



Call to Order

Date: September 2 - 2017

Time: 1:00

Place: Dennis' home

Called to order by Walter

Attendees:

Walter Knecht, Silvia Simpson, Pat Crawford, Linda Sullivan, Dennis Hoffman, Wendel Mayer

Previous Minutes:

There were no changes mentioned for the June 22 meeting minutes.

Reports:

Wendel reports our membership numbers are currently 214. He will send out the latest membership list to the Executive.

Dennis reports that we have approximately \$8000 in the bank currently with outstanding bills from Pat for T-shirts (invoices presented at meeting) and from Linda for registering the club and the July 1 party (no invoices presented).

Pat reports that we sold 71 T-shirts and netted a profit of roughly \$280.

Walter reports that we still do not have anything in writing from the District regarding insurance liability for the outdoor courts, despite several attempts to get confirmation. Attendance at Murdo Frazer and Little Cates has been recorded by Allan Gauthier and Patty Tougas. Both have been very successful.

Linda reports that the Canada Day party was a big success. Approximately 85 people attended. There was discussion of holding another July 1 event next year, but without using barbeques; it would be a potluck. Excess food was not permitted to be taken to Neighbourhood House. The donation jar raised \$82. The event cost \$345.58.

The September 2 extended play also recognized Fred Patterson who passed away on August 27, 2017. There was very good attendance, approximately 60 people. People brought food to share.

Linda reports that the correction to the Constitution was filed and both the Constitution and the Bylaws are now fully registered with BC Societies.

Membership fees were discussed. It was agreed that for the first six months (i.e., May – October) the fee would remain \$10; after that it would be lowered to \$5. It was also suggested that fees for the following year should be raised to \$15. While everyone recognized that club expenses next year would be very small (events would be potluck, no barbeque), there is a need to get a fully dedicated pickleball facility

and funds would be set aside to contribute to the cost of acquiring/constructing such a facility. A committee needs to be struck to investigate this further. The incoming Executive will set the fees for next year.

There was a general discussion of Player ratings. Walter explained that the intent is to make our club consistent with what is done with other clubs and would be based on self-assessment. He described other means such as a designated rater, or club assessment. The Executive agreed this should be a topic for the AGM, without taking a vote, and the time for discussion being closely monitored to avoid repetition and taking too much time. The Executive suggested that the incoming Executive consider all feedback from the membership before any action would be taken.

Level play was discussed briefly. Silvia suggested using all-play, intermediate and advanced. This topic was also put forward as a discussion item for the AGM.

Court etiquette was briefly discussed. There seems to be a need to remind players of how to rotate play so that people are not jumping the que or avoiding/selecting players unfairly.

The Agenda for the AGM was discussed. Walter advised that he would circulate the draft AGM agenda for comment prior to sending it to the general membership on Tuesday, September 5. Pat, Dennis, Wendel and Linda indicated their willingness to stand for re-election. Silvia would not be standing for re-election. Walter did not advise at the meeting, but later indicated he would not be standing for re-election.

The Executive discussed what would be appropriate to recognize Fred Patterson and agreed that he would be recognized with a small plaque posted at Murdo Frazer. Pat agreed to order the plaque with Fred's name and dates and Walter agreed to post it.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00.