

## **Bellingham Pickleball Club - Board Meeting**

October 14, 2025; 4:00pm

Bill Miller Residence

### Attendance

1. Board Members Present: Bill Miller (BM), Cathie Badalamenti (CB), Matias Li-Pino (ML), Ron Bedell (RB), Sean Cool (SC), Toni Brooks (TB), Viva Barnes (VB)
2. Board Members Absent: None
3. Quorum: A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order.

### Executive Session

1. Approval of Minutes: Minutes were not available for review this meeting.
2. President's Report: BM welcomed the Board and presented a meeting agenda.
3. Committee Reports
  - a. Tournaments/Ladder Leagues: The Board discussed how to provide redundancy in organization of Tournaments and Ladder League to lighten the load. The Board discussed how to improve participant and volunteer experience including ideas like welcome bags, volunteer food, snacks for participants, fun themed gift for Gold Medal winners (e.g. Tulips for Skagit Tourney), chocolate from a local vendor. It was noted that that the tournaments become a part of BPC "brand". It was also noted that BPC does not make money off tournaments (Orca is a fundraiser, 4<sup>th</sup> of July is free to members, Autumn Equinox is a smaller event).
  - b. Communications/TrackitHub: CB provided handout with summary of committee role/responsibilities, achievements, goals, and budget. The Board discussed how to streamline member communication.
  - c. Open Play: The committee is tracking Open Play signups and observing some canceled sessions. Open Play current fee (\$9) loses money but discussion that this was acceptable as this activity is a benefit to our members. VB will continue to monitor after start of Winter Play and make decisions about necessary schedule/location adjustments.
  - d. Skills Development: Brief discussion about need for a ball machine. Sills Committee to prepare proposal for ball machine.

### New Business/Discussion

1. Winter Play – The Board had a discussion of the upcoming Winter Play session. BM presented a break-even budget assuming 100 club members with 6-month prepaid sign-ups and 104 club members with monthly sign-up for 4 of 6 months. The Board discussed how the Winter Play session is organized and communicated to members, and areas for improvement.
2. Legal Counsel – BM discussed that a club member has agreed to provide legal counsel when needed/requested.
3. Club History – The board discussed maintaining documentation of club history and adding a "History" section to the website. Discussed potential of instituting a "Lifetime Member" status to deserving historical members that were instrumental in founding the local pickleball community and BPC specifically.

### Action Items

Tournament Committee to prepare recommendations for improving participate experience.

Communications to issue statement for Wheeler's birthday

Communication to add History section to BPC website.

Add New Member Experience to agenda for future meeting.

Skills Committee to prepare proposal for ball machine.

### Meeting Adjourned/Minutes:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Sean Cool, Secretary