

Janesville Pickleball Club Minutes February 27, 2026:

The meeting was called to order at 11 AM. Those present: Gary Dannenberg, Patti Brugger, Jodie Rindt, Cathy Jennings, Julie Fiebig, and Ed Stried. Absent: Keith Christoff

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved. No treasurer's report.

The opinion letter from Attorney Dave Moore was discussed. His recommendation is to incorporate as an organization for two basic reasons, 1) to comply with state regulations regarding reporting requirements, and 2) to provide us with liability protection. His bill so far was \$400. He has agreed to get this set up for us.

Venmo accounts-Currently there are two accounts managed by members that are attached to their personal bank accounts. They then turn money over to the club. The board recommendation is to shut down both of those personal accounts and open a new Venmo account that is attached directly to the club account. Treasurer, Keith will take care of this. A QR code for this new account will be added to the website for easy payment of dues.

Membership Drive-The plan is to schedule a weekend event with tables at the Riverside Park courts. Julie is coordinating and will schedule a weekend soon. She will do promotions such as flyers and giveaways (bag-tags suggested). Other ideas include food (pig roast?) and a raffle.

Lessons-Dave Brusky is coordinating. Dates of sessions were submitted to the city for their promotion. They will be six week sessions, one starting mid-May and the second session after July 4th. Some details still to be determined; is there an age limit, how many people will sign up be limited too, do we require them to become members (at \$20) for free lessons to enhance participant commitment?, etc.

Woodman Center Update-The center is having a PB tournament May 2nd and 3th. Cheryl Williams shared tips on how to set up a tourney. There is a lot of unrealized potential for coordination but the staff still seem a little

unorganized yet. Julie will promote the tourney when they are ready. The center has tried a number of different pricing structures for PB, currently it is \$30/month.

Apparel-The link is to Print N Stitch. The coupon online for 25% off is still valid. The link is also on the website.

Treasurer-Gary has appointed Keith Christoff to be the Treasurer. The Board recommends Dave Brusky to be our Membership Coordinator. Gary will ask him. A discussion was held as to whether we need a Bylaw change to make Board members terms two-years, instead of one year. The purpose is to have more history and continuity of experience on the board. This would have to be presented to the membership.

Food Pantry-To promote community and goodwill the Board will conduct a once-a-month drive to collect food and pet food for area organizations. We will also collect paddles for club use during our lessons. Cathy is on the ECHO board and will coordinate this.

2026 Goals-A discussion was held regarding club goals for 2026, especially what the plan is for our accumulated funds. In the past the goal of the club was 1) to promote the growth of the sport in the Janesville area, and 2) enhance the pickleball services in coordination with the city. Gary had proposed the possibility of the club having their own indoor facility. It was decided to bring the proposal to a membership meeting for discussion.

Next meeting was set for March 27th at 11 AM. Meeting adjourned.