DWET Pickleball Club

Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2026

Location: Ballroom
Meeting Date: 6:30 PM, September 16, 2026

1. Welcome & Membership Update

The meeting opened with a welcome to new members **Roger Maillet** and **Robert Sahdala**.

Club membership is currently **154 members representing 111 households**, including **26 new members in 2026**.

2. Financial Update

The club's current bank balance is **$2,635.82**.

Total budget commitments are approximately **$2,242**, which includes a **$1,000 reserve**, leaving approximately **$393 in unallocated funds**.

3. Committee & Leadership Updates

The club is seeking new leadership for two committees for 2027:

- **Social Committee:** Linda Smith plans to step down at the end of 2026.
- **Skills & Drills Committee:** Mark Sullivan is stepping down due to work commitments.

Members interested in leading either committee are encouraged to contact the Executive Board.

4. Website & Merchandise

The club is continuing to update the HOA website with calendar events, general club information, and current committee listings.

The club is also considering another merchandise order. Potential additions include **men's and women's sleeveless shirts** and additional color choices for shirts and hats. Details to follow.

5. Evening Open Play Survey

The results of the August **Heja survey regarding evening open play** were reviewed.

The club received **31 responses**, representing approximately **20% of total membership**.

Members identified several benefits of the evening open-play format, including greater flexibility, additional opportunities to play, interaction among different skill levels, and the social aspect of playing with fellow residents.

Feedback also identified a continuing challenge in balancing open play with opportunities for members who prefer more structured, skill-level-based competition. Some advanced players expressed interest in dedicated advanced play, while developing players indicated a need for clearer beginner support.

Based on the feedback and input at the meeting we decided to keep the AM schedule the same, and expand the PM schedule to include a 4:30 Advanced and a 4:30 Intermediate slot and 6:00 Open Play

6. Upcoming Events

The following community and club events were announced:

Community Health Events

- **Trot-With-A-Doc** — Saturday, September 26, 9:00–10:30 AM, with Dr. Richard White.
- **Fit2Run Event** — Saturday, October 10, 8:00–10:00 AM, at Fit2Run at The Avenues.
- **Dash 4 Diabetes 5K/10K** — Saturday, November 14, at Lonnie C. Miller Park.

Club Events

- **Pickleball & Friends Member/Guest Round Robin** — Saturday, October 17, at 5:00 PM. Limited to 14 teams, followed by a S'mores & Cider Bar. Members should sign up on Heja by October 12.
- **Dinks, Drinks & Drills** — Friday, October 30, 5:00–6:30 PM, featuring the ball launcher and clinics, followed by BYOB and appetizers. Additional dates are scheduled for January 29, March 26, May 28, and October 29, 2027.
- **Play for the Pies Round Robin** — Saturday, November 14.
- **Holiday-Themed Social** — Saturday, December 12.

7. 2027 Board Elections

The club reviewed the process for the upcoming 2027 Executive Board elections.

Nominations may be made **from the floor at a club meeting or by email to the Executive Board** prior to the election.

Elections will be held **no later than the November club meeting**.

The next and final 2026 club meeting, including the election of officers, is scheduled for:

Wednesday, November 4, 2026 at 6:30 PM in the Ballroom.

8. Announcements & Court Etiquette

Members were reminded of the following court etiquette and club practices:

- Please limit crossing through active courts while play is underway.
- Dogs should be kept to a minimum in court areas to help avoid issues involving water bottles and other court equipment.
- Members are encouraged to **RSVP on Heja** for club play and events. Accurate participation numbers help the club demonstrate demand when considering future court expansion and also assist with planning and headcounts.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
John Sampogna
Secretary-Treasurer
DWET Pickleball Club