



**PBCA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 13th 2026 - 6:00pm – 7pm PDT**

Attendance:

Blair Morton		Sharon MacDonald	
Heather Hood		David Snell	
Rick Folk		Holger Schwichtenberg	
Susan Inkman			
Doug McKay			
Robin D'Abreo			

Guest and Board Nominee: Rajat Verma

Agenda:

1. Quorum
2. Agenda Confirmation
3. Prior meeting minutes approval – December 9th 2025
4. Introduction and Nomination of Rajat Verma
5. President's Report
6. AGM February 17th and Special Board Meeting February 24th
7. 2026 Provincial Championships Update – Rick and Tournament Committee
8. Affiliate Club vs For-Profit Facilities Discussion
9. Update on 2026 Strategic Plan - Heather
10. Board Reports' Highlights (attending Board Members)
11. Other business
12. Next Meeting: February 10th 2025
13. Motion to Adjourn

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89073480120>

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Meeting summary

Quick recap

The board meeting began with introductions and the approval of Rajat Verma as a new board candidate, followed by updates on Pickleball Canada's Nationals and various organizational initiatives. The group discussed upcoming events including the 2026 AGM and 2026 Provincials tournament, with detailed planning for both the logistics and programming. Strategic planning and future budget considerations were addressed, along with discussions about membership requirements and referee training programs.

Next steps Action Items

1. Rajat: Send headshot to David for the Board of Directors website page
2. David: Add Rajat to the Board of Directors website page/Board mailing list and set up legal@pickleballbc.ca Google WorkSpaces email account and personal alias for Rajat
3. David: Finish and send out the website questionnaire to the board by tomorrow
4. Board members: Review the website questionnaire and provide responses/feedback
5. All executive members: Prepare and submit 2025 Board Reports for the 2026 AGM
6. Suzi: Share AGM materials from last year with David to help prepare this year's slate of directors
7. Rick and Sharon: Review and respond to emails from Tamara regarding referee trainees
8. Rick: Keep the board updated on developments regarding referee training requirements from Pickleball Canada
9. David: Announce the 2025 AGM date (February 17th 6pm-7pm) in the January 15th newsletter
10. Board members: Review President's 2025 report and provide comments/edits to David
11. Board members: Save the dates for upcoming meetings - Feb 10 (regular board), Feb 17 (AGM), Feb 24 (Special Board Meeting), March 10 (first meeting with new board), and strategic planning session (September 25th – 27th)
12. Rick and Sharon: Represent Pickleball BC on the Provincials committee for the new Nest facility
13. Board members: Attend provincials (particularly Saturday night dinner on July 25th) if possible
14. Heather: Finalize the 2026/2027 strategic plan for board review and AGM
15. David: Schedule strategic planning session for forth weekend in September (coordinate with Heather and board for exact dates)

Summary

Newsletter and Pickleball Planning Meeting

The meeting began with introductions and casual conversation about pets, with Holger mentioning he has a herd of 150 cows, which is the BC average. The group discussed the upcoming newsletter deadline and noted it was almost halfway through January. David and others chatted about playing pickleball in various locations, and the conversation touched on the increasing number of for-profit pickleball facilities in BC. The meeting was set to start at 6 PM, with Robin and Heather still expected to join.

Meeting Brought to Order and New Board Candidate Approved

The board meeting opened at 6pm with David chairing the session and introducing Rajat Verma as a new board candidate. Rajat, a practicing lawyer specializing in real estate and estate planning, discussed his background, tech proficiency, and interest in pickleball. The board approved Rajat's nomination unanimously, recognizing his potential to bring a fresh perspective to the organization. David requested Rajat send a headshot for the board website and confirmed he would be added to the Google Workspaces account.

Pickleball Canada Nationals Expansion Update

David discussed the announcement of Pickleball Canada's Nationals being held in Toronto at Pickleplex Social Club, highlighting the company's expansion plans and the need for standardization of contracts for private facilities across provinces. He mentioned the hiring of Ryan Haynes as the Director of Competition for Pickleball Canada and updates on the first National team development program and ranking system. David also touched on the rebranding of Pickleball Canada's website and the ongoing work on a coaching task force to ensure NCCP courses are taught by Affiliate Clubs.

AGM and Board Meeting Scheduling

The meeting covered the scheduling and logistics of the upcoming AGM and special board meeting in February 2026. David announced the AGM date for February 17th at 6pm, with members in good standing as of January 17th 2026 eligible to vote, and outlined the process for preparing and distributing reports through MailChimp and a shared drive. The slate of 10 directors was confirmed, including Rick Folk's decision to continue serving, and the Special Board meeting to elect the 2026 Executive was scheduled for February 24th. The first meeting with the new Board and Executive was set for March 10th to approve the budget.

Provincials Event Planning Update

The meeting discussed the progress of the Provincials event, with Rick providing updates on the construction of the venue, which is on track for an April or May 2026 opening. The Provincials Committee is actively pursuing sponsors, and Pickleball BC has representation on the organizing committee. David explained that the event will run from July 22nd to 27th, with plans to include lower age events and separate courts for senior events. Holger inquired about attendance expectations and David encouraged participation, mentioning team tryouts and a new ranking system being implemented by Pickleball Canada. The group also discussed a strategic planning session scheduled for the forth weekend in September.

2026 Budget and Board Planning

The board discussed upcoming events and strategic planning, with David confirming that the 2026 budget will be approved at the March 10th board meeting. Suzi reported on her work with the Nominations Committee. The Board discussed ongoing referee training programs, with Rick noting potential differences between provincial requirements regarding referee training – Pickleball BC's main focus in 2026 is to further train existing referees and continue their accreditation advancement.

There was no other business to discuss at 7:10pm therefore a Motion for adjournment was tabled and unanimously approved.

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