



St. James Pickleball Association

Condensed Meeting Minutes with Board and Chairs

Date: April 14, 2026

In Attendance:

Don Amman	President
Michael Melnyk	Vice President
Robyn Smith	Secretary
Randy Kraemer	Communications Director
Scott Nasiff	Tournaments and Events
Diane Norton	Sunshine & Instruction Committee
Cindy Hettinger	Social Committee

Guests: Kent Silhanek, Brandee Donnelly

Absent: Leo Pacyna

President's report

Don opened the meeting with a discussion about the Cat-Tales April Fools article which claimed that the Players tennis courts will be converted to pickleball courts. Many readers didn't read to the end and realize that it was an April Fool's joke.

The canopy at Rymer has been cleaned and installed with lighting along the breezeway. Misters are expected to be operational by May 1st. New nets are expected in May. New hooks at the gates are a welcome addition with a couple of repairs needed. Fence protectors will be installed at Rymer.

The Legacy Pathway planned at Founders will be carried forward by the St. James Tennis Association. Criteria for inclusion and subcommittees will be at their discretion. SJPA will follow in the next year or two at the Rymer courts using tennis as a model.

New to St. James Pickleball to be held on Wednesday, May 13th at 3:00 on the Rymer courts.

Vice-President's report

Kent was asked if Troon would sponsor CFIL. Troon sponsors a number of St. James sports events and will need an estimate of costs.

SJPA membership discussion:

The Board is looking at new and creative ways to encourage new and sustained membership.

Secretary's Report

Open items:

Membership is being addressed.

Treasurer's Report

Leo Pacyna submitted the treasurer's report with details for March.

Again, there is concern about the decreased number of memberships.

An accountant is needed to audit 2025 files by the end of May.

Social Committee:

The Magic Show was a resounding success and is booked for next year. This year's event raised \$700 for Matthew's Ministries.

The Teams Tournament was a success with 74 players, and Middle of the Island caterers did an outstanding job. Next year there will likely be a DJ instead of a band.

Beach bonfire/gathering is scheduled for April 19th and subject to the ban on burning.

Pool party, catered by Troon, will take place June 18th.

See event calendar for further information.

Other discussion items:

CPR classes to be held in conjunction with the St. James Fire Department. Don will contact the fire chief about offering CPR classes on Rymer Court 1. The proposed plan is for 2 consecutive sessions, 2:30 and 4:00, to be held one afternoon in June, date TBD. The event will be promoted by SJPA with registration limit of 25 for each session.

American Legion Post 543 has requested a partnership with SJPA to raise donations. The plan is to solicit donations at the June 5th Mixed Social Play.

Tournaments and Events

Upcoming events:

- Beach bonfire/gathering is scheduled for April 19th and subject to the ban on burning.
- SJTA Social Drill and Play, May 15th
- SJPA Social Drill and Play, May 17th
- Mixed Social Play with food truck, June 5th
- Pool party, catered by Troon, June 18th

See event calendar.

Communications

Randy's effort for membership renewal covered previously

Instruction & Sunshine Committee

Diane continues Wednesday afternoon drills and play for beginners. Joe Beitz has been helping out with that. Bill Kamszik continues beginner round robin at the same time, not part of SJPA.

Diane is proceeding with SWAP – DON'T SHOP encompassing attire for golf, tennis and pickleball. The timetable is now likely to be late in May. Pickup of gently used sports attire to be arranged. Proposed schedule is every 2 years.

Submitted By: Robyn Smith, April 24, 2026