Notes for BCPA Board Meeting - July 30, 2026
Attending: Mary Abney, Tina Rowlett, John Simpson, Bill Meskill, Ed Verchot
Absent: Jon Weber

1. Membership report (Tina)
Discussion: BCPA currently has 120 players. More details are contained in the Membership report circulated by email.
Discussion: There has been a decrease in the volume of players at our drop-in sessions. The board discussed conducting a survey of members to determine interest in additional playing sessions (Possible morning sessions or additional evenings were discussed).
Action: Tina will draft a survey of members to determine interest in additional playing sessions and to learn why many are no longer participating. She will provide a draft of the survey to the board to review and provide input.

The board discussed whether the BCPA should continue as an entity into 2027 since Pickleball has evolved so much and BCPA participation has fallen to potentially unsustainable levels. The survey will ask questions to obtain information. Discussion should be continued in the fall as we see how participation goes for the next few months.

2. Financial report (Mary) (circulated by email prior to the meeting)
Key points: If all budgeted expenditures are made, BCPA will end the year with $81.95. Key items include a potential bill from BCC for safety fencing ($4000?) and $840 for balls. Not all expenditures may be needed (balls, fence, socials) so we may have somewhat more.
Discussion: Finances may be near break-even.

3. Item sales (Bill) - Status, Proceeds, and concerns if any.
Key Points: This transaction will be completed as soon as all payments have been received. Several item payments are still outstanding.

4a. Locker combo change and its distribution, and lock purchase (all)

(Proposed - Ed) Change the combo/limit distribution to those who open sessions. If needed, amend the bylaws to restrict equipment use to designated BCPA playing sessions.
-Discussion centered on whether to maintain current bylaws which limit the combination distribution to current key holders with BCPA membership and allow use of equipment (balls and loaner paddles) by these members. Also, concerns were expressed about difficulty in reading and using current locks.
Action: Mary will order 2 new locks. Ed and John Rowlett will change the locks and install new combinations as soon as possible. Combo will be distributed to BCPA members known to be key holders. No changes in bylaws were approved.

4b. Ball status and general usage thoughts (all).
-Bill reported that a substantial inventory of balls remains. We have 154 Selkirk's which should be adequate for this winter. (typically, 50-60 balls will last all winter). We have 86 X40s on hand and 20-25 deployed at the Landings. At current usage rates more will be needed. We also have over 100 PCKL Elite 40s that no one seems to want to use. We discussed possibly donating them, but no firm decision was made.
Action: Mary will watch for sale price and order 100 Franklin X-40s at an appropriate early opportunity.

5. Burke Festival manning (all) - New dates: September 26–27, 2026.
Discussion: How to recruit volunteers, incentives vs. T-shirts/hats
-Discussion items included whether or not to have a BCPA booth and how to recruit volunteers. Mary anticipates that we will need about 20-25 volunteers to satisfy our 40-hour commitment. She does not plan to continue to provide t-shirts as an incentive due to excessive workload to manage this effort. Proposal for $20 gift cards for volunteers.
Decision: Board approved idea to provide gift cards as incentive. Volunteers will be solicited by blast from BurkePickleball@gmail.com.
Action: Tina will draft an email.

6. Stacking system (all)

Discussion: Current stacking is a bit confusing since we have not needed to do the W/L cycle for many months. We still need a bench or place to stack. Discussed modifying the new bench for our current rotation system and placing the bench closer to the gate or between courts rather than in the waiting area since players are unwilling to go all the way down to the waiting area to stack paddles. There was no firm decision on the best location for Bench. Ed agreed to investigate modifying the bench (adding a plywood cover) to use for our normal single stack 2 off, 2 on rotation system.
Action: Ed will investigate modifying the bench as discussed and we will continue to determine best placement for the bench. Current stacking rules will continue to apply.

7. Reimbursement for Fencing (All)
Discussion: BCPA has not been requested to pay any money. We are not sure what the final cost of the fence is but we believe we agreed to pay 1/2 the cost up to $4000.
Decision: We should not offer payment until billed. We should request a copy of the itemized invoice showing the billed price of fencing since we agreed to fund only 1/2 up to $4000.

8. Socials -deferred until the survey is completed

9. Website updates needed?
Discussion: The registration updates have been made. Per Mary there are other updates that the webmaster has not been able to post yet.
Action: Tina and Mary will continue to review to see what else may be needed.

10. Clinics (all)
Discussion: We do not need to be in the business of offering clinics. We have neither the resources nor the need to do so. Unless someone offers to sponsor and run free clinics, we don't see a need to pursue.

11. Future Round Robin

Discussion: At current participation levels we don't foresee conducting any tournaments or round robins in the near future. As with clinics we would need someone (like Andy) who wants to sponsor, set up and run any future tournaments or round robin events. The survey will include questions on these types of events. May revisit in Fall after the Festival is complete if interest is sufficient and resources are available.

12. Playtime Scheduler -
Discussion: Ed reports 105 names or emails on list. Can be a good venue for making short quick announcements but not sure how many read it. It lets our membership (on the list) know we are still playing and when.
Action: Ed will renew Playtime Scheduler ($35) Power User in Sep to cover through the end of year.

13. Communications (All).
Email blasts are most effective. Do not need to resume newsletters at the present time.

14. We should plan to have the next meeting in fall (perhaps October) to follow up on all issues and decide BCPA plan for 2027.

Attachment

BCPA Membership Update
July 29, 2026

Total Current Membership:

Members = 99
- Non-BCC Reported = 20

Seasonal = 21

Total = 120

2026 New Player Applications – To Date

Total = 49
- BCC = 22
  - Completed Process = 9
  - Did Not Complete Process = 13
    - Keyholders = 9

- Non-BCC = 27
  - Completed Process = 11
  - Did Not Complete Process = 16

Skill Levels
- Beginner = 17
- Intermediate = 28
- Advanced = 4

How Did You Hear About BCPA
- Conservator = 8
- Friend = 31

Internet = 7
New Home Packet = 3

Residence Locations
Alexandria = 2
Annandale = 4
Burke = 25
Clifton = 1
Fairfax = 9
Fairfax Station = 3
Lorton = 1
Springfield = 3
Woodbridge = 1