

# 10/17/22 - Bloomington Pickleball Meeting

## Introductions

Brandon Snyder - Regular Tournament Player. Played since 2017. Long term goal - Dedicated facility specifically for pickleball large enough to hold regional / national level tournaments.

Cheryl Smith - Tennis player, started in 2022 and is addicted. Cheryl is a local business owner who wants people to get out there, stay healthy, and find things to keep us going longer. Happy to be an advocate for the sport.

Dan Sessions - Been in Bloomington for about 2 years. Relocated from Texas. Works for Indian Bureau of Education. Graduated from Northwestern. Played pickleball since 2018.

Dave Martin - Played since August 2014, former racquetball player. Helps with tech, website, and social media.

Eric Allen - Playing for about 1-2 years now. Student at Indiana University. Looking to help the club develop with tournaments, raising money, and working towards the larger dream.

Katie Weismiller - She's an addict. Came in 1993, former volleyball coach at IU. Former tennis player. After Covid hit, she picked up pickleball and really started playing. Excited about inclusion. Owner of BBC Bagel with partner Sue A.

Kristine Barantos - New to pickleball, played about 1 year. Interesting that the sport has grown so far. NOW is the time to make Bloomington a destination. Built a baseball facility and developed team travel programs.

Sam Estrada - Moved to Bloomington in 2018. Started playing in October and started the IU pickleball club the next month. Excited to help our club grow.

Timber Tucker - Owner of Express Employment Professionals. Graduated from IU in the 80's, returned in 2000. Degree in Recreation Administration from IU. Area of study - older adult rec.

Not present: Donnie, Michael I

# Update of city happenings

## Usage of Twin Lakes

Kido has “dotted line” control over using Twin Lakes facility. We could host a tournament. He would waive fees & help us facilitate. Timber talked to the director today. The director will not allow tape on the courts. Relining it, they only take it down to the wood every 10 years. Dan researched the chemical properties and is happy to present the data.

When we teach clinics, do we need to be certified?

## Pickleball Court Usage / Attendance Logs

Track how much pickleball is happening in the city.

The city wants to use a clipboard @ Park Ridge

Dave Martin created a Google form for tracking, we could use a QR Code with link to the form for reporting play

We need to think about how we can track attendance.

## RCA Update

There's a fuse in the box that powers the lights at RCA. Now they are talking with city electric to see if they can find it. If they can get it and install it, they are willing to entertain ideas to allow us to use the lights.

There will be 0 improvements done because there are 0 funds for the rest of the year.

IU has a league that comes on Sunday from 12-2pm.

The city does not regulate the courts in any way. It's first come, first serve.

## Bryan Park

Opportunity with Lights

## Winslow

Opportunity with Lights

## Park Ridge East

The city has approved putting down painted lines down on the courts.

Brandon ran 2020 Btown Battle @ RCA Park that ended up donating \$12,000 to Wounded Warrior

Indy Pickleball's goal for next year is to build 16 indoor, 16 outdoor \$5 million facility to run tournaments.

Having the IU Campus here, Brandon thinks that it's attainable to build something like this.

## Karst Farm Park

Kido said he could set up a meeting to discuss this

## Lower Cascades

No sound issues, where the former softball fields are. Flood plain??

# Goals

## Short Term

Create our own By-Laws

samestrada12@gmail.com & daniel.sessions@gmail.com will create a Google doc draft by October 31st.

## Vision/Mission Statement

## Website/Communication/Social Media Platforms

Slack / Email  
Board Members  
Club Members

Bloomingtonpickleballclub.com, instagram, FB

Officer Elections/Board/Decision Making Process

Consistent Meetings

Host a Winter Tournament (February 5th weekend is clear)

Create A Private Membership (Why would people want to join? What are we going to offer them?) What is provided for members?

## Long Term

Dedicated Pickleball Facility

Consistent Tournament Activities

501c3 and the path to it

Davies county started a year ago. With the "covid delay", it took them 9 months. It should be faster, but we can hopefully move this to the nearer term.

## Fundraising and partnership with the city

Club Representation (Email traffic or in person with outside entities)

## Grant Program

Daviess County was a recipient of a \$50,000 grant for the development of their program with a 50% match from Parks & Rec. They built what they have for \$75,000. Improves a lower income area of the city and state. Kido is interested in having a higher level discussion with the board about matching funds.

## Tournament Sponsorship

Drills / Lessons / Clinics

## Club By-Laws

Brandon S - You mentioned bylaws, I already gave you Columbus Pickleball Club bylaws and I should have Indy Pickleball Club bylaws today for us to review.

## Action Items

- Report that October 17th, 2022 Pickleball Club was Founded
- Reach back out Kido next week Thurs / Friday & go to them with an ask:
  - lights @ RCA for Ladder
  - use Twin Lakes in February

- Drills / Clinics
- What does our partnership look like? Data points can be provided by Brandon Snyder & Eric Allen.
- Logo Design
- Slack Workspace
  - Locked Board Member Channel
- Another meeting after the 1st