BOCA WEST
COUNTRY CLUB

MINUTES

MEETING:	Racquet Sports Committee
DATE:	October 8, 2025
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Steve Roth, Chairman Alan Lustrin, Vice Chairman Corey Aronin; Howard Attermann; Carl Bahm; Lisa Glassner Frank; Jay Freeberg; Glen Friedman; Lori Okun, Robert Roth; Jayson Schwartz; Janet Serle; Karen Sussman; Robert Zenn;
MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE:	NA
PARTICIPANTS:	Rob Norton, Head Pro Matt McInerney, Assistant Director of Racquet Sports Maria Tato, Racquet Sports Operations Manager
ISSSUE DATE:	October 17, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 P.M.

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

   A. The Chair called the meeting to order.
   B. September 2025 Committee Minutes report was approved and accepted.
   C. The Chair asked Racquet Sports Staff to provide updates.

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

   A. The tennis facilities construction project is on schedule.
      a. 9 out of 10 courts will be ready by Thanksgiving, with a total of 20 available tennis courts.
      b. The 10th court (stadium court) is expected to be ready after the new year.
   B. Construction for 12 additional temporary pickleball courts will be completed by the 1st or 2nd week of November.
      a. Rob noted that there is a lot of paddle rack activity right now which makes these additional courts needed.
   C. Trees will be cut back to help with debris issues on the pickleball courts
   D. Staffing update
      a. Brian was offered a position elsewhere and a replacement will be in place soon
   E. Goal is to have the maintenance shed completed by November 20 which will make the tunnel clear.
      a. The cart path will remain closed to golf carts for the season to allow congregation of people with seating as well as ability to walk on the paths
   F. Gold card holders will be allowed to play before 11am
      a. Only if card is activated and the gold card holder is with a member, and courts are not full.
      b. If courts are full, the gold card holder will need to leave the court to give members priority.
      c. Gold card holders can come without a member after 11am if the card is activated.
      d. Outside guests cannot play before 11am
   G. Holiday weeks – the plan is that gold card holders will not be able to play pickleball before 11am.
      a. Significant discussion by the committee ensued as concerns were raised.
      b. Rob reiterated that Club policy ensures members are not prevented from playing due to guests, as gold card holders are considered guests.
      c. Rob noted that this change may have been put in place for President's week last year given the noted impact during Christmas week.
      a. Suggestion was made to have open play for gold card holders (and guests) later in the morning.
   H. Pickleball will have a lot more 'pick your partner' tournaments rather than being paired up.
      a. The round robin format is expected to continue.
   I. Tennis and pickleball now have team practices which is new this season
   J. Resurfacing the existing tennis courts is in process, with 6 completed to date.
      a. This will improve drainage on these courts until they are fully upgraded.
   K. The tennis shop should open around Thanksgiving.
      a. The pickleball shop is not expected to open until possibly May.

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

A. Kitchen dinks plan is to continue with 4 teams.
    a. They will try not to close anyone out.
    b. If necessary, they will reassess the number of teams.
    c. The format will be the same as last year.
    d. Sign up will go out soon using an online Google form.
B. Uniforms have been ordered, but there was a shipping delay.
    a. They will arrive by Wednesday next week.
C. Play for Pink – considering having a dunk tank.
    a. Scheduled for 12/13 and 12/14 which will be the same time as the season opening tournament

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

A. Pickleball courts have been very busy.
    a. Players were using the paddle rack before 10am.
B. Power Pickle ball league and Premier league started yesterday and today
    a. Rain caused some rescheduling.
C. Staff will ask individuals who sign up for leagues for a video of person playing
    a. Videos will allow Staff to correctly place individuals whom they do not know.
    b. If the person is local, they will either watch them play or hit with them to assess proper placement.

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

A. The final interviews for the Racquet Sports Director are occurring over the next week or two
    a. A selection is expected by the end of the month.
    b. Candidate choices have been narrowed down and include Rob Norton

B. Steve asked each committee member to comment on anything that they wanted to discuss.
    a. During the discussion, Rob noted that Staff will try to identify foursomes to play outside of game arranging time when there is a waitlist.
    b. Rob noted that any challenges with game arranging will be quickly handled by the Staff.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 P.M.

The next Racquet Sports Committee meeting is scheduled for November 12th at 1:30 PM in the Board Room.