

Lowcountry Pickleball Leagues Captains Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Held on Wednesday, February 11, 2026

The Lowcountry Pickleball Leagues Captains Committee meeting was called to order by Brian Fenlon at 5:07 PM. Attendees included Kathleen Young, Susan Harrison, Debbie Sinamark, Susan Berger, Nancy Babich, Peggy Callahan, Marjorie Fenlon.

League Operations Overview

The committee discussed the continuation of Pickleball.com and DUPR for managing league activities. Player waivers will continue to be submitted during the player registration process on Pickleball.com. A decision shall be made shortly to collect reg fee's through Pickleball.com or have Captains collect player fees directly and submit payment via Zelle, checks, or cash, (only at the preseason captains meeting).

Mid-Season League Survey

A new survey will be sent to all league members during the mid-season of the 2026 Men's Doubles season. Kathleen Young provided several pertinent questions to be discussed further for the survey

DUPR Ratings and By-law Amendment

The committee discussed the "reliability ratings" of DUPR player ratings and debated whether to enforce the by-law amendment requiring players who exceed their division's rating to only play in line 1 for the remainder of this season. After unanimous agreement, the committee decided to temporarily suspend this by-law for the remainder of the season and make this decision retroactive to the start of this season. Instead, captains will rely on sportsmanship and adhere to the assigned Order of Strength (OoS) when assigning player positions. Captains are responsible for notifying the Commissioner if they believe a player should be elevated to OoS 1.

Improvements to Pickleball.com

Notable enhancements have been made to Pickleball.com. The Players Availability Calendar is anticipated to be accessible to captains beginning with the 2026 Men's season. Furthermore, players will be required to submit a player liability waiver when registering to join a roster. The process for submitting registration fees is still under consideration. Player eligibility status will be visible on the roster, and captains will be unable to include ineligible players in lineups until eligibility is confirmed.

U 49 Divisions Campaign

The league is launching a campaign for the U 49 age bracket using the MLP DreamBreaker format. Volunteers are needed to support this effort, which will include outreach to indoor facilities to request the posting of campaign announcements.

Fall Fundraiser Tournament

Negotiations are in progress with Sun City to host the 2nd Annual Second Helpings Turkey Drive Fundraiser. The event is tentatively scheduled for mid to late October.

Age Brackets Discussion

The topic of age brackets was postponed and will be revisited in a future meeting.

Sponsorship Drive

Susan Berger has been named Committee Chair of the Sponsorship Committee, with Kathleen Young assisting. The committee is actively seeking additional volunteers to support sponsorship initiatives.

Pro and Registered Trainer List

The committee considered displaying the list of pro and registered trainers on the league's website. Interested individuals are encouraged to submit their contact information to Brian Fenlon at lcobleague@gmail.com.

Captains Committee Term Limits

Term limits for the Captains Committee were discussed, with plans to continue this conversation in upcoming meetings.

Publishing the Captains Committee

The league intends to post the Captains Committee members on the league's website soon.

The meeting concluded at 7:48 PM.