

Janesville Pickleball Club Membership Meeting October 6, 2025 Minutes

Board Members Present: Gary Dannenberg, Julie Fiebig, Ed Stried, Patti Brugger, Cathy Jennings, Jodie Rindt. Another 15 members were in attendance. Guest: Jeremy Homan.

President Gary Dannenberg called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM. He stated the two items for the agenda are 1) Approval of amendments to the Bylaws, and 2) A presentation by Jeremy Homan, the owner of On Point Pickleball in Fort Atkinson

The discussion on the Bylaws began with a motion by Dave Brusky. The motion was that any and all changes to the JPC Bylaws be made null and void. His rationale was that the current bylaws “have been working for 10 years”. Ed Stried seconded the motion. Other members expressed concerns about the proposed amendments to the Bylaws as follows:

- There is not enough member representation present to vote
- There was not enough communications to members in regard to the meeting. It was suggested that meetings be posted at the park. Not all members have access to the internet
- Why the need to increase the spending limit of club expenditures that required approval by a Board member from \$50 to \$100?
- The Ex-Officio president role on the Board should be left in to ensure knowledge and continuity to the next board
- The wording on the “majority of active members who voted” for the election of Officers and Board members needs clarification and revision.
- More details are needed on how virtual voting would be conducted.

Board members expressed rationale for the proposed amendments and rebuttals including:

- The main purpose for updating the Bylaws was to align the election of the officers and the fiscal year both to the calendar year. This would give Board members more lead time to plan activities before the height of the pickleball season, such as an organized membership drive at the park, tournaments, etc, as opposed to starting in late spring.

- Changing the amount from \$50 to \$100 that requires the approval of the President in advance was to make it easier for members to conduct club business such as expenditures for tournament expenses, gas for blowers, etc.
- Adding virtual voting to increase member participation in decision making
- The meeting was communicated to members via the website, Team Reach, Facebook and email.
- The Ex-Officio language in the Bylaws was open to interpretation and unnecessary. It could potentially lead to conflict and should be left to the discretion of the current president.

The vote on the motion was 10 for and 10 against with one abstention. Bylaws require 2/3 majority approval for any changes. Gary determined that the suggestions will be taken back to the Board for further discussion with proposed amendments (with rationale) to be presented to the membership again at a later date.

Jeremy Homan, owner of On Point Pickleball in Fort Atkinson, gave a short presentation and answered questions about his facility. Currently it is two courts with a plan to add two more courts this winter. He proposed that there may be ways to collaborate. Examples include:

- A Community Day for JPC members to play free and try his facility
- Possible JPC leagues or events
- Discount on play for JPC members only, adding incentive to be a JPC member
- Fundraiser activity
- Tournaments such as glow pickle ball
- Clinics

Further discussion was held on the Woodman's Center. Gary met with the management there. The general consensus of those present was the the courts were not the best for pickleball, and the hours available are very scattered.

The club currently has about \$20,000. The Board has explored the idea of a possible shade structure on the new courts. Jim Fritz has met with Cullen Slapak of City of Janesville Park and Rec. At this point, nothing has been

finalized and Jim will update us as soon as he has more information to share.

Miscellaneous: Gary expressed interest in the club owning or leasing their own indoor facility. A question was raised on putting a parking lot on the tennis courts. Dave explained that people from The Friends of Riverside lobbied the City Council to keep the courts.

A motion carried to adjourn. Schollmeier/Enerson