BOCA WEST
COUNTRY CLUB

MINUTES

MEETING:	Racquet Sports Committee
DATE:	May 7, 2026
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Steve Roth, Chairman; Robert Roth, Vice Chairman; Howard Attermann; Camille Bauer; Glen Friedman; Lisa Gold; Ronald Prague; Lee Raisfeld; Lisa Resnick; Janet Serle; Jodi Siegel; Sherry Zimet;
MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE:	Carl Bahm
PARTICIPANTS:	Rob Norton, Director of Racquet Sports Maria Tato, Racquet Sports Operations Manager Matt McInerney, Assistant Director of Racquet Sports
ISSSUE DATE:	May 15, 2026

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

1. Steve Roth, Chair- Opening remarks:

   A. The Chair called the meeting to order
   B. Budgets for next season are in progress.
   C. Chair noted that much of the Committee's discussions over the past several years have been focused on pickleball and raised the question of whether additional discussions regarding tennis are needed.
      a. BW has had a long history as a tennis club, and more recently has expanded to include pickleball.
      b. Tennis operations continue to run smoothly

Racquet Sports Staff Reports

2. Rob Norton, Director of Racquet Sports:

   A. Pickleball and Tennis Programming Discussion
      A discussion was held regarding potential pickleball events and future programming initiatives.
      a. S. Zimet discussed considering an event similar to POP for tennis.
         - The POP program was designed to help transition and integrate new members into pickleball.
         - Tennis game arranging serves a similar purpose for tennis players.
         - Comparable events are now being offered for both tennis and pickleball, including Pro-Am, Play for Pink, and Color Wars, etc.
      b. L. Resnick suggested a golf/pickleball event - "Sneaks and Cleats"
         - Play pickleball and/or tennis and golf with dinner.
         - Rob advised that he has already begun discussions with Golf Staff regarding these collaborative events
         - Additional cross-departmental integration opportunities are being planned.
      c. Steve Roth suggested expanding Color War into a season-long event similar to summer camp programming.
   B. Pickleball center opening scheduled for 5-21-26, pending final permits
      a. Opening event is planned to be from 4-7 pm with cocktails and social activities.
      b. New event lawn will feature seating, a ping pong table, and additional recreational activities.
      c. The remaining new PB courts are expected to be open the first or second week of June.
      d. Temporary PB courts will be demolished the Monday following the new PB courts open.
      e. Evening play hours for pickleball courts are still under discussion
         - All pickleball courts will have lights, speakers, and benches.
   C. The Memorial Pickleball Tournament
      a. Will utilize 6 covered and 6 uncovered PB courts.
      b. Players will rotate through both types of courts.

D. Tennis Court Updates
    a. Five tennis courts will have lights and can be used until 9 or 10 pm, as needed.
    b. No lighting will be added to the tennis courts adjacent to the tunnel where the temporary PB courts are currently located.
    c. During the summer months, tennis court availability will be limited to 10 courts.

E. Staffing Updates
    a. Departing:
        - Diego and Renato have departed for the season and are expected to return next season.
        - International staff will depart at the end of May.
    b. Returning:
        - Bryan has returned full-time and will primarily work within Pickleball.
    c. Starting:
        - Two Sports Management interns will begin this summer
        - Toby and Melissa are scheduled to begin at the end of May.
    d. Budgeted for next season
        - Head of Maintenance
        - Two additional full-time front desk people.

F. Communications Discussion
    a. L. Raisfeld asked how BW plans to promote the new Racquet Sports facility outside the community.
    b. Discussion followed regarding how to better inform members about professional players playing or practicing at Boca West.
    c. The committee discussed methods on how to distribute information to members "in real time."
    d. Various communication methods are being explored, including the possible use of Instagram.

G. Guest Policy Discussion
    a. The goal remains to create a welcoming environment for all guests, while ensuring that guests do not displace members.
    b. Discussion focused on balancing court availability with appropriate number of players participating.

H. New Events and Programming:
    a. Staff is considering smaller guest events in addition to the traditional large member-guest programs.
    b. Additional cardio classes, drop-in PB and tennis clinics, Sunday morning tennis mixers, lessons and clinics are being planned for both sports
        - Each professional Staff member will be a responsible for overseeing one or more of these programs.
    c. Summer guests
        - Morning play will be permitted and Friday guest fees will be waived.

- Official court monitors will oversee player categories, including gold cards guests, to ensure members receive priority access.

d. A rain contingency plan is being developed for scheduling the covered pickleball courts.

3. Matt McInerney, Assistant Director of Racquet Sports:

A. The Blitz League continues to perform well.
   a. Five home matches are scheduled today.
B. The POP program continues on Mondays and Wednesdays
   a. Wednesday may soon end for the season, based on the number of attendees.
C. Discussions continue regarding pickleball open play.
   a. Focus on creating a more inclusive experience.
D. Staff and Committee members were encouraged to continue outreach efforts to new members.
   a. Previously, a list of new members had been distributed when members joined BW.
E. Ambassador program (plan is to role this out in October)
   a. Racquet sports committee members, volunteers, and dedicated court monitors will assist new members with finding games and making introductions.
   b. Next season, the Club plans to implement group recommendations and a rotational system beyond the traditional paddle rack approach to better welcome and integrate players.
      - Ambassadors will be clearly identified.
F. Future Programming Plans
   a. Plans include expanding lessons and clinics during morning, afternoon and evening hours.
      - Some programs may begin this summer, with a more robust rollout planned for next season.
   b. Additional concepts under consideration include "Boot camp with Bryan"
      - Will feature weekly skill-based themes based on member skill and demand.
G. Team and Match Play Discussion
   a. Sherry raised questions regarding the goals of intramural vs extramural matches, play to win, vs all players have opportunity to play.
   b. Discussion followed regarding commitment to team participation, clinic attendance, and balancing outside personal activities.
H. Player Evaluations
   a. New members will be evaluated by Matt or Bryan to determine appropriate play levels.
   b. If in-person evaluations are not possible, members may submit videos for review. Previous league experience will also be considered when determining player levels.

The meeting ended at 2:45 pm.

The next Racquet Sports Committee meeting is scheduled for June 9thth at 1:30 PM in the Board Room.