BOCA WEST
COUNTRY CLUB

MINUTES

MEETING:	Racquet Sports Committee
DATE:	September 10, 2025
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Steve Roth, Chairman Alan Lustrin, Vice Chairman Corey Aronin; Howard Attermann; Carl Bahm; Jay Freeberg; Glen Friedman; Lisa Glassner Frank; Robert Roth; Jayson Schwartz; Janet Serle; Karen Sussman; Lori Okun; Robert Zenn,
PARTICIPANTS:	Jeanine Banks, Chairman of the Board John Collings, Assistant General Manager Rob Norton, Head Pro Matt McInerney, Assistant Director of Racquet Sports Maria Tato, Racquet Sports Operations Manager
ISSSUE DATE:	September 24, 2025

1. **Steve Roth, Chair's Opening remarks:**

   A. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 P.M.
   B. June 2025 Minutes were approved and accepted.
   C. The Chair thanked Rob and Maria for their leadership with the Racquet Sports construction project which has been critical to its success
   D. The Chair observed an increase in pickleball participation this summer
      a. Noted that operations have run smoothly, and no complaints have been received.
   E. Staff members, Rob, Maria, and Matt, were asked to provide updates.

2. **Rob Norton, Head Pro, report:**

   A. Tennis Construction: Progress is on schedule
      a. Nine to ten courts and the pro shop are expected to be ready by Thanksgiving.
      b. Completion of the stadium court remains uncertain.
   B. Pickleball Construction: Delayed, with anticipated completion in March/April.
      a. To accommodate demand, 3 tennis courts (20-22) will be converted into 12 temporary Pickleball courts, resulting in a total of 20 courts available for the season.
   C. Court Availability:
      a. October 1-Thanksgiving: Only 11 playable tennis courts will be available on the side where the temporary pickleball courts are located.
      b. After Thanksgiving: 20 or 21 tennis courts expected to be available.
      c. October 1- mid-November: There will be limited pickleball availability until the additional temporary courts open
         - Staggered Member play is encouraged to manage peak demand.
   D. Operations:
      a. Separate pickleball paddle racks will be used for the 8 and 12 courts; managed by the staff.
      b. Tennis game arranging will continue to start at 8:30am (vs 9am) to allow the next wave of reservations at 10am.
   E. Staffing updates:
      a. Four international staff are expected to return (same as last year), with tentative plans to hire 2 additional local staff.
      b. Seasonal pros – Brian and Sam are returning; 1 or 2 more pros may be hired.
   F. Programming:
      a. Scheduled team practices are planned for both tennis and pickleball.
      b. There is also a plan to offer more drop-in clinics (i.e. Stroke of the week, cardio clinics, etc.).
         - Committee members were requested to encourage people to sign up.
      c. For League scheduling, Staff will prioritize more away matches earlier in the season for both tennis and pickleball.

   G. Other updates:
      a. Discussion is underway with Wilson for a partnership that may include staff uniforms.
      b. Working on creating a deal with Wilson that will provide some benefits – e.g., uniforms for the staff.

c. We are also looking for a pickleball sponsor.
d. The guest policy will likely change during the time that we have limited courts available.

3. **Maria Tato, Racquet Sports Operations Manager, report:**

A. Uniforms: Team uniforms will be royal blue tops, available for purchase in the pro shop with ongoing restocking as needed.
B. Play for PINK:
   a. Camille Bauer, Lisa Glassner, and Jennifer Lustrin are expected to Co-Chair this event
   b. Scheduled for December 13, Play for PINK will be combined with the Welcome Back Tournament
C. Member Guest Tournaments: The men's and women's tennis member-guest events will feature a Wimbledon theme.

4. **Matt McInerney, Assistant Director of Racquet Sports, report:**

A. Summer Activity: Friday, Saturday and Sunday have been the busiest pickleball days
B. Pickleball Tournaments: July 4 event drew 39 players; Labor Day event had 40 players.
C. We are participating in three pickleball leagues this fall.
   1. Premier pickleball – 3 teams at different levels.
   2. Dink master's team – 1 team in the top division of the leagues
   3. Women's power pickleball league – 5 teams at different levels with up to 22 players per level.
   - We are working on staggering times in the afternoon so that teams are playing at different times.
D. Events: There is a plan to have more pick your partner tournaments vs round robin tournaments.
E. Capacity: Due to high demand, pickleball tournaments require two sessions, unlike tennis tournaments.

5. **Committee suggestions and closing remarks:**

A. S. Roth raised a concern regarding Courts 5 and 6 getting sprayed by sprinklers as well as berries from a nearby tree falling off and affecting Court 1
   a. Rob indicated that they would follow up in getting these addressed.

B. Request was made for billing of team fees earlier in the season.

C. Discussion on team captain selection and player level determination.
   a. Staff clarified that teams are formed using input from multiple sources.

D. It was noted that pickleball team participation continues to grow each year, while tennis participation has remained steady.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 P.M.

The next Racquet Sports Committee meeting is Wednesday, October 8th at 1:30PM in the Boardroom.