BOCA WEST
COUNTRY CLUB

MINUTES

MEETING:	Racquet Sports Committee
DATE:	June 9, 2026
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Steve Roth, Chairman; Robert Roth, Vice Chairman; Howard Attermann; Carl Bahm; Glen Friedman; Lisa Gold; Ronald Prague; Lee Raisfeld; Lisa Resnick; Janet Serle; Jodi Siegel;
MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE:	Sherry Zimet;
MEMBERS ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE:	Camille Bauer;
PARTICIPANTS:	Arthur Schwartzman, Chairman of the Board; Rob Norton, Director of Racquet Sports Maria Tato, Racquet Sports Operations Manager Matt McInerney, Assistant Director of Racquet Sports
ISSSUE DATE:	June 18, 2026

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. The May Minutes were reviewed and approved

2. Rob Norton, Director of Racquet Sports report:

   A. Staff addressing issues regarding depth perception on the covered pickleball courts by installing 8-feet windscreens with the BW logo on the side of the courts affected by glare.
      a. The glare is caused by perceived reflection from the white Lifestyle Center building.
      b. Installation is expected to take 2-4 weeks, with anticipated completion around July 4.
      c. Visibility concerns:
         - Fencing and windscreens may reduce ability to see who is playing on the courts.
         - Reduced visibility will be monitored managed.
      d. Two 8-foot fences are currently surrounding some of the courts.
   B. Ribbon-Cutting Event
      a. The ribbon-cutting event was well attended and received positive feedback.
      b. The exhibition and food service were both well received.
   C. East tennis courts construction update
      a. Construction remains on schedule
      b. Usable equipment, including nets, ice machines, valves, has been salvaged for future use.
      c. The project will result in 14 tennis courts with improved alignment and drainage.
      d. Additional parking is included in the project scope.
      e. Five west-side tennis courts currently have lighting
   D. Facility Lighting
      a. All facility lights are controlled by a single switch and will be modified.
      b. Completion is anticipated in July.
      c. Lights currently operate from 5:30 am to 8:30 pm.
      d. Staff coverage currently is till 8 pm.
      e. Hours will be reassessed during season.
   E. After-hours Court Usage
      a. Discussion took place regarding members playing outside of staffing hours.
      b. Evening usage is most common during weekdays.
   F. Pickleball Court Completion
      a. Seven courts remain to be painted.
      b. All covered courts will be open by the end of the week, with three additional courts opening shortly thereafter.
      c. The stadium court and final three PB courts are anticipated to be completed around July 4.
   G. Summer Paddle Academy
      a. All sessions are full and have a waitlist.
      b. Demand for programming remains strong.

H. Programming and Events
    a. "POP" programming- for advanced players, probably will be offered on Wednesday nights.
    b. "Friends Friday"- will allow outside guests and encourage afternoon utilization of covered courts
    c. Coach-to-match-play sessions- planned for mornings during season
        - Potentially utilizing four courts and possibly one professional.
        - Coaches will observe match play.
    d. No-fee clinics- particularly beginner morning match-play sessions have been approved for the budget

I. Participation of Advanced Players
    a. Top tennis and PB players rarely participate in some of these events.
    b. Efforts are underway to make programming more appealing to advanced players.

J. Professional Player Involvement
    a. Numerous professionals are utilizing the courts, including BW hosted tryouts for team USA.
    b. Visiting professionals will be participating in events, Pro-Ams, and training, etc.
    c. Staff are developing a system to better inform members about professional appearances and events at BW in a timely manner.
    d. Pros will be at the PB home league matches to observe.
    e. Similar professional attendance is being considered for tennis league matches, particularly Friday leagues

K. BW Children's Foundation Program
    a. Program operates from 10-12 PM, Mon through Fri.
    b. Approximately 30 children participate
    c. BW provides lunch, shoes, and shirts for the children.
    d. Lisa Pincus is coordinating this program.

L. Future programming
    a. Additional programming opportunities are currently being developed.

M. Racquet Sports Facility Budget Discussion
    a. Project Completion Timeline
    b. Questions regarding total cost of the new racquet sports facility and adherence to budget.
    c. Understanding is that the cost was very close to budget, and due to additions of items that were not included in the budget.
    d. Construction was on time.
    e. Completion of parking lot on East side expected around Labor Day, and tennis courts around Thanksgiving.

N. Roof leaks Assessment
    a. Roof leaks identified and are being treated
    b. Will do a test tomorrow to identify and assess if there are additional leaks.

O. Court Utilization
    a. Current utilization averages approximately 100 players/day for tennis and PB.
    b. Usage has increased significantly compared to prior years.
    c. Courts are being used in the evening hours.
    d. Matt M. noted that despite frequent rain there have been open PB courts available for play every day.

P. Reservation System Evaluation
    a. A new members scheduling system is being evaluated.
    b. Options include separate applications vs an integrated platform.

Q. Pickleball Shop
    a. Expanded operating hours have resulted in staggered staff shifts, particularly in the PB shop.
    b. There are 2 showers in new PB pro shop, and 24-day lockers.

R. BW Racquet Teams
    a. Team practices will be offered again this season.
    b. A league announcement email will be distributed at the end of the month.
        - The communication will include a QR code for registration and information.

3. Committee Open Discussion

A. Team placement.
    a. Team placement remains challenging, as other organizations may structure teams differently than Boca West's player-level placement system.

B. League Structure
    a. Discussion took place regarding larger number of divisions in spring leagues compared to fall leagues.

C. Questions arose regarding why Boca West does not compete against certain local teams
    a. Some clubs may not have players competing at the same division levels as Boca West.
    b. There are two additional pickleball leagues in which Boca West does not currently participate.

4. Next Meeting Assignment:

A. Steve Roth asked committee members to come prepared to next meeting with one “big idea” for consideration.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

6. Next Meeting

The next Racquet Sports Committee meeting is scheduled for September 8thth at 1:30 PM in the Board Room.

There will be NO committee meetings in July and August.