SVE Pickleball Club Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2026, 4:00 pm

Mesa Verde Room

President Steve Nelson Called the meeting to order at 4:00pm, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and read the club mission statement.

Vice President Steve Horn advised a quorum was met.

Secretary Carmen Link emailed the April meeting minutes out to the membership prior to the meeting. Bob Foster moved to approve. Bill Crago seconded. M/S/P.

Treasurer Charlotte Crago presented the treasurer's report, which was also emailed to the membership prior to the meeting. John Piddington moved to accept the report. Bob Foster seconded. M/S/P.

Old Business:

- Steve Nelson reminded the group that the French Toast Breakfast is set for Saturday February 13, 2027. Looking for a volunteer to run the silent auction and help with ticket distribution.

New Business:

- Fence painting – Don Ryther and Steve Nelson updated the club on the reasoning for and progress on the project.
- Paddle Battle – Don Ryther informed the club Leo Reardon will run the event and we are looking for a date around the first Saturday in March.
- Membership Dues – Sandra Foster reminded everyone dues are payable via the website. $40 (same as last year). She will be handing out new "27" stickers to put on your name tag in December.
    - Jim Varner answered questions on the website.
- CMARs – Vicki Judice reminded everyone how to sign up for CMARs events. Go to the website and email the person running the event you want to play in, and you will get a Signup Genius email. Also, we need a leader for the 3.5+ group here at SVE. Sunland Village 3.25 group is starting next Monday.
- Bake Sale- Debbie Christensen is heading our fundraiser again, Saturday morning December 12. After the Friday night social, we need volunteers to set up tables and bring their goodies to the auditorium. Please have your items to the auditorium Friday night. Need helpers the day of the event. This event raises over $3,000 annually!
- Lessons- Elaine Zook advised the new to pickleball and beginner lessons have been combined. They will start at 11:00 am December 4 at the upper courts,

and run every Monday and Friday for 3 weeks. They will restart after the first of January. Kevin Westerman will be leading the lessons. Intermediate lessons will start after the first of the year. They are Tuesdays and Fridays at 11:00 am on the lower courts.

- Shirt and Paddle Sales – Sue Connely will be taking orders at the December meeting. Neil Christensen is again selling paddles. Contact him if you are interested. They sell well below retail, and the club gets a portion of the sale.
- Round Robins – Dale Schatz said they will start when the courts are done. No events Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Eve weeks. He is looking for a scorekeeper/timer.
- Sponsoring Pancake Breakfast – Steve Nelson addressed that we could help sponsor a breakfast and earn $200 for the club and goodwill in the community. Discussion followed. Bill Crago volunteered to head up our effort. The club voted to move forward with us sponsoring the December Pancake Breakfast.
- Friday Night Socials – will begin once the courts are done. In Jan/Feb/Mar the club will provide food once a month. Every Friday, come on down and socialize and play some pickleball.
- End of Year Party – Judy Schatz said the end of year social will be Saturday March 13 in the auditorium.
- Update on Request for Two New Courts – We are on the board agenda the next two months to have our ballot language approved to ask the community for two new courts. Discussion followed. The money will come from a request from the HOA Capital Contribution Funds of $125,000 and $50,000 from our club. We need to show the community our reasons for the courts and continue to be good ambassadors for our club. Please support by showing up to the November and December board meetings.