



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: September 10, 2024

In Attendance:

George Johnson	President
Christine Cournoyer	Vice President
Paula Franken	Secretary
Chris Romig	Treasurer
Diana Kelly	Communications Director
Liz Wilson	Social Director
Jeff Franken	Tournaments and Events Director
Cynthia Mendoza	Instruction Committee Chair
Kathy Goliszek	Sunshine Committee Chair

Guests: Kent Silhanek and Brandee Donnelly

Topics Covered

Facilities Updates

Fans with misters were installed at Rhymer but are still not working properly. Kent Silhanek has sent a message asking members not to adjust the fans while Troon is working on them.

One of the fans is being moved and will be under the awning at the other end of the courts.

Court Reserve

A change has been made to Court Reserve. If you book a court and later take your name off, it will automatically cancel the court.

Repairs at Seaside

Troon is evaluating the repairs that were done at Seaside to see if changes need to be made to avoid a tripping hazard.

Repairs at Rymer

The courts at Rymer will be resurfaced. This is planned for early 2025.

Non-SJPA Court Reserve requests

Since Compass Draw is considered a league and players are required to host events, Troon has agreed to waive guest fees.

Whiteboard

When there are people waiting to play, whiteboard games should end when one team reaches nine points.

Benches

New benches will be purchased for Rymer. Some existing benches will be moved from Rymer to Seaside.

Got Sneakers

The Got Sneaker drive has already brought in 350 pairs.

Charity

The SJPA will purchase two new portable pickleball nets for South Brunswick Middle School.

The SJPA Annual Meeting

The SJPA Annual Meeting will be held at the Community Center on 11/14 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. It will feature a short presentation by Dr. Matthew Landfried on orthopedic concerns associated with pickleball. Chris Romig will offer a short presentation on the Zeffy payment system.

President George Johnson will present the SJPA board's accomplishments and finances for 2024.

Raffle items will be offered. Cake, tea, coffee and water will be served. There is no fee to attend.

The Battle of the Paddle

The Battle of the Paddle will be held on 9/28 and 9/29. It will include a skills portion and tournament play. Snacks, lunch, dinner and a DJ will be included.

Mixed-up-doubles

The Halloween and Holidink events will follow the mixed-up doubles format. Players will have the opportunity to play with Kim.

Beginner Round Robin Schedule

Beginner Round Robin will run from September 18th through May 14. It will not be held on 10/2, 10/23, Thanksgiving eve, Christmas or New Year's Day.

Nominations for Open Board Positions

The SJPA Board is seeking to fill the following descriptions which start in 2025:

- Vice President –two-year, elected Board position, one year as vice president, one year as president
- Tournaments and Events Director – two-year, elected Board position
- Social Director – two-year, elected Board position
- Communications Director – two-year, elected Board position
- Webmaster – appointed position
- Sunshine Committee Chairs – appointed position

Position descriptions are available in the [SJPA Bylaws](#).

Submitted By: Paula Franken; September 20, 2024