

SVE Pickleball Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2025

Mesa Verde Room

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

VP Steve Nelson was unable to attend so Don verified a quorum was met.

During opening remarks, Don reminded members to use proper language on the courts, be courteous to other players, and adhere to the paddle rotation during club events. He also recognized six new club members – welcome!

Secretary Carmen Link had emailed the November meeting minutes to the members prior to the meeting. Bob Foster 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. Bob Foster made a motion to accept, Bill Crago seconded, motion passed.

Old Business:

- Don thanked Debbie Christensen for all her work on another successful bake sale. Debbie reported the club made \$2,250 on this year's sale. The event went smoothly and she thanked all the volunteers for their help.

New Business:

- **Changes to By-laws** – Bob Foster made a motion to accept the changes made to the by-laws and John Piddington seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- **Annual Fundraiser** – will be a French toast breakfast held on February 21, 2026 and headed up by Steve Nelson.
- **End of Year Social** – Sue Hammond - the committee will be looking for input on ideas.
- **Friday Night Socials** – Don – they continue to be held each Friday at 5p.m. Bring a snack, come to the courts and socialize and/or play.
- **Round Robins** – Don - there has been good attendance so far on the round robins.
- **Lessons** – Don – lessons have been going well, another round of intermediate lessons will begin in January.
- **CMARS** – Don – have started up again for the season, check on the website for times and dates.
- **Paddle Battle** – Leo Reardon – will be held March 14, 2026. Sign-up sheets will be available the beginning of January. Registration fee will be \$30.
- **Club Merchandise** – Sue Conley & Tam Lies– the annual sale of club merchandise has started and runs through the end of January. Clothing samples were available at the meeting and “modeled” by club members. They will also have samples available to take a look at during upcoming round robins and CMARS.

- **Other Business –**

Pat Crossett mentioned the passing of Gene Fedorenko and noted the generous contributions he had made towards club amenities in the past (tables and umbrellas, AstroTurf). It was suggested the club purchase a plaque in memory of Gene and place it in that area. The board will work on this and provide updates.

Bill Crago reminded everyone about our two ball machines that are available at the courts. Training is available on the machines. Also, machines have a code to unlock them; if you use the machines please remember to lock them afterward.

Debbie Christensen announced we will once again be collecting SOX for a Cause at the lower courts. This year's donation will be to La Mesa Ministries. More information will be coming out in an email.

Jeff from Shade Tree gave a presentation. He does a lot of business with our club and provides such things as demo paddles, demo days at the courts, and also provides our club members a 10% discount on anything purchased at Shade Tree.

John Piddington made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Bob Foster seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m. Next meeting is January 11, 2026, 4:00 pm at the Mesa Verde room.