

APC General Membership Meeting Minutes

Saturday, May 31, 2025

At LBCC Pickleball Courts in Albany, Oregon

Approved: June 2, 2025

Attendees: Jim Abbott, Marissa Athens, Diana Barron, Dave Burright, Cathy Ciaffoni, Dennis Dahlen, Clay Bluehosh, Chris Dye, Steve Engler, Sue Enright, Jeff Fantus, Wendy Fekkers, John Fowlkes, Ken Hall, Carrie Hazleton, Pat Hazleton, Rodrigo Palma Hernandez, Cheryl Hultberg, Russ Hultberg, Peggy Joyce, Jon Killinger, Elaine Kruger-Young, Jim Kuliesis, Stephanie Low, Kevin McCrary, Dana McGlohn, Laura Meek, Dennis Muscato, Sac Nguyen, Vance Nguyen, Monika Niebuhr, Les Pace, Garrett Rolston, Irene Rolston, Jonathan Rich, Donita Rietz, Russell Ruby, Tony Scaltreto, Maja Scheler, Annette Simonson, Stewart Taylor, and Bob VanderLinden

Meeting called to order by President Jim Abbott at 10:02 a.m.

Previous Minutes

Minutes to the last Membership meeting on September 28, 2024 were previously emailed to all members in attendance at that meeting. They were approved on October 2, 2024 via email. Those minutes were included in the meeting reminder emailed on May 29, 2025 and not reviewed again at this meeting.

Election of New Secretary

Stephanie asked if there is anyone who wishes to be considered for the upcoming vacant club secretary position. Nobody spoke up. Ron Post had volunteered to be the secretary, but he could not attend the meeting. Stephanie had previously asked Ron to answer three questions:

1. Why do you want to be the secretary?
2. What qualifications do you have for this position?
3. What do you want to accomplish when you are the secretary?

Ron emailed his responses to Stephanie, who read them to the members. The membership unanimously voted for Ron to be the next club secretary.

Financials

Stewart announced that the club currently has 179 members. He reported a balance of \$6,121 in the regular club checking account. The balance in the tournament account is \$26,324. A new grant account was established with the money received from the Willamette Valley Tourism Grant of \$22,500.

Stewart proposed an amendment to the club by-laws regarding paying cash during Rally In The Valley to the referees and the food cart vendors. Article V—Finances, Section E—Annual Budget, Cash, and Inventory of Club Assets will be changed to "All expenditures by the club or any member on behalf of the club must be made by check **or approved by at least two board members**". The amendment was approved by a voice vote of the members in attendance.

A proposed addition to the by-laws regarding liability insurance was tabled until a later date.

Stewart reported that the current liability insurance carrier will no longer provide coverage for our club after

June 30, 2025. Stewart is recommending K&K Insurance which specializes in sports programs. Our policy would protect the board members against lawsuits, include insurance for the shed and its contents, the lock box and its contents, picnics, BBQ's, parades, as well as the liability coverage insurance required by LBCC. All APC members would get secondary medical insurance in case of accidents while playing pickleball at LBCC and elsewhere. The annual premium will be less than what the club has been paying in past years.

Club Activities

Jon Killinger reminded the members the dates for club events this summer:

1. Sat. June 7th 9am to noon - "Move to the Next Level (3.5 to 4.0)"
2. Thu. July 10th 9am to noon - "Luck of the Draw Challenge" with Omar
3. Sat. July 26th 9am to noon - Club Round Robin and Bar BQ
4. Sat. Aug 9th 9am to noon - "Bring Your Own Partner Challenge"
5. Thu to Sun. Aug 21 - 24 - "Rally in the Valley Tournament" (Thursday, Aug. 21 is set up day)

Registrations for each event (except RITV) will be on Play Time Scheduler.

Court Improvements

Jim told the members that there are three priorities for court improvements:

1. Shade Structure—which will not be happening this year
2. 5 foot wide sidewalk around the perimeter of the fence
3. Improved lighting

The shade structure cannot be the top priority without having an ADA compliant sidewalk in place first. With the Willamette Valley Tourism grant, we will be able to build the sidewalk and a 10' x 32' concrete pad to accommodate two bleachers.

Moda Health, one of the major sponsors for our programs, will increase their donation this year from \$1,000 to \$1,500, and they expressed an interest in helping with the improved lighting of the courts.

A special shout out to all the sponsors for RITV from year to year. The tournaments cannot happen without their support.

Rally In The Valley

RITV is scheduled for August 22-24. Jim wants to include a Juniors Bracket since there will be no Open category this year. It will be all skills, mixed doubles for 11 to 15 years old. The entry fee is \$35 per person. Jim has been contacting schools and youth organizations. He has a flyer announcing this opportunity. An electronic copy will be emailed to all APC members to help get the word out.

Jim reminded the members that the club discount code **Albanymember** for early RITV registration expires on July 1, 2025—to encourage early registration of APC members who want to play in the tournament.

Pickleball at West Albany High School

Jim, Stephanie and Lauren Smith met with Don Lien, WAHS athletic director, recently. The four tennis courts on the WAHS campus are public courts. Don wants the four tennis courts to be able to accommodate 16 pickleball courts. A lot still needs to be worked out before the addition becomes a reality.

Other Pickleball Related News

- Jim also mentioned that there is a certified pickleball instructors program. Diana Baumgartner is one of the trainers if anyone is interested in becoming certified.
- OSU Pickleball Club reached out to APC about interclub play. Omar is the contact, but he was not in attendance to give us more information. Jim indicated that if APC is interested in having interclub play, we will have to have a more accurate system of rating each person's skills.
- Jim heard that there is a person interested in purchasing a vacant building in town and turning it into an indoor pickleball facility. We will wait and see what develops from this idea.

Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and First Aid Kit

Jim reminded the members that there is an AED and a first aid kit inside the lock box. The combination to the lock was shared with those in attendance. The box should be opened on MWF from 9 am – noon (official club hours) so people will have access to the medical supplies. The last person on the court should check that the box is locked before leaving.

Learn to Play Pickleball Clinics

There will be at least one "Learn to Play PB" clinic this summer. We are waiting for clarification on insurance for non club member participants.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Low
APC Secretary