

Sun City West Pickleball Club

General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 15, 2026, 5:00 pm

Summit Hall, Palm Ridge Rec Center

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

Membership Meeting Minutes

1. Call the meeting to order: President John Click called the meeting to order 5:00 pm
2. Approve minutes from the previous meeting: March 16, 2026 minutes approved unanimously
3. Business
 - a. FITS Ball Drop All for Charity check presentations: Eileen Freydborg - \$56,918 raised 2026, 15-year total \$490,021. Thanked the many volunteers. Sponsor recognition and appreciation
 - b. Membership Report: Chip Brown - began March with 1,737 members, added 19 new and 4 late renewals
 - c. Financial Report 3/31/26: Lawrene Bottorf reviewed
 - d. 2027 Club Vote on FITS and Reciprocal: Events approved unanimously
 - e. Print Media Update: Marla Peters, Michelle Tissot & Leal Maloney successfully provide the community with our club news through The Independent and other outlets
 - f. Newsletter Update: Diane Maehl and Shelly Hilton will produce and distribute the newsletter every other week through the summer months
 - g. PB Exercises C Tips: Karen Stellick reviewed 3 physical therapy exercises given at the March 16th meeting and introduced 3 new stretching exercises to perform prior to playing to help prevent injuries
4. Board Reports
 - a. President John Click: May 15 is application deadline for RCSCW Committees and Clubs. Reviewed Pickleball Conference - \$55K to build a court, recommend 3 courts per 1,000 residents, 4 top challenges discussed, developing shared resource hub, pickleball had a 51% in 2024 and a 22% growth in 2025.
 - b. Vice President Melinda Papen: Reviewed first 30 days as VP, Reciprocal will not be held with Sun City - meeting with Sun City Festival.
 - c. Treasurer Lawrene Bottorf: nothing to report
 - d. Secretary Kelly Doree: nothing to report
 - e. Officer at Large – Programming Don Marshall: Ball distribution costs the club \$7K per year so distribution will be tracked for a year-end report, recycle broken ball opportunity with local student, summer schedule begins April 19 and will be updated on the website
 - f. Officer at Large – Social Eileen Freydborg: Cinco de Mayo is Tuesday May 5 at 5:00, potluck, 2 margarita drink tickets per person, prize drawings, Lounge Lizard entertainment
 - g. Officer at Large – Facilities Sandra Cook: nothing to report

5. Membership Comments: Kathy Russler shared shoe bins will be removed April 30 from courts for the summer, 610 shoes were donated from October 2025 through April 2026, 2,042 shoes have been donated since February 2024. Tracy Watson requested groups to volunteer for General meeting food service for the remainder of 2026. Can pop tops to be collected at the courts for McDonalds.
6. Meeting Adjourned: President John Click adjourned the meeting at 6:09 pm

Dinner provided by: Men's and Women's 4.5 group

Dessert provided by: Prime Wealth Advisors