

SVE Pickleball Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2025

Mesa Verde Room

President Don Ryther called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm, read the club mission statement, and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

VP Steve Nelson stated a quorum was met

Secretary Carmen Link had emailed the April meeting minutes to the members prior to the meeting. Don Chappell made a motion to approve the minutes, Bill Crago seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer Torey Nash had provided the treasurer's report to members prior to the meeting. Neil Christensen made a motion to accept, Christy Vanderhill seconded, motion passed.

Old Business:

- Don reported the new sidewalk has been completed and looks great. The door on the west side of the Rosewood room has also been added. Reminder to always make sure the gate closes behind you, it's been left open many times and sometimes remains open all night.
- Don recognized Sue, Angie, and Tam for their awesome work on the Boo Battle; the event was a great success.
- Don reminded the members that all of us need to continue to be good ambassadors of the Pickleball Club within SVE.

New Business:

- **Membership Dues** – Sandra Foster & Torey – dues will remain at \$40 for this year. Per the by-laws, dues can only be voted on during the March meeting. Cash and checks are still accepted for payment of dues, but members are encouraged to pay their dues via the website. Forms were provided at the meeting for anyone who wanted one. Remember to put your emergency contact information on the back of your new badge. Also, wear your badges to the meetings 😊
- **Bake Sale** – Debbie Christensen – the bake sale is set for 12/13/2025. All profits of the sale go directly to the club. More information will be coming out on when to drop off your baked goods and help that will be needed with setup.
- **Annual Fundraiser** – Vicki Judice was not able to attend; Theresa Chappell announced we would not be having the Italian Dinner fundraiser this year. It was determined that our date (2/21/2026) is too close to the softball fundraising event that also provides food. One idea the committee had looked into was a "Silent Party" where individuals get headsets and listen to different types of music, dance, etc. No decision has been made yet on the fundraiser and ideas are welcome from our members. Contact Darlene Mathews with ideas 218-766-9112.
- **End of Year Social** – Judy Schatz - set for 3/21/2026. The social committee is looking for ideas and trying to keep the event economical. Volunteers will also be needed.
- **Round Robins** – Dale Schatz - round robins started up the previous week. There was consensus that the dink-only option we had once last year should happen again this year.

- **Lessons** – Elaine Zook – the full offering of lessons has started up again. The list of lessons available is on our website or on the court schedules at the courts. The New to Pickleball and Beginner lessons are free to anyone in the community. Ken Reynolds will be leading up with two classes with help from others through the season. Looking for more volunteers to help with beginner lessons.
- **CMARS** – Don for Vicki – have started up again for the season, check on the website for times and dates.
- **Hold My Court** – Brenda Wile – the new system is live on our website. Brenda answered a few questions from users. It's important everyone reserve courts this way rather than just going down to the courts and using an open one. This tool will be a way we can track usage to justify our request for new courts in the future. The new system only recognizes numbers, so the upper courts will change from A,B,C to 7,8,9.
- **Paddle Battle/Tournaments** – Don indicated we will be looking for ideas for these as well as volunteers. More to come in future meetings.
- **By-Laws Review** – Don – they need to be reviewed every two years, looking for volunteers to help with that process.
- **Other Business** –

Debbie Christensen reminded the members about the first aid kits located by the courts. Let Debbie or Shelly Kilgore know if you notice the kits need to be restocked.

Bill Crago asked that members let him know if they have issues with the ball machines. There will be more training sessions coming soon.

Don Chappell reminded the members the Super Bowl board is ready. Contact him if you want to purchase a square.

Coert Vanderhill stated we should work at having a better idea of people playing on our courts who are not members, or members who are playing but not reserving a court. It's important this type of information is documented for our new court funding requests.

Darlene Mathews made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Christy Vanderhill seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m. Next meeting December 14, 2025, 4:00 pm at the Mesa Verde room.