



**Smashers**

# General Membership Meeting

July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025





# Call To Order

## Smashers Pickleball Club General Membership Meeting

- **Date:** July 23rd 2025
- **Time:** 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
- **Location:** Palms Amenity Room



# Agenda

- Call to Order
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Previous Minutes
- Reports
- Old Business
- New Business
- Next Meeting Date
- Adjournment



# **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**



# **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**



“Insights and Updates from the Executive Team”

# REPORTS



# Treasurer's Report

## Treasurer's Update: Keeping Our Club Financially Fit!

We're pleased to report that the Smashers Pickleball Club remains in **excellent financial health**, with little change from last GMM report.

### Here are some key highlights:

- **CD Earnings:** Our Certificate of Deposit (CD), purchased in May, earned **\$75** in its first month!
- **Table Purchase Reallocation:** The cost of the new table for Ladders Admin has been reallocated to the **Capital Purchases** line item, as approved by the Board.
- **Strategic Investment:** To make our excess cash work harder, the Board has approved opening an investment account with **The Vanguard Group, Inc.** This will allow us to earn more attractive rates on liquid investments.

Your Board is committed to responsible financial management to support our club's activities and future growth!

# Treasure's Report

<b>Solivita Smashers Pickleball Club, Inc.</b>						
<b>Financial Report</b>						
<b>June, 2025</b>						
	Six months ended					
	June 30, 2024	<b>Six months ended June 30, 2025</b>			<b>Other Information</b>	
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Bank/CD Accounts</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>MEMBERSHIP DUES &amp; RELATED EXPENSES</b>						
<b>MEMBERSHIP DUES</b>					Balance at 2/29/24	22,814
Membership Dues	16,261	16,800	15,095		2024 Net Income	3,435
<b>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP DUES</b>	<b>16,261</b>	<b>16,800</b>	<b>15,095</b>		Balance at 12/31/24	26,249
					Income ended 6/30/25	16,089
<b>MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES</b>					Balance at 6/30/25	42,338
<b>CLUB EXPENSES</b>						
Courts Maintenance	480	2,200	1,063		Bank account	15,338
Pickleballs	2,352	3,750	1,250		Certificate of Deposit	27,000
Equipment Purchases	1,228	200	-		Total (see above)	42,338
Digital Board Purchase	-	2,500	-			
VAPTR Expense	-	750	-			
<b>TOTAL CLUB EXPENSES</b>	<b>4,060</b>	<b>9,400</b>	<b>2,313</b>			

# Treasure's Report

<b>TOTAL EVENTS EXPENSE</b>	(1,054)	1,300	(465)	
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>				
Bank Fees	147	300	32	
Constant Contact	312	720	342	
Directors' & Officers' Insurance	-	600	-	
Meeting App	110	120	110	
Scheduling App	-	250	-	
Miscellaneous & Incidentals	-	500	620	1
Office Expense	86	500	472	2
Online Voting/Survey	247	504	-	
Website	-	152	-	
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>3,646</b>	<b>1,576</b>	
<b>PROGRAMS and TRAINING</b>				
Bag Tag Program	-	100	11	
Instructor Shirts	46	200	36	
Ladders	42	1,000	355	
Newbie Classes	31	100	-	
<b>TOTAL PROGRAMS and TRAINING</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>402</b>	
<b>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES</b>	<b>4,027</b>	<b>15,746</b>	<b>3,826</b>	
<b>NET MEMBERSHIP INCOME</b>	<b>12,234</b>	<b>1,054</b>	<b>11,269</b>	

# Treasure's Report

<b>OTHER INCOME &amp; EXPENSES</b>			
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>			
Club Sponsorships	6,500	9,000	5,500
Smashers Memorial Award	-	-	200
Other Income	955	1,000	911
<b>TOTAL OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>7,455</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>6,611</b>
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>			
VAPTR #2,3	6,473	-	-
New Shed at Palms for VAPTR #3	480	-	-
Outreach Program	-	1,000	616
Travel Teams Expense	1,166	1,600	975
Major Capital Purchases & Other Initiatives	-	7,400	-
Smashers Memorial Award	-	-	200
<b>TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES</b>	<b>8,119</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>1,791</b>
<b>NET OTHER INCOME &amp; EXPENSES</b>	<b>(664)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,820</b>
<b>INCOME/(LOSS)</b>	<b>11,570</b>	<b>1,054</b>	<b>16,089</b>
Notes:			
1. Includes IRS Form 1024 application fee of \$600.			
2. Includes purchase of Anker S500 speakerphone & purchase of one year Zoom license.			



"New Horizons: Exploring Opportunities"

# **NEW BUSINESS**

# Taylor Morrison Update



## 🌟 **Smashers Membership Update: Court Renovations & Future Enhancements!**

Get ready to celebrate some fantastic news about our beloved pickleball courts! Taylor Morrison has been hard at work, and their dedication is truly paying off, bringing us closer to a premier playing experience!

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that:

- 🌴 **The Palms Courts are COMPLETE!** Yes, you heard that right! These beautiful courts have been fully renovated and are now officially **OPEN and ready for your smashing serves and incredible volleys!** Get out there and enjoy them!
- 🦅 **Freedom Park Courts 1-3 & 11-13 are BACK IN ACTION!** The transformation at Freedom Park continues! Courts 1-3 and 11-13 have also been successfully completed and are now **reopened for play!** More courts, more fun!

