

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COUNTRY CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 19, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Franklin County Country Club, Inc. Board of Directors was called to order by the President, Sam Unnerstall, at 5:30pm. Present were Sherri Schaefer, John Chandler, Dennis Lottmann, Nick Risch, Steve Ruether, and Sam Unnerstall. Board Members not in attendance were Stephen Trentmann, Jim Eichelberger, and Bill Elcan. Also in attendance were Maria Riegel, Dave Thoenen, Alex Weinhold, and Kelly Konczal.

VISITORS (No Report)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The December 2025 Board of Directors meeting minutes were presented and read by those present. Following one name correction; Dennis Lottmann moved to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by John Chandler; unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial statement and accounts payable report were presented. The Board discussed asking Pfaff Accounting office to combine the CIF CD totals on the financial report and relabel the bank accounts for CIF money market account and the short-term capital accounts for an easier quick review. Kelly Konczal will reach out to Pfaff's office. Sherri Schaefer moved to approve the Financial Report. Seconded by Dennis Lottmann; unanimously approved. Accounts Payable were reviewed. Sherri Schaefer moved to approve Accounts Payable. Seconded by Steve Ruether; unanimously approved. The monthly transfer to short-term capital savings was reviewed; Kelly Konczal would like to transfer \$13,000.00 into the short-term Capital account. Sherri Schaefer moved to approve the transfer. Seconded by Nick Risch; unanimously approved.

The Club's membership delinquent list was reviewed; appropriate letters will be sent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Green Committee – Dennis Lottmann

The last Green Committee meeting was held January 12, 2026. Dave Thoenen reviewed the January Green Committee Report. The full report is attached.

The horticulture position has been filled with new hire, Dave Smith. Most recently working independently in the horticulture business.

Dave Thoenen reported a used skid steer has been purchased for the budgeted \$40,000.00; this includes sales tax and attachments. Dave will pick up this week. A brush hog attachment is still needed. The lighting upgrades for the maintenance shed, budgeted at \$15,000.00, are completed thanks to a donation from Jim Eichelberger. Jim donated old lighting fixtures no longer in use thus saving the budgeted cost for FCCC. The Board reviewed the cost of a brush hog attachment given the savings on

the lighting upgrades. Nick Risch moved to approve the purchase with a budget of \$3,500.00. Seconded by John Chandler; approved unanimously.

Dennis Lottmann and Dave Thoenen reviewed the fertilization process and mowing height. Dennis stated Dave will be fertilizing more often than Ed Wachter did; the rough mow height will be moved from 2.5 inches to 2.75 inches. This, along with the irrigation upgrades, will help produce a good rough.

Dave Thoenen noted #11 approach has a lot of contamination of different grasses. Dave discussed clearing out the unwanted grasses which will result in the area looking thin and bad for a time in the spring until it fills in. The Board discussed communicating this and other projects to the membership to help awareness.

Golf Committee – Stephen Trentmann

Alex Weinhold reviewed the Golf Committee Report. The full report is attached.

Additional notes include:

- The tournament schedule for the season has been sent out to the membership; the schedule is also posted in both locker rooms.
- Krakow Cup fee will be the same as last year.
- Alex has completed the PGA Level 1 Seminar; hopes to be finished with Level 1 by March 1st, 2026.
- Alex discussed with the Board too many players showing up for skins groups compared to how many tee times are booked; most recently on December 26th. The Board reviewed and additionally discussed play on holidays when the course is closed, and more than two carts per round. Alex and the Golf Committee will review the golf rules and any changes needed. Management will check on the liability of having play on the course when the course and clubhouse are closed. The Executive Board will discuss how to handle violations of set rules.
- The new driving range mat is scheduled to be shipped mid-February.
- Alex Weinhold previously sent Sam Unnerstall information on tee time availability requested at last month's meeting. Sam noted open tee times should be reviewed when a foursome is not fully booked in an effort to give more members availability. The staff can handle how to approach sharing tee times, no call / no shows, and monitor feedback.

Manager's Report

Maria Riegel reviewed the Manager's Report. The full report is attached.

