



BPC Board Meeting

Location: Online via Google Meet Date: 5/1/2024 Time: 7pm-8pm

BPC Board Members: Chip Helm, Dave Martin, Ellery Likens, Gary Milhoan, Jerry Sutherlin, Kyle Parker, Patrick Counts, Sam Hutner, Steven Jackson, Thad Kelley, ~~Cheryl Smith, Kaiden Abate~~

Present: Dave Martin, Steven Jackson, Gary Milhoan, Patrick Counts, Chip Helm, Thad Kelley, Ellery Likens, Jerry Sutherlin, Sam Hutner

Absent:

Resigned: Cheryl Smith, Kaiden Abate

Call to Order

Dave Martin called the meeting to order @ 7:00pm.

Approval of Minutes

No corrections to [the minutes of the previous meeting](#). Approved

Committee Reports

Who are the committee leads? If none should we then "retire" any leaderless committees? They simply won't exist without leadership.

Partnership and Outreach Committee

Gary is the chair

Member: Chip

Crimson Pickle

- Temporary nets, balls, and any other gear needed will be stored at CP. If needed, please call Timber first.
- Thursday's ladder has 14 people registered via Court Reserve. We need more players and at least 24 to break even.
- Will we have any volunteers? What about for the other 26 Thursdays? Tuesdays? IS Matt Osgood gonna coordinate? Is he ready/aware of what is needed? Can he (someone) capture everything volunteers will need to do during first night of ladder?
- We need to sign a (Master) Memorandum of Understanding and get it all in writing.
- Timber suggested the club buy a ball machine, Chip offered to purchase this.



BPC + Parks & Recreation

- Signed agreement, waiting on copy from Kido
- Picked up yard signs and installed at RCA Park.
- Emailed Julie Ramey about Parks & Rec Guide update. They removed our info from this year's guide.
- Mark Sterner said AED is @ TLRC and ready to pick up. Timber will store it at Crimson Pickle locker and pick it up for ladder events.

RCA Park Update

What do we do from 5-6:30pm before ladder programming?

50+ Expo

Engage with as many attendees as possible, with a focus on meeting and greeting interested parties to expand the club's membership

- Steve Jackson, Patrick Counts, Timber, & Kim Scifres confirmed
- Setting up a net
- Balls for giveaway and BPC paddle

Plans for promoting the BPC's participation in the expo through social media, the club's website, and email newsletters.

Update on RCA Park Courts Repair Consultation

Consultant: John Arnold, Arnold Asphalt

Communication Date: April 26, 2024

Summary:

- **Products for Repair:** The only viable products for addressing the court cracks, PL3405 and ASTM6690, are effective but visually unappealing due to their black color, which is considered unsuitable for the court's aesthetic.
- **Client Satisfaction:** Past applications have led to dissatisfaction due to the stark appearance of these repair materials. John Arnold is concerned about the impact on his reputation from the negative aesthetic outcomes.
- **Alternative Solutions:** Resurfacing the entire court with asphalt was suggested as an alternative, though it carries risks of crack reflection and may exceed budget constraints.
- **Expert Recommendation:** John recommends consulting with his supplier, Jim, who has extensive experience in sports surface materials, for potential alternatives. Jim's contact is (317) 223-1606.

Board Action Needed:

- Consultation with Industry Expert: Initiate contact with Jim to explore any other possible repair solutions that might meet both durability and aesthetic requirements.



Member Engagement Committee

Competition & Training Committee

Chair:

Members: Steven Jackson, Patrick Counts, Matt Osgood (potential)

Coordinating ladder events, PB 101, Low Stress, Open Play

Marketing Committee

Bylaws Committee

Current bylaws don't appear to give the membership any role. Is the Board willing to accept a change? Proposed Voting: Recommend putting the decision on increasing the membership's decision-making role to a vote.

Jerry will come up with a role for the members and the board can decide on this and updates to the bylaws.

Membership Meetings

Executive Committee

Written Goals/Objectives of BPC

Finance/Treasurer's Report

Old Business

General Liability Insurance Policy Renewal

1. Cancellation and Response: Shine Insurance notified the club of a cancellation of the liability policy due to non-payment as of April 1, 2024. The club, led by Dave Martin, responded promptly with intentions to renew the policy for May through October, pending board and city approvals.
2. Policy Reinstatement: The club renewed and paid for the policy, confirmed by Shine Insurance on April 23. Coverage was reinstated in full force.



3. Coverage Clarifications: The reinstated policy covers liabilities for bystander injuries and property damages at events, not participants. Further inquiries were made about additional coverage for participants and other venues like RCA Park.

T-Shirt Update

- We have 1 option to reorder from our past supplier.
- We have 1 option to order from ABR Print.
- We have another option to set up a webstore with Free Think Apparel (like what Timber has done for IU Pickleball)
- We can set up our own store with Wild Apricot.

Dave Martin recommends that we place another order from our past supplier and get black t-shirts and black gear for our board members. Then, we order shirts for all of our new members. We also ask our current members if they want to order via a Google form. Then, we place an order all together all at once to get the best possible rate. This is how we did it last year.

Recorder Position

Matt Leslie has joined BPC and would like to serve in this role.

New Business

Memorial Tournament in Doug's Honor

Correspondence Summary: Brianna Ritchey reconfirmed interest in hosting the memorial tournament and requested updates on venue and funding discussions.

Volunteer Support: Over 30 volunteers from IU are available to assist.

Next Steps: Decision and further coordination pending board discussion.

DK Memorial Bench

Dave Martin suggested this to Susan and she said that she would support this and it would be a nice way to honor Doug Kenfield's memory.

<https://bloomington.in.gov/about/trees/memorial-program>

Action Items

- ~~Approval of Minutes: The board needs to approve the minutes from the previous meeting after addressing any necessary corrections.~~



- ~~Committee Leadership: Decide whether to retire any committees that currently lack leadership, as they cannot function without it.~~
- ~~Bylaws Committee: Discuss a proposal to increase the membership's decision-making role within the club's governance structure.~~
- T-Shirt Orders: Decide on the approach for ordering new t-shirts, including the possibility of setting up a webstore with Free Think Apparel or using Wild Apricot for the club's merchandise.
- Memorial Tournament in Doug's Honor: Vote on the next steps for hosting the memorial tournament, including decisions on venue and funding.
- ~~DK Memorial Bench: Approval to proceed with the installation of a memorial bench in honor of Doug Kenfield as suggested by Dave Martin.~~

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm

Next Meeting:

Date and time of next meeting: Wednesday, June 5 - 7:00 – 8:00pm - Monthly on the first Wednesday, until Feb 5, 2026