

**NORTH SHORE PICKLEBALL CLUB
DIRECTORS' MEETING
DATE DECEMBER 14, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER AT 1:08pm

Present: Linda Sullivan, Dennis Hoffman, Pat Crawford, Charles Neufeldt, Patty Tougas

Absent: Allan Gauthier, Georgia Hunter

[Georgia Hunter asked Patty Tougas to take minutes of the December 14 meeting as she would be away.]

1) **MINUTES:**

Motion: to accept minutes of November 2 meeting

Proposed by Linda Sullivan

Seconded by Dennis Hoffman

2) **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Dennis reported that the balance in the bank is \$6349.95 [inclusive of \$50.00 to be deposited for 5 memberships (\$25) plus 1 t-shirt (\$25) from Pat Crawford].

Expenses since last meeting on Nov 2, 2017:

- Bank charges of \$70
- Gift Certificate for \$20 (Everything Wine) to Silvia Simpson for organizing WOT
- 3 replacement net bags for Murdo Frazer
Invoice amount - \$25.00 ea plus tax = \$84.00
[Dennis Hoffman to make out reimbursement cheque for Charles Neufeldt.]

3) **UPDATES:**

a) **Scheduling:**

Linda Sullivan would like to send out a revised or updated schedule of all the Rec Centre PB times to the NSPB Club. Pat Crawford will check out Holiday Schedule times and send to Linda to approve and have Allan Gauthier send out to the Club.

b) **Upcoming Tournaments:**

- Linda Sullivan reported that she got approval from Parkgate Community Recreation Centre to hold **Picklemania III (Saturday - March 24, 2018)**
- Charles Neufeldt reported that the next tournament to be held after that is Pinetree in Coquitlam April 20-22, 2018.

c) Existing Website:

Charles Neufeldt says that the only downside of the current website is no drop down menus for us - only Pickleball BC. We also only get one page devoted to NSPB.

Consensus is that we should/need to create our own website.

Possibilities: Ask PB Community or a high school program.

Route to go: Use a template

Charles Neufeldt mentioned that Mark Jones and daughter, Maddy, run their own computer business and he offered to contact them to see if they can help us.

d) Membership Update:

- Patty Tougas reported that we have 243 members as of December 14, 2017.
- Linda Sullivan suggests keeping the membership fee at \$10.00 in the new year as there is already \$6,000+ in the bank to cover current costs including social events, Picklemania III, outdoor equipment and upkeep, balls, possible website costs, etc.
- Reasons for raising the membership fees:
 - 1) to rent facilities to run our own drop-in play (including level play)
 - 2) to raise funds for our own facility on the North Shore
 - 3) to organize more tournaments on the North Shore

e) Level Play:

- Parkgate: Patty Tougas mentioned that members have approached her re: having level play at Parkgate because we are losing good players to other facilities. As well, with the increase in new beginners, many of the advanced players need to have time to have challenging games for part of the drop-in play times. Linda Sullivan noted that the Rec Commission is not supportive of level play as all facilities are drop-in play. Patty Tougas will contact Michael Vidal at Parkgate about the possibility of having some of the courts devoted to higher level play and some devoted to beginner level play, leaving the rest for all play. Parkgate has mentioned that they will be repainting the court lines by the new year to six courts from eight in order to cover the issue of safety.
- Delbrook: Pat Crawford will ask Chill at Delbrook if they will allow level play.
- For higher level play, it was suggested that the rating be 3.25+. It was also suggested that if you don't have a rating but want to play at the 3.25 level, then you need to have a tournament rating or be assessed by a qualified individual (Charles Neufeldt is a qualified assessor).
- Charles Neufeldt will explore the possibility of renting a high school gym on the North Shore (Lonsdale area, possibly Holy Trinity) with 4 courts on Friday nights for level play at \$50/hour for the facility. Possible option

would be 2 courts at 3.0+ and 2 courts at 3.5+ level for an hour and all play for an hour.

- With level play, we would need to assign court hosts and review court etiquette with everyone.
- Needs further discussion.

f) Christmas Party:

- Event was held at Silvia Simpson's house with a 60 person maximum that was changed to 75 because so many people were disappointed that they couldn't get in as the list filled up within a few hours from being posted.
- For next year, we need to look into another suitable venue to accommodate more people (approx. 100).
- Linda Sullivan suggested we send out a quick survey after the Christmas Party to see what people would like or do we break up into communities, like one in WV, Parkgate, Lonsdale?
- Another possibility would be to book the NS Winter Club at maybe \$30/head for a buffet dinner
- It was suggested to give Silvia Simpson some kind of gift for hosting the Christmas Party at her house. It was mentioned that nothing had been done before in this regard. Charles Neufeldt suggested that the club donate a food gift to the party. No motion was made. [Pat Crawford in a later email suggested that the club pay for the paper plates, cups and utensils that Silvia would have had to buy for the party - Silvia declined the offer but was thankful for the kind and generous gesture].

g) Picklemania III

Linda Sullivan expressed the need to get a committee going on organizing this quickly after the new year. We will also need sub-committees. It was proposed that Charles Neufeldt organize it. Charles accepted to be the organizer and will give the Executive duties to be done through sub-committees at the next meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:05pm

Next meeting will be held on January 16th (the only day that Allan Gauthier will be in town).