

Minutes - Murraywood Board Meeting
September 21, 2026, 6:30 PM
Gazebo – Murraywood Swim & Racquet Club

- **In attendance:** Anne Reynolds, Bill Dugar, Jeff Davis, Katherine Keckeisen, Martha Hanks, Mike Westcott, Nikki Morgan, and Will Warlick. The number in attendance (8) did not constitute a quorum.
- **Approval of Minutes** (if available): Minutes for the August 10, 2026, Board Meeting have not yet been submitted for approval.
- **Treasurer's Report – Anne**
 - YTD operating surplus is **\$72,371** through September 21, 2026.
 - Current working cash position is **\$108,187.37**, after accounting for uncleared transactions and credit-card balances.
 - Membership income is currently below the annual budget, while **Swim Team income is \$6,145 ahead of budget.**
 - Pool expenses are near the full-year budget; CPO and chemical expenses will continue through the off-season, and potential pool repairs remain a variable. Barring pool repairs, the Pool Budget for FY26–27 is currently projected to be at least \$7,000 over budget.
 - We were charged again for Music Bingo, which costs \$99 per quarter. Nikki will attempt to cancel.
 - Joel's leak repair work has significantly lowered our water expenses.
 - Significant remaining annual expenses include **insurance and property taxes**, which have not yet been recorded.
 - Based on historical cash flow and adjusted for identified nonrecurring expenses, the club is currently tracking toward approximately break-even or a modest operating surplus for FY26–27.
 - Current projections do NOT include tennis court light repair (last year's cost was \$4,700). However, with a light out on Court 4, installation of LED lights may be prudent since service on the light is warranted anyway. There will also be a repair cost for a net post replacement. Available funding for tennis repairs from various accounts is approximately \$3,000.
 - Current projection is for approximately **\$35,000–\$40,000 in available funds to roll over into FY27–28**, subject to remaining expenses and unexpected repairs.

- **Committee Reports**

- **Membership** – Katherine

- We've lost two memberships since the last meeting: One member moved out of the area; the other member is having financial issues and is unable to pay dues.
 - Katherine projects that at current membership levels we will be a little over \$1,000 short of budget target.

- **Pool** – Nikki, Anne

- Brunch by the Pool was fun but had fairly low attendance.
 - Labor Day Cookout generated about \$700 in income, and expenses were low since we had leftovers from the 4th of July.
 - Tim, Anne and Joel have brainstormed the construction of a "water cannon" to chill pool water overnight during high temps. Commercial water cannons sell for upwards of \$7,000 but Joel is building one for less than \$500. Could be a great selling point in the future (cooler water temps). Both high school teams had to cancel practices and meets because the air and water temperature combination was too high for safe exercise/exertion.

- **Social** – Nikki, Katherine

- Trunk or Treat

- Planned for Friday, October 16, 2026.
 - \$500 has been earmarked for the event but may not be needed since we have decorations from last year.
 - Nikki would like to get the trail cleared/expanded. Joel had said he would do this.
 - Nikki asked if the landscapers would handle treating for fire ants in the field prior to the event. She will ask Barbara to check with the landscapers. (See also: Grounds Committee Report).
 - Inflatable Axe Throwing is likely to be a feature again this year. It was successful and cost is projected to be \$200 - \$250.
 - Event Promotion: Anne will send the Trunk or Treat flyer to the junior tennis text groups. Nikki will target Facebook groups.
 - Prize or award will go to Best Trunk.
 - Katherine is planning to have a Bunco night on Wednesday, October 28, 2026, with a Halloween theme. This event does not have associated costs to the Club.
 - Chili Cook-Off
 - Nikki proposed doing in November when it's chilly. Limited expenses would be associated – members would provide "competitive" pots of chili.

- Mike suggested selling leftovers to raise funds.
- **Pool Safety – Jeff**
NO REPORT. Jeff is still in the process of reviewing job descriptions.
- **Tennis – Martha**
 - Fall Tourney and Fundraiser for Area 7 Special Olympics is scheduled for Thursday, October 1 and Friday, October 2, with the 2.5 and 3.0s competing on Thursday, and 3.5s and up competing on Friday.
 - The 2.5–3.0 women’s group is enjoying Thursday evening clinics and practice. They will have both a 2.5 and 3.0 night team for the Fall USTA season. The first match for the 2.5s is Thursday, October 1, which may pose some challenge with those signed up to play in our tournament.
 - Two Murraywood teams competed at the Tri-Level tournament in Sumter this past weekend (Friday, September 18–Sunday, September 20). Our men’s team was a finalist, and both teams had a great time.
 - Martha has received a monetary donation request for the LATA Sunburn Open Tournament (October 10-11, 2026) from Murraywood member, Kathryn Sandifer, who is on the LATA Board for the tournament. Without a quorum, we were unable to vote on this expenditure. Martha will initiate an electronic discussion and vote regarding the request.
- **Tennis Maintenance – Will**
 - New Tennis Court Maintenance Employee
 - Will, Martha and Anne met with and offered employment to John Firestone to replace Mike Breitenstein who has resigned and is moving back home to Pennsylvania. Mike’s last day is 9/28/2026.
 - John negotiated a 3½-year contract that includes taking over the role of CPO, with a graduated compensation schedule dependent upon positive annual performance reviews. The first review and opportunity for a salary increase will be in 2028.
 - John is training with Mike this week (September 21–25), dependent upon schedule coordination.
 - John owns his own landscaping business and will most likely be starting his Murraywood work at 5:00–5:30 a.m. on weekdays.
 - Will is still working on net post replacement on Court 8.
 - Will will be working with John on adjusting sprinklers for more efficient watering.
- **Grounds**

- Barbara is still struggling to get rid of the hexagon picnic tables and the large serving tables adjacent to the fireplace. They were listed on Facebook Marketplace but have been deemed too large/heavy to transport. Anne will reach out to Phil to get his opinion on whether they can be made serviceable. If they cannot, perhaps they can be used for a bonfire during a social event.
- Water leak on the hill down from the traffic circle was repaired. A ball valve to isolate tennis court irrigation in the event of future leaks was installed. An isolation valve for pool irrigation will be installed at a later, more convenient date (i.e. during a future service call where digging is already in process).
- Phil has restored four of the wrought iron benches that were in disrepair, replacing the wood and painting the wrought iron. Once the wood dries out, they will need to be sealed or stained.
- Mike mentioned that weeds and vegetation are encroaching onto the tennis courts. It was suggested that Barbara reach out to our landscapers to inquire if they could do this. It is not an included cost. A suggestion to do a workday was presented as an alternative to paying landscapers.
- Nikki inquired if the landscapers do fire ant pesticide. They do not. Nikki will ask Barbara to ask our landscapers the cost to do this prior to the Trunk or Treat event. If the cost is prohibitive, Nikki will do it. The cost of ant bait is considered a Club Operations cost and will not come out of the Trunk or Treat allocated funds.

- **IT and Security**

Mike has created an aerial plat of our Club and would like it to be included in incident reports with the location of accidents/incidents marked. He will send a digital copy to the Board. Jeff will work on adding it to our Incident Report Form (forms located at the pool and not currently available digitally).

- Next Board Meeting: Monday, October 19, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. Location TBD.