# Taylor Morrison Update



But wait, there's more exciting progress on the horizon!

-  **Freedom Park Courts 6-7 Under Review for Repair!** The contractor has thoroughly evaluated courts 6-7 for necessary repairs. Taylor Morrison is now diligently working on determining the budget, with the goal of completing these crucial repairs **before the end of the summer!** We're pushing for every court to be in top shape!
-  **Powering Up Freedom Park!** Taylor Morrison is also actively evaluating the upgrades needed to significantly **improve the power infrastructure at Freedom Park.** This is a critical step towards enhancing our overall facility and ensuring a seamless experience for all.

The commitment to our courts is stronger than ever! Taylor Morrison will be holding meetings over the next couple of weeks to determine additional exciting projects. We promise to keep you fully updated as soon as those plans are finalized.



# Board Update: Strengthening Our Leadership Team!

We're excited to share some important updates about our club's leadership:

- **Rick Ackley** has been approved by the Board as our new **Vice President**.
- We are looking for a volunteer to **backfill Rick's Training Director role** on the Board. This is a great chance to help shape our club's training programs!
- We are also interviewing a volunteer to help the Board with **membership communications**.
- Our club thrives on volunteers! If you're interested in helping the Board in any capacity and want to contribute to our club's success, please **reach out to any Board member**. Your involvement makes a real difference!



# Future Events: Your Voice, Your Support!

As our club continues to grow, we want to ensure we're focusing our energy on events that truly matter to our members. However, every successful event relies heavily on dedicated volunteers and, most importantly, a **lead volunteer** to champion the effort from start to finish.

## **Each event requires a leader to:**

- Plan, Recruit, Manage logistics, and Ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience for all!

## **Examples of past and potential events:**

- Spring Picnic, Polk Senior Games, Ladders Tournaments, Halloween Games, Peter Mercado Annual Tournament, Annual Holiday Party, New Year's Eve Pickleball, ***And more!***

## **We need your input!**

Which of these events, or any others you can envision, do you want the Smashers Pickleball Club to actively support and dedicate our collective efforts to make successful?

**What actions would you like the Board to take to address this need for event leadership and volunteer support?**



# Court Allocation: Your Voice, Our Club!

**Why this matters:** Our club's goal is to "maximize good sportsmanship and members' access to and use of available Pickleball facilities." The current court allocation is an unwritten practice, not a permanent rule.

**Good News:** Our Bylaws provide a clear path for members to propose changes!

**You have two main options to propose changes:**

- 1. Bylaw Amendment:** A permanent change requiring a 2/3 electronic majority vote from members.
- 2. Standing Rule:** A more flexible change managed by the Board.

# How to Initiate a Change: 3 Key Steps

If you wish to propose a change to court allocation, here's the simplified process:

- Step 1: Propose & Justify Your Idea
  - Clearly define what you want to change (e.g., a new court schedule, a different booking system).
  - Explain why this change will improve member access and use of facilities.
  - Decide if it should be a Bylaw Amendment or a Standing Rule.
- Step 2: Create & Submit a Petition
  - Draft an official petition document outlining your proposed change.
  - Gather signatures from at least 10% of the club's members.
  - Formally submit the signed petition to the Board of Directors.
- Step 3: Board Review & Membership Vote
  - The Board will review your petition and provide recommendations.
  - The proposal will be put to a membership vote (a Bylaw Amendment requires a 2/3 electronic majority)
  - Approved changes will be officially documented and implemented!

This structured process ensures every member's voice can be heard and acted upon, helping us continually improve our club for everyone!



"Mark Your Calendars: Upcoming Meeting Announcement"

## **NEXT MEETING**

**OCTOBER 30TH, 2025, LOCATION: PALMS AMENITY ROOM**

**TIME: 1:00PM – 3:00 PM**



"Meeting Adjourned: See You Next Time!"

# **ADJOURNMENT**



# Member Petitions & Board Responsibilities

## Key Points:

- **Petition Submission:** Requires 10% of Club members' support in writing.
- **Board Review:** Directors evaluate the petition and provide recommendations.
- **Presentation:** The Board shares its recommendations before or during a General Membership Meeting.

## Why a Petition is NOT a Motion:

- A petition is submitted beforehand, requiring Board review before going to a vote.
- This ensures petitions are carefully considered and structured before being presented to members.

# Smashers Standing Rule # 5

## Why Significant Motions Must Follow This Voting Process

### Smashers Standing Rule # 5: General Voting Procedures

- All **significant matters** (Board elections, policy changes, financial decisions) **must be voted on electronically or by absentee ballot** for fairness and accessibility.
- **In-person voting** is only allowed for **non-significant matters**, such as approving minutes, unless special circumstances require otherwise.
- Results from electronic and absentee voting **are documented and shared with members** for transparency.

### Robert's Rules of Order

- Robert's Rules **ensure orderly and fair decision-making** in meetings.
- **A motion made at a General Membership Meeting on a significant matter cannot bypass this established voting process.** Instead, it must follow the club's **electronic and absentee voting rules**, ensuring all eligible members can participate.
- **Motions made in meetings are typically for procedural or minor matters**, while larger decisions follow the structured voting system outlined in the club's rules.
- This process guarantees **equal member participation, accuracy, and transparency** in decision-making