

Meeting Minutes (Final)
Bellingham Pickleball Club - Board Meeting
November 11, 2025; 4:00pm
Zoom

Attendance

1. Board Members Present (all via Zoom): Bill Miller (BM), Cathie Badalamenti (CB), Matias Li-Pino (ML), Ron Bedell (RB), Sean Cool (SC), Viva Barnes (VB)
2. Board Members Absent: Toni Brooks (TB),
3. Quorum: A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order.

Executive Session

1. Approval of Minutes: September and October Meeting Minutes were approved via email following the board meeting.
2. President's Report: BM welcomed the Board and presented a meeting agenda.
 - a. BM emphasized the importance of expressing gratitude to volunteers and committee chairs, encouraging the Board members to do so whenever possible.
 - b. BM discussed the success of Smith Road Winter Play with 213 prepaid members and 61 monthly subscribers, exceeding break-even expectations and likely positive cash flow.
3. Committee Reports
 - a. Treasurer/Financials:
 - i. RB discussed progress on financial access, noting that he now has bank access but faces challenges with PayPal, Venmo. RB will work with Jodi to resolve access issues and Treasurer email due to verification issues.
 - ii. BM mentioned a significant \$17,000 expense in July for Whatcom Community College related to the ORCA tournament. This expense is offset by the income from the tournament accounted for previously.
 - b. Tournaments/Ladder Leagues:
 - i. BM announced that Erica Klum will lead the ORCA tournament, expressing optimism about her team spirit and commitment to the role.
 - c. Communications/TrackitHub: CB noted that the current TrackitHub system could be more user-friendly and needs upgrades (see Action Item).
 - d. Open Play: Viva raised concerns about school facility usage and cancellation procedures. The board discussed canceling the program due to low demand and considered moving it to Bellingham Fitness. Will continue to monitor and adjust as needed.
 - e. Skills Development: None.

New Business/Discussion

1. Board Spending Limits Policy Update
 - a. The Board discussed financial policies and spending limits. The Board discussed budgeting and spending limits, with a motion to raise spending limits to \$1,000 for committee chairs on budgeted items and \$500 for non-budgeted items, while Board liaisons can approve up to \$1,000 of new expenditures with mandatory Board notification via email in the same week. BM made the motion and VB seconded, with all Board members present voting in favor.
2. BPC Merchandise
 - a. The Board discussed merchandise sales for the Bellingham Pickleball Club, with Matias proposing an order of 50 sweatshirts and 50 hats for \$3,200, which was approved unanimously by Board members present.
3. Winter Play –
 - a. The board discussed concerns about unclear policies at the Smith Road Winter Play, including guest policies, with members expressing frustration about not knowing rules. BM proposed holding a committee meeting to document and clarify policies, with CB suggesting putting general policies on the website to address frequent questions.

Action Items

1. Need a committee for SRWP to develop and document policies.
2. Future work on TrackitHub – with ML to look into after merchandise project is complete.

Meeting Adjourned/Minutes:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:15 pm.

Minutes submitted by Sean Cool, Secretary.