

# BPC Board Meeting

**Location:** Online via Google Meet

**Date:** Wednesday, January 8th, 2024 **Time:** 7:00 PM – 8:15 PM

**Board Members Present:** Dave Martin, Jodee Smith, Gary Milhoan, Jerry Sutherlin, Kyle Parker, Ellery Likens, Kim Scifres, Brent Litzer, Matthew Slatkin, Susan Cooper.

**Quorum:** Quorum was established with 8 out of 12 members present

## 1. Call to Order

- Dave Martin called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees.
- Dave noted that the meeting notes from December 4, 2024, were initially not attached to the agenda but had been added and resent.

## 2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- The December 4, 2024, meeting minutes were reviewed.
- Jerry Sutherlin suggested clarifying that votes marked as "unanimous" should be based on a hand count. Adjustments were made accordingly.
- **Motion to approve the minutes with changes:**
  - **Moved by:** Ellery Likens
  - **Seconded by:** Brent Litzer
  - **Vote:** Unanimously approved.

## 3. Treasurer's Report

- **Presented by Kyle Parker:**
  - December financials showed a starting balance of just under \$6,000.
    - Income: \$440 from new premium memberships and \$965 from ladder income.
    - Expenses: Payments to Parks and Recreation, software fees, and an outstanding \$960 check to Crimson Pickle.
    - Ending balance as of 12/31/2024: \$6,820 (not accounting for the \$960 uncashed check).
  - November and December ladder events incurred small losses (\$90 and \$71, respectively).
  - Kyle plans to convene the finance committee post-strategic planning to finalize 2025 projections.
- **Discussion:**
  - Gary Milhoan noted January is a key month for membership renewals and suggested monitoring re-enrollment.

## 4. Board Updates and Recruitment

- Discussion on recruiting board members to fill current vacancies:
  - **Potential Candidates:**
    - Brandon Smith: Dave Martin and Gary Milhoan to follow up.
    - Will Bane: Expressed interest; Gary Milhoan to reach out directly.

- **Ellery Likens:**
  - Announced he would step down as Vice Chair after January 24, 2025, but remain on the board as an at-large member until the annual meeting.
- Gary Milhoan suggested delaying major board moves until spring when club activity increases.
- Dave Martin proposed hosting a pizza and pickleball night at Crimson Pickle to engage members.

## 5. Strategic Planning Committee Updates

- **Presented by Jodee Smith:**
  - 17 survey responses received; more responses needed.
  - Survey results will inform member priorities, including court improvements, year-round access, and level-oriented activities.
  - Strategic planning meeting scheduled for January 22, 2025.
  - Dave Martin sent reminders to 99 premium members and invited key individuals to participate.

## 6. Competition Committee Updates

- **Presented by Gary Milhoan:**
  - December ladder events saw strong participation (Tuesdays averaged 23 players; Thursdays averaged 25).
  - Discussed adjusting ladder fees to \$8 for members and \$13 for non-members to offset costs.
  - Volunteers needed for event coordination:
    - **Kim Scifres** and **Matthew Slatkin** volunteered to help.
    - Gary to create a volunteer calendar.
  - Concerns raised about auto-renewal confusion:
    - Members not notified in advance of renewals.
    - Dave Martin will investigate CourtReserve settings to address this issue.
- **Crimson Pickle Update:**
  - Timber Tucker announced a rebrand to "Bloomington Pickleball Warehouse."
  - Concerns raised about potential confusion with BPC branding.
  - Further discussions on merger proposals deferred until after the strategic planning meeting.

## 7. New Business

- Gary Milhoan emphasized planning for outdoor events and tournaments in April and summer.
- Ellery Likens suggested convening the partnership committee to meet with the city about court usage for the upcoming season.

## 8. Adjournment

- **Motion to adjourn:**
  - **Moved by:** Jodee Smith
  - **Seconded by:** Jerry Sutherlin and Gary Milhoan

- **Vote:** Unanimously approved.
  - Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM EST.
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### **Action Items:**

1. **Dave Martin:**
    - Contact Brandon Smith and Will Bane about board membership and strategic planning participation.
    - Investigate membership renewal notifications in CourtReserve.
  2. **Gary Milhoan:**
    - Speak with Will Bane about board involvement.
    - Develop a volunteer schedule for ladder events.
    - Prepare agenda for February meeting, focusing on outdoor event planning.
  3. **Ellery Likens:**
    - Convene partnership committee to coordinate with the city on summer court usage.
  4. **All Board Members:**
    - Encourage members to complete the strategic planning survey.
    - Attend the January 22 strategic planning meeting.
    - Identify potential candidates for the board chair position.
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**Next Meeting:** February 5, 2025, 7:00 PM EST (Google Meet).