- Belle Nieder has stepped down as the head chef; Maria reviewed possible candidates received to date. Nick Risch offered to help find temporary candidates through his business if needed, this has a possibility of leading to a full time. Maria noted former Chef Matt Dunlap, has offered assistance when he can, and the current sous chef has been filling in hours. It was noted this is a good time of the year to happen and search for a good replacement.
- Nick Risch noted the added social media presence for the club as was discussed at the House Committee meeting.
- Special events to draw in members for dinner were also discussed by the Board, such as sporting events, trivia, etc.

Membership Committee – Sam Unnerstall

There were five (5) Full Stockholder requests for resignation from Stephen Moore, Shane Rembusch, WD Kennon, Doug Scheidegger, and Chris Auffenberg. There was one (1) Young Executive resignation request from Mike Giaminetti. There were two (2) Social resignation requests from Spencer Warren and

Penny Toedebusch. Steve Ruether moved to approve the resignations. Seconded by Dennis Lottmann; approved unanimously. The next six applicants on the waitlist, Mark Gau, Adam Wallach, Alex Thode, Tyler Sumner, Scott Mentz, and Ed Schmelz, will be contacted for membership.

The Board reviewed social members on the waitlist for golf membership not be limited to the regular five rounds of golf for social members. Waitlisted future members can already play as often as they like as a guest of a member for green fees; social members on the list are currently limited to five rounds according to social membership rules. The limit was upheld previously due to difficulty in tracking rounds, but Maria has talked with Alex Weinhold, and both believe tracking is possible. The Board agreed to allow social members on the waitlist not be limited to the amount of rounds played; they would have to pay green fees but not have to play with a member. Maria will contact all those on the waitlist to make them aware of the changes to the rules.

The current membership totals are Stock 355, Senior Stock 25, Young Executive 58, Member Plus 2, Social Non-Stockholder 78, Golf Membership Wait List 19, and Honorary 7.

House & Entertainment Committee – Nick Risch

Maria Riegel reviewed the Entertainment & House Report. The full report is attached.

Rules & Bylaws Committee – Sherri Schaefer

Continuing to update the Bylaws, Sherri Schaefer presented revised Bylaws Article X and Article XI, Section 1-4, for review by the Board. Both Articles include updates to allow additional electronic voting standards along with cleaning up some of the language. Dennis Lottman moved to approve the changes and moved forward to put out to vote by the membership. Seconded by John Chandler; unanimously approved. Sherri and Steve Ruether will continue to clean up the language in the Bylaws.

Budget & Finance Committee – Board of Directors (No Report)

Long Range Planning – Steve Ruether

Steve Ruether reviewed notes from meetings held the past month discussing the presentation meetings to the membership for the irrigation project. The Board members meeting to formulate the presentation include Steve Ruether, Jim Eichelberger, Bill Elcan, Dennis Lottmann, and John Chandler; along with staff Dave Thoenen, Maria Riegel, and Alex Weinhold.

- The PowerPoint presentation has been sent to the Board for review.
- Three meetings for the membership have been scheduled for Saturday, February 7th at 4:30pm, and Wednesday, February 11th at 3pm and 5:30pm.
- The vote is scheduled to be sent out electronically Thursday, February 11th and the vote closing is currently set for March 10th. A practice run of the presentation has been scheduled for January 28th with a focus group of members being invited to receive feedback.
- The electronic voting program does not show what members voted but does show which members voted; this will allow the Board to contact members to remind them to vote as needed.
- The Board reviewed benefits of rolling in the current loan of \$178,000.00 held at United Bank of Union if the loan is approved by the membership for the irrigation; the monthly payment now being paid of \$3,500 could then be transferred into the CIF.
- The Board reviewed the amount of the loan needed and what that payoff schedule would look like.
- Dave Thoenen stated Paradise Valley is currently installing a new irrigation system and has scheduled a visit this week Thursday observe. Dave invited anyone interested in going along to meet at the club at 9am.

