annual Meeting Preparation**
 - All board members are encouraged to attend.
 - Bill will give a Board update at the meeting.
 - The financial report compiled by Steve Gibbs for the July board meeting (fiscal year end) will be shared.
- **Committee Updates**
 - Viviano Gutierrez will be Facilities Committee Chair.
 - Toni Brooks is working with Doug Banner, Carol Lo, and Kris Peterson on skills development, with Kris as administrative lead.
 - Viva will continue as Open Play Chair.
 - Sean Cool will act as liaison to the city.
- **Ball Machine Proposal**
 - The board discussed the potential purchase of a ball machine. The board agreed to find a volunteer who will develop a proposal for potentially purchasing a machine.
- **Winter Play Locations**
 - The DSW store at Bellis Fair Mall is not available for rent this year.
 - Laura Sanderson is looking for a new space but hasn't found anything yet.
 - The cost of renting the school gym has doubled from \$24 to \$50 for half a gym.
 - The new board will need to consider adjusting fees for Open Play in the winter.
 - The \$11,000 reserve may need to be used for alternative winter play locations.
- **Social Media Position**
 - Communications is actively looking for a new Social Media Coordinator.
- **Action Items**
 - Bill
 - Prepare a report for the annual meeting on August 30.
 - Work with the new board in September to establish goals for the next year.
 - Jodi
 - Transfer all files and passwords to Ron and add to Google Doc as necessary.
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- John
 - Bring *Nonprofit Kit for Dummies* to the annual meeting for Ron.
- Cathie
 - Review 2024 meeting minutes to identify significant accomplishments for Bill's annual meeting report.
 - Continue collecting passwords in a central Google Doc for board members.
- All Board Members
 - Attend the annual meeting on August 30 at Cornwall.
- **Adjournment**
 - Bill adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.