



St. James Pickleball Association

Encouraging play, good sportsmanship, friendly competition, and fun on and off the courts

Summary of Meeting Minutes with Board and Chairs

Date: March 12, 2024

In Attendance:

Christine Cournoyer	Vice President
Paula Franken	Secretary
Chris Romig	Treasurer
Liz Wilson	Social Chair
Jeff Franken	Tournaments and Events Chair
Cynthia Mendoza	Instruction Committee Chair

Guests: Kent Silhanek and Brandee Donnelly.

Absent: George Johnson – President, Diana Kelly – Communications Director, Kathy Goliszek – Sunshine Committee Chair

Topics Covered

Facilities Updates

Troon has agreed to reply line by line to the facilities request form submitted by the SJPA Board.

New windsocks will be purchased and installed – two at Rymer and one at Seaside.

New rollers and a broom have been installed at Seaside.

The new awning will be installed Mid-April at Seaside.

SJPA Merchandise

A statement will be added to the SJPA website telling people to contact Dave at *Have a Shirt Made* if they are interested in SJPA branded merchandise.

Dinking backboard

Money donated from the Jed Deritis Memorial Fund will be used to purchase a dinking practice backboard in his honor. The backboard will be installed at Rymer.

Clipboards

New clipboards will be purchased and permanently installed at each court.

Cleaning up the courts

Handwritten signage will no longer be allowed on the courts. Paddle stacking boards are to be taken down.

Zeffy payment system for non-profits

The SJPA Board unanimously agreed to move forward with the Zeffy payment system which is expected to go live in mid-April. With Zeffy, members will be emailed a link to a payment page where ACH and credit cards will be accepted. We will also be accepting checks for now.

Bonfire Social Event

Liz Wilson is looking for volunteers to help at the Bonfire Social Event.

Valentine's Day survey results

29 of 72 participants responded to the Valentine's Day survey and only 5 rated it at 3 or below (with 5 being the highest). The more negative comments seemed to reflect some unsportsmanlike conduct. The fact that these events are meant to be fun social occasions will be even more strongly emphasized in the future.

Possible upcoming Invitational Tournament

Troon is considering putting together a tournament like the Rymer Tournament to include all levels and welcome players from outside St. James.

The Weekly Pickle newsletter

Members can look forward to a weekly pickleball newsletter. Coming soon to St. James.

Beginner Round Robin Schedule

Beginner Round Robin will take a break from May 22nd to September 11th.

Submitted By: Paula Franken; March 17, 2023