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# Minutes

Meeting Type: General Membership Meeting      Date: Wednesday, July 23, 2025  
Location: Palms Amenity Room      Time: 1:00PM

## 1. Call to Order

The meeting called to order at 1:00 PM by J. R. Gray

Attendees:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Wayne Fullerton             | <input type="checkbox"/> Steve Gordon             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Balas        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rick Ackley   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> J. R. Gray       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petra Royston |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elaine Greenzang | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keith Wells   |

## 2. Business Items

Business Item: Financial Update

Discussion: Jim provided the treasurer's report.

There were questions regarding the club's income exceeding its expenses and whether we were meeting the IRS requirements for a non-profit social club. Jim explained that it is a misconception that a 501(c)7 social club cannot 'turn a profit' and that we are not required to spend all income in a given fiscal year. The reserve funds are being invested with the intention to use them for capital improvements in future years for items Taylor Morrison determines they will not fund.

There were questions regarding the Polk Senior Games. PSG is a separate entity, and Taylor Morrison allows use of the Solivita pickleball courts for PSG, not Smashers. In past years, Smashers ran the tournament, including collecting fees and paying vendors. This year, PSG and Taylor Morrison handled all the financial aspects and Smashers provided volunteers to run the tournament, therefore there is no line item for PSG in the 2025 budget. There was a line item in the 2024 budget and in April 2024, this showed a deficit which was cleared by June 2024 which is why it is no longer seen in the comparison financial reports.

Action(s): Jim took an action to review whether there are IRS guidelines on the amount of reserve funds the Club can maintain.

Business Item: Court Update

Discussion: J. R. provided an update on the status of the Palms and Freedom Park courts. Castle Group is working to fund repairs of courts 6 and 7 which would mean all



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courts will have been repaired within the last few years. They are also getting quotes to update the electricity at Freedom Park and to install restroom facilities closer to the pickleball courts.

Business Item: Board Update and Call for Volunteers

Discussion: Rick Ackley was introduced as the new club Vice President. Rick's position as training coordinator is now open and there remains an open seat on the Board. Volunteers are needed. Please contact [vicepresident@solivitas Smashers.com](mailto:vicepresident@solivitas Smashers.com) if you are interested in volunteering.

The position of Communications Chair is open, and a volunteer is needed. Please contact [communications@solivitas Smashers.com](mailto:communications@solivitas Smashers.com) if you are interested in volunteering.

Volunteers are needed to support our activities in the coming months, including the Halloween Games, Fall Tournament, Holiday Dance and New Year's Eve Games. Please contact [activities@solivitas Smashers.com](mailto:activities@solivitas Smashers.com) if you are interested in volunteering.

Business Item: Court Allocation

Discussion: J. R. described the existing process by which members can petition the Board for a change in Court allocation. A petition signed by 10% of the membership (127 signatures) is needed and the petition must clearly define the request.

The full process is available on our website at <https://solivitas Smashers.com/solivita-smashers-pickleball-club-membership-petition-for-court-allocation-process/>.

The floor was opened for discussion on members' opinions on court allocation.

## 3. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM. The next GMM will be held on October 30, 2025 at 1PM in the Palms Amenity Room.