



# MINUTES

## North Shore Pickleball Club

### Annual General Meeting

September 21, 2017

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#### 1. Call to Order

Walter Knecht, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

- a. Proof of Notice: Walter showed the email giving the proof of notice of the meeting.
- b. Notice of Quorum: Walter noted that a quorum for the AGM is 10% of the members which totaled 221 as of the beginning of the meeting. Attendance was recorded as 62 members, with five new members signed up at the AGM. A quorum was present.

#### 2. Adoption of Agenda

Doug Perkins moved that the Agenda for the AGM be accepted, seconded by Jim Brown, carried unanimously.

#### 3. Previous Minutes

There are no previous minutes as this was the first AGM for the North Shore Pickleball Club.

#### 4. Reports

- a. *Treasurer* - Dennis Hoffman

Dennis thanked Allan Gauthier, Bruce Foskett, Patty Tougas, Sylvia Simpson, Ann Hale, and Ed and Lilly Orlovsky for being court hosts over the past year. Dennis reviewed the Income Statement and Balance Sheet, for the period ending August 31, 2017 and answered questions about various revenue sources and Mickey McDougall expenses. A thank you will be sent TD Canada Trust for their gift to the club. A question was raised regarding expected expenses for the coming year: banners, balls, room rentals, etc. Walter noted that the official year end is May 31 and that next year's financial statements will reconcile the August 31 statements with May 31, 2018. [**Correction:** the club's year end is April 30, not May 31.]

- b. *Membership* - Wendel Mayer



Wendel noted that the membership campaign began at the end of April with 152 becoming members by the end of June. Since then total membership has risen to 226, including five new registrants at the AGM. Allan Gauthier noted that there are approximately 16 non-members regularly playing at Little Cates and Murdo Frazer, unsure how many play at 29<sup>th</sup> & Marine. The Executive decided to allow non-members to play to attract them as future members; there could be about 100 non-members (some may just want to be “kept in the loop”). Walter noted that our membership ranks about 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> in the Province and that not all areas have formed clubs.

Walter noted that the membership list would be used to notify members of tournaments, which fill up quickly. As the club pays for balls and nets, there may be a change to charge non-members a drop-in fee at the outdoor courts in 2018.

A request was made to have the membership list posted on the website. It was noted that permission to post a person’s name and other personal information would need to be granted.

c. *T-shirts* - Pat Crawford

Pat noted that T-shirt sales began at the July 1 event at Murdo Frazer at Fred Patterson’s suggestion. Ultimately, 72 shirts were ordered in three colours (light blue, teal green, dark blue) at \$25 each, generating \$1775 revenue with a cost of \$1502 (including set-up). Pat noted that one individual was given a shirt that they had paid for in the previous ordering and did not receive. [Distribution of shirts began at the end of the AGM.]

d. *July 1 / Sep 2 Events* - Linda Sullivan

Linda noted that Fred Patterson, Allan Gauthier and Linda organized the first social event for the club, the July 1 party at Murdo Frazer. It included pickleball games, a barbeque sponsored by the club, including a Canada 150 cake, and salads and desserts brought by members. It was a huge success. Approximately 85 people attended. It cost \$345.58 to host and raised \$85 which was donated to the Harvest House.

On September 2, Allan Gauthier organized a very successful pickleball potluck in honour of Fred Patterson who passed away on August 27. Turnout was 79 players.

Linda held up the remembrance plaque with Fred’s name that will be attached to the fence at Murdo Frazer.

e. *President* - Walter Knecht

The seven Executive members elected in December 2016 held their first meeting on January 11, 2017. A total of eight meetings were held. With the resignation of Ann Hale in February, the Executive contacted the next member on the election list and Wendel joined the Executive in March.



The Club tried to make Mickey McDougall playable, but the City advised that the Harry Jerome redevelopment project would include the site and further efforts to upgrade the site for pickleball had to be abandoned. The Club had received funding from the 55+ Games towards upgrading the Mickey McDougall site; those funds will now be directed towards other pickleball activities.

The club currently has five outdoor sites set up for pickleball: Murdo Frazer, Little Cates, 29<sup>th</sup> & Marine Drive, Institute Road and Perrault Park. Murdo Frazer and Little Cates use portable nets, stored in a locked box on site. The City painted lines at Perrault Park (formerly Boulevard Park) for one pickleball court; but, it is not being used by the club as there are no nets and no place to store them. Little Cates still uses taped lines.

Picklemania II was very successful and had play for 80 players at Parkgate this spring. Picklemania III is planned. Members of NSPC participated and did very well in tournaments held in Sechelt, Edmonds, Kelowna and others. Members will be notified of tournaments as soon as possible because they fill up very quickly.

The Motion to accept the reports was proposed by Jan Hyslop, seconded by Bruce Foskett and passed unanimously.

5. **¾ Vote Resolution #1** - Approval / Ratification of Club Constitution and Bylaws

The Executive wrote the Constitution and Bylaws following the model bylaws suggested by the Provincial Government and giving some consideration to what other pickleball clubs have. The Club is a member-funded Society, with no audit required. If the Club dissolves, the cash remaining goes to other like organizations. The Constitution could not be amended at this AGM, only ratified or denied. The Motion to accept the Constitution and Bylaws as written was proposed by Bruce Foskett, seconded by Doug Perkins and passed unanimously.

6. **Election of the 2017/2018 Directors**

As the Bylaws for the club state that the Executive may only hold office for one year, all of the Executive positions were opened for election. Pat Crawford, Dennis Hoffman, Georgia Hunter, Linda Sullivan, Allan Gauthier, Patty Tougas and Charles Neufeldt were elected by acclamation. President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Directors at Large will be determined at the first meeting of the newly elected Executive. Due to the perceived potential for a conflict of interest, Walter will remove the reference to Charles' pickleball lessons from the website.

The AGM adjourned at 8:30pm.