

**Voyager Pickleball Club Board Meeting**  
**Santa Rita Room**  
**January 3, 2026**

Board Member Attendees:

Jerry Heintze, President	Catherine Brown, Structured Play/Player Improvement Coordinator
Jackie Bolhuis, Vice-President	Dave Sharafinski, Player and Constituent Representative
Lori Schneider, Treasurer	Christer Stenstrom, Social Coordinator
Tom Paull, Court Maintenance Coordinator	Kim Emons, Tournament Coordinator

Absent: Beryl Schultze, Secretary

Note: Any paragraph/statement marked with an asterisk (\*) denotes a motion and/or vote.

**Call to Order:**

Jerry Heintze called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m. In addition to the Board members, nine Club members signed in and attended the meeting. Jerry welcomed the attendees and thanked them for coming.

**Changes to the Agenda:**

Jerry Heintze stated he had one minor change, which was adding the topic of membership voting to Old Business.

**Approval of Minutes:**

\*In Beryl Schultze's absence Jerry called for approval of the December minutes, which had been reviewed by Board members and no changes were required. Lori Schneider made a motion to approve the December minutes and Catherine Brown seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**Old Business:**

Voting for Board Members

Jerry Heintze stated the Board had discussed the subject of voting for new Board members, which had been brought up at previous meetings. The consensus among the Board was that there would be no changes to the current voting process. Jerry added that the Board had adopted a document that outlined why the current voting process should remain with no changes. That document would be added to the other official Board documents. (See Addendum #1). Copies of the document were handed out to the attendees to review.

**New Business:**

There was no New Business.

**Board Member Reports:**

Vice President

Jackie Bolhuis had nothing to report. She did remind the attendees to sign up for the new, official Voyager Club Facebook group, if they had not already done so, and to encourage other players to sign up. She added that the Facebook site is where all Club information, reminders, cancellations, changes, etc. would be posted. In response to a question Jackie indicated that general information would also be posted on the Club's website, but not the last minute reminders and/or cancellations. Catherine Brown added that sending emails to deliver Club information would also be increasing in frequency.

Secretary

Nothing to report in Beryl's absence.

Treasurer

Lori Schneider provided an update on the current financial status of the Club. She stated that since the last report was only three weeks ago at the December meeting, there had not been too much of a change. The checking account balance as of December 31<sup>st</sup> was \$8425.62 and the savings account balance remained at \$50. Lori said there had only been one expense, which was \$56.73 for materials to complete the new pickleball rebound board.

Lori reminded the group that there was on-going work for fund-raising projects. She said snacks and water were currently being sold at the Wednesday night concert series, and at the first Social on the 17<sup>th</sup> there would be raffling of donated items. Lori added that if anyone wanted to help sell raffle tickets at the Social to let her know.

Lori concluded that overall the Club was in good financial shape.

### **Structured Play/Player Improvement**

Catherine Brown reminded the group that Structured Play would be starting the upcoming Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. She stated that several players had volunteered to help with the Structured Play sessions and she would probably need only one more volunteer. Catherine thanked everyone who had volunteered to help, those present at the meeting and all others.

For Player Improvement, Catherine stated all the January lessons and, as of that day, all the February lessons had been entered into Teach Reach. Those were all open for signing up for lessons. She added that several people had already signed up, but there were many lessons still open.

### **Player Representative**

Dave Sharafinski said everyone seemed to be having a good time on the pickleball courts. He thanked everyone for being friendly on the courts. Dave had no issues to report.

Dave then announced that he would be the Board representative on the Nominating Committee. He reminded the group that there would be open Board positions at the end of this season. More information on this would be posted on the Voyager Pickleball Facebook group, the pickleball website and in emails. Jerry Heintze added that if anyone was interested in being on the Board or help with the Nominating Committee, they should talk to Dave.

### **Court Maintenance**

Tom Paull reported that the new pickleball rebound board was complete. He would be announcing its completion on the pickleball Facebook group. Tom then stated the pickleball courts were ready for the start of the season. He had three volunteers who would be helping with maintaining the courts, and also had volunteers for three special projects.

