

Sun City West Pickleball Club
Membership Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 21, 2026, 5:00 pm
Summit Hall, Palm Ridge Rec Center

“Finding Joy in pickleball, one service at a time”

- 1. Call the meeting to order:** President John Click called the meeting to order at 5:00
- 2. Approve minutes** from the previous meeting: November 19, 2025 approved unanimously
- 3. TRIVIA TIME**
- 4. SCW Pickleball Club Status Update:**
 - (a) Mission, Vision and Core Values Revisit: John Click #1 Core Value 'Welcoming' is paramount and championed by our Ambassadors and Mentors, Club changed 'Drop-In' to 'Community Drop-In' to be more welcoming the community, RCSCW was pleased
 - (b) Organizational Chart: John Click demonstrated with massive Org Chart the amount of people and responsibilities it takes to run a club our size, the chart showed the potential for a leader in the area of business development sometime in the future
 - (c) 2025 Final Membership Report: Ramona Boone, EOY 2024 we had 2,013 members, EOY 2025 we had 2,014 members, in 2025 we had a total of 67,419 swipes, \$100 gift card winners: Dannie Sayers and Sheri Houck
 - (d) 2025 Final Financial Report: John Click reviewed EOY Financials
 - (e) 2026 Budget Presentation: John Click presented 2026 Budget, three key factors Board discussed and decided; 1. No increase dues, 2. Yes to continue 30% move to Cap Fund, 3. Pickleball spend the same as previous year
 - (f) Master Plan Update: John Click introduced RCSCWs Engagement Site with 4 components: Ideas Wall, Map, Survey and Budget Prioritization, encouraged members to read, complete surveys and to attend meetings to discuss Pickleball, timeline is to complete the master plan in September
 - (g) Bashas Update: Long-range Planning Committee, contact with Leasing Agent with questions is positive – John emphasized that we were not representing RCSCW. The presentation addressed the following questions:
 - Why Pickleball? - Fastest growing sport last five years, healthy, new home buyer requirement
 - Why Indoor? - Expands summer play, no noise or parking issues, healthy, possibly first completely enclosed climate controlled indoor courts in a retirement community
 - Why the Bashas building? - It's available now, pricing could be right
 - What's the cost of Entry? - Could be a lot less than other pickleball expansion options, possible \$0
 - How to take on a large lease obligation? - A new revenue source for the community like golf, outside players welcomed, discount for community members.

- (h) 2026 Goals: Deferred, to be included in the next newsletter. Highlighted the media team's desire to have an editorial calendar, looking for ideas from the club to write about

5. Other Business:

- a. FITS Update: Eileen Freydborg & Sandra Cook - All for Charity in SCW, 3,000 ball drop tickets on sale now, encouraged membership to purchase tickets and sign-up to play as participation is down, signup to volunteer as hours count toward V-Club,
- b. Reciprocal Update: Kelly Doree - Sun City requested cancellation of January & February 2026 events due to low participation
- c. PickleSkills Update: David Black - 400 members are taking clinics lead by 60 volunteers, encouraged members to use the Waitlist, Ball machine and instruction available as well as Paid Instructors

6. Board Reports:

- a. Treasurer: Lawrence Bottorf has a PDF form to complete for monetary reimbursement
- b. Officer at Large – Programming: Don Marshall encouraged welcoming people to Community Drop In - guests pay the Rec fee, being nice and helpful to people we don't recognize, Paddle Up times stay engaged and be ready to play, advised members to read the weekly newsletter
- c. Officer at Large – Social: Eileen Freydborg emailed V-Club invitations – January 30th, February 27 at Liberty is an updated event (no longer the Chili Cook-off), hot dogs, entertainment, 50/50 raffle fundraiser for the Fire Department
- d. Officer at Large – Facilities: Sandra Cook requested notifying her when members see court repairs or areas needing attention

7. Guest Comments: Dani Smith - 20th Anniversary t-shirts on sale \$15 back of room, Pam Vermeer - believes we should spend no more than the budgeted amount on balls this year, Ramona Boone - Tournament Tune-Up at Liberty on Friday, January 23 at 1:00

Meeting Adjourned: 6:17

Dinner provided by: Ambassadors

Dessert provided by: Prime Wealth Advisors