Old Business (No Report)

New Business (No Report)

Introduction of Matters by Board Members (No Report)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Konczal
Recording Secretary

Green Committee
January 12th 2026

Course

- Horticulture position has been filled.
- Born 2 Climb Tee Service removed 2 trees at the front entrance and one tree right side of 10 tee. (All of these trees were dangerous)
- Removed tree on 8 blue tee, 15 right side f-way, and 2 trees on 10.
- Our crew has been hard at work sodding cart path edges. 1-14 cart path edges are finished. We needed to do this because it's hard on our mowers, golf carts, and golfers.
- Clearing brush on the damn and around the pump house.
- Installed drainage on 7 tee by cart path. Also sodded drain line.
- Removed ball washer on the right side of 4 tees.
- We are halfway through the painting of the tee markers.
- Brush hogging of native areas has begun.
- We have been working on horticulture beds on golf course.

Projects

- Continue sodding cart path edges.
- Start spraying roundup and pre-emergent on tees and f-ways.
- Finish painting tee markers.
- Limb up trees.
- Clear trees left side of bridge #10.
- Stain #10 bridge.
- Buy a skid steer. Then brush hog and fill washed out areas in rough. Along with seeding and strawing areas.
- Cut down 3 post oak trees in our front entrance. #8 black tee (pine).
- Fix steps #8 tees (loose).
- Add black live stock matting on slope on 13 orange, red, and gold tee for traction.
- Plant new trees past dying ash #1 right side rough.
- #14 Cart path from blue tee to halfway house.
- Fix drainage front left 2 green, 9 tees, 11 approach, 13 right rough, 15 left rough by green, and 17 approach.

Employees

- Ed retired
- Dave Wehmeyer retired
- David Smith hired as new Horticulturist

Golf Report 1.19.26

Happy New Year!

- 2026 Member Events have been sent out
- Working on Krakow Cup Information
- Getting ready for Ladies League Town Hall on February 3rd
- Have two (2) interviews THIS week for the Assistant Position
- I completed my Level 1 PGA Seminar last week
- 12/26 Tee Time issue
 - How to keep it from happening
- January Rounds Comparison
 - 2025 – 25 Rounds, Covered with Ice for a month
 - 2026 – 341 (as of 1.15.26)
- Upcoming Email dates
 - Krakow Cup (2025 Participants) Feb 27th
 - Men's League Feb 10th and 13th
 - Ladies League Feb 17th
 - Krakow Cup (Waitlist) Mar 13th

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Manager's Report

- Driving range mat rendering & bid has been approved and signed | order ships February 16.
- Proposal for the lazy river motor and replacement mats for the pool have been signed and submitted
 - o Installation date TBD
- The Grill will be closed for regular hours the 20,21,22 as well as the 27,28,29 for annual routine cleaning and maintenance.
 - o Carpet cleaning on Monday 1/26
 - o We still have events on Wednesday 1/21, Tuesday 1/27 and all FOH & BOH training on the evening on 1/29
- Belle Nieder has stepped down from her role as Head Chef
 - o The job is reposted on LinkedIn & Indeed
 - o Belle will still manage, order, inventory, come up with specials and do the schedule on an hourly basis for the time being – wants to insure there is a smooth transition.

Entertainment/House Report

- Past Social Events
 - o Thirsty Thursday | January 15
- Upcoming Social Events
 - o Kids Eat Free | February 5
 - o 7 Course Valentine's Dinner | February 13th
 - o Thirsty Thursday | February 19th
- Past Member Rentals
 - o Sparky Poker Group | December 17
 - o Meramec Christmas | December 18
 - o PSWD | January 2
- Upcoming Member Rentals
 - o KE2Therm | January 21
 - o Kurt Voss Mizzou Event | January 27
- Brainstorming Thursday Evening events and specials to try and draw more audience
 - o Thirsty Thursday & Kids Eat Free are staples
 - o Hoping to add things that revolve around sporting events or have poker nights, etc.
 - o Thirsty Thursday & Kids Eat Free Calendars have been released
- Marketing
 - o Working on expanding our Social Media presence
 - o Changing up the Friday emails possibly to Thursday/Saturday emails to mix it up a bit
- Training | January 29th
 - o Server Foundation Training
 - o Bar Training (for those of age)
 - o Front of House and Back of House working together
 - Timing
 - Point of Sale System
 - o Back of House Foundation Training
 - o Cooking entrees and taking photos to make a book on how every item should look and creating consistency.
 - o Front of House to Sample entrees to give better opinions to the membership when asked.