An attendee asked Tom what the black 'X' on a pickleball meant. Tom stated he had marked practice pickleballs with a 'P' but wasn't aware of any balls marked with X. Evelyn Bellotti-Busch indicated she knew that last season someone had donated their personal pickleballs since they no longer wanted them. Those balls had been marked with a black X by the original owners

### **Social Coordinator**

Christer Stenstrom gave an update on the 'Welcome Back Social' being held on January 17<sup>th</sup>. The doors would open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner served at 6:00 p.m. Christer then overviewed the dinner menu, the selling of raffle tickets and the raffle prizes, the trivia game, and the announcements that would be made. Christer added that he was still in need of about ten or more volunteers to help at the social for tables and chairs set-up and tear-down, serving food, and clean-up after the social. He noted that the kitchen staff was already in place. Christer said volunteers should plan to arrive about 3:00 for set up. Anyone willing to help out was to contact Christer.

Christer also stated that Board members would start handing out free tickets for the social in the upcoming week. He reminded the group that tickets were not required to attend the social, but the number of people attending could be estimated based on the number of tickets distributed. This would help the kitchen staff plan for the amount of food to prepare.

### **Tournament Coordinator**

Kim Emons reminded the group that 'Shenanigans' would be held Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup> in the morning from about 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Sign-up would be in advance on the bulletin boards at the courts. Sign-in on Saturday morning would begin at 8:00 a.m. The plan was for 40 players, 20 teams of two players each. Skill level was irrelevant. Kim asked the group to encourage people to sign up. She suggested that players partner up beforehand since they would be staying with their starting partner the entire time. Rally scoring would be used. Kim was also looking for a couple more volunteers to help with coordination.

**Public Comments:**

Jerry Heintze reminded the group that a few more volunteers were needed to sell snacks at the Wednesday evening concert series. Sign-up was on TeamReach. There was some discussion on a few of the details since the upcoming Wednesday was the first concert that the pickleball Club would cover.

There was a question from an attendee wondering if there would be any big purchase this season since the bank account balance was 'healthy'. Lori Schneider answered that no big purchases were anticipated this year, even though there had been some last season, but there still were annual expenses. Lori reminded the group that Club funds cover the socials, the pickleballs (about \$2300-\$2400 per year), and various other supplies. Christer Stenstrom added that the socials, pickleball balls, etc. were free to Club players, which was unusual since some other Voyager activity groups required some payment from their members.

Another attendee reported that someone had marked numbers on a court with chalk, and that it had been disruptive to the attendee's play. A Board member knew who had marked the courts and suggested that person be asked to clean off the numbers after instructing on the court. Another option would be to use tape to make marks and could easily be removed.

The same attendee reported that recently the women's Wham group had not been leaving the courts to paddle up after they completed games when courts were full, which was affecting open play by everyone else. He gave an example from that morning. Board members agreed that this was not acceptable. Dave Sharafinski reminded the group about the Suggestion Box for reporting any issues such as this. Dave said that he had received a similar report previously and had spoken to the Wham players. Since the situation was still occurring, Dave would follow-up again. Catherine Brown reminded the group that Structured Play would have dedicated times for Wham players to practice later in the afternoon. She hoped that would help alleviate such issues.

The attendee had a final comment. He said he wasn't on Facebook, and therefore didn't receive information posted on the Club's Facebook group. Catherine stated that emails with the same information would be used more, which should help those members not on Facebook. Lori added that information was also posted on the Club's website. Catherine reminded the group that last minute notices, such as cancelled Structure Play due to the weather, would only be posted on Facebook.

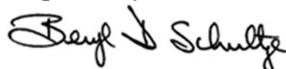
In reference to the earlier discussion on voting by the Board, Evelyn Bellotti-Busch said she thought there likely was a document in the 'official' historical binders about the Board's current process of voting for new Board members.

Evelyn also asked if there had been any discussion on resuming the December Holiday Tournament. Some Club players had asked her about it. Jerry Heintze said it wasn't something that the Board had recently discussed but would at future meetings.

**Adjourn:**

\*Jerry Heintze called for motion to adjourn the meeting. Lori Schneider made the motion and Catherine Brown seconded it. Jerry adjourned the meeting at 3:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beryl Schultze  
Secretary

\*Addendum #1: During the Executive Board meeting prior to the general meeting, the Board reviewed and discussed a new document written by Lori Schneider. The document outlined the current process for recruiting and electing new Board members. It also explained why the current process has worked well and how it avoided eligibility disputes and administrative overhead. A motion was made by Dave Sharafinski to accept the document as an official Board document. It was seconded by Catherine Brown. The Board voted and the motion passed.