Sudbury Indoor Tennis Centre
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: February 10th, 2026, 7pm
Location: Zoom
Regular Meeting

Attendance

- Present: Michael Boeswald, Kris Venkatraman, Elena Zabudskaya, Kiran Arunachala, Phil Howard, Olga Demchenko, Vedran Dukic and Mark Ament (virtual).
- Staff: Richard Bulbring, Director; Jana Hall.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of Previous Minutes

- **Motion: To approve the minutes of the December 9th, 2025 Board meeting as amended. Moved: EZ. Seconded: KA. CARRIED.**

Summary and Action Items

1. JL Richards Feasibility Study and Facility Expansion

The Board received an update on the JL Richards feasibility study examining potential development and expansion opportunities at the existing facility.

Preliminary discussions identified potential site constraints, including the amount of space available for additional courts and supporting infrastructure. The Board discussed the importance of reviewing the completed study before evaluating potential development options, including expansion at the existing site or alternative approaches to meeting future community demand.

The Board agreed that the completed report would be reviewed internally before broader communication with members. A follow-up Board meeting will be scheduled to consider the findings and determine appropriate next steps.

No decisions regarding facility development or relocation were made.

Action Items:

- **Vedran**: Coordinate a meeting with JL Richards, **Richard,** and **Jana** to review the feasibility study presentation.
- **Vedran**: Circulate the completed feasibility study to Board members following the initial review.
- **Board**: Schedule a follow-up meeting to review the findings and consider next steps before presenting options to members.

2. Potential Pickleball Collaboration
The Board discussed ongoing exploratory conversations with Pickleball Sudbury regarding potential collaboration on future racquet sport facilities in Greater Sudbury.

Discussion included the potential benefits of a shared facility, the importance of maintaining and expanding tennis opportunities, and the need to assess community demand, financial feasibility, organizational structure, and long-term sustainability before considering any formal partnership.

The Board also discussed recent public communications concerning a potential partnership and emphasized the importance of ensuring that future communications accurately reflect the preliminary nature of discussions. It was agreed that there needs to be coordinated public communications to ensure members have clarity about next steps. No formal partnership or facility development decisions have been made.

The Board agreed that further consideration of potential collaboration should follow its review of the JL Richards feasibility study. A future strategic planning discussion involving representatives from Pickleball Sudbury was proposed, subject to further coordination.

Action Items:
- **Vedran**: Contact Pickleball Sudbury representatives to clarify the status of discussions and establish expectations for future public communications, including addressing the existing social media post.
- **Vedran and Phil:** Prepare a communication to members clarifying the status of discussions and confirming that no formal partnership or facility development decisions have been made.
- **Vedran**: Discuss organizational structure and governance considerations with Pickleball Sudbury representatives.
- **Board**: Revisit potential collaboration following its review of the JL Richards feasibility study.

Proposed Next Step:
- **Board**: Consider establishing a Strategic Planning Committee and, following review of the feasibility study, determine whether and how to involve Pickleball Sudbury representatives in future discussions.

3. Programming and Membership

The Director provided an update on club programming, including increased participation in drop-in sessions, strong junior and adult program registration, and upcoming match-play opportunities.

4. Facilities and Operations

Updates were provided regarding planned security camera improvements, court lighting adjustments, and opportunities for members to submit facility suggestions.

Action Items:

- **Mark/Jana**: Coordinate the camera system and recorder upgrades with ProSound, anticipated for April or May.
- **Jana**: Explore adding a member suggestion form to the SITC website.
- **Jana**: Coordinate with Farley regarding lighting adjustments on Court 4.

5. Events and Community Engagement

The Board received updates on the Winter Cup and planning for upcoming club social events, including Spring Volley.

Action Items:

- **Social Committee**: Review and select Winter Cup photo award recipients.
- **Social Committee**: Continue planning Spring Volley, including entertainment and ticket pricing.
- **Richard**: Coordinate planning for the proposed April Pro-Am event.

6. Next Steps

The Board will review the completed feasibility study and reconvene to consider future facility planning and potential collaborative opportunities.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 